



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

October 7, 2020

Worship
Join us weekly on
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This Weekend's Worship

Stewardship Series: OUR MONEY STORY

Sermon: *REMEMBER*

Scripture Readings: Exodus 16:1-18; Luke 22:1-23

Remember to prepare your rhythm instruments for the sending hymn.

Let's make a joyful noise together from a distance!

Congregational Prayer for Next Week

Now, O Lord, calm me into a quietness that heals and listens, and molds my longings and passions, my wounds and wonderings into a more holy and human shape.

Ted Loder, Guerillas of Grace: Prayer for the Battle (p. 27)

Getting Curious - Our Money Story

It's October! It's time to enjoy beautiful autumn colors, pumpkin spice lattés, and stewardship season! Well, when we are honest with ourselves that last one doesn't always make our list of autumn pleasures. I confess, talking about money can be an uncomfortable venture, perhaps it is for you, too. But as I often say, when we get uncomfortable it is usually a good time to get curious. This year will get curious about **Our Money Story** with sermons, art, and poetry by [A Sanctified Art](#). Read about the theme below.



This theme is intentionally direct—it invites us to name exactly what we're talking about and not skirt around it. To speak of money is to invite tension into the room. We so quickly want to avoid it. But it's time we reframe this. Money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer. Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story. Thinking about God's money story should be liberating, inviting, and transformative.

We all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. Perhaps we are living from a story of fear or shame. Or a story that the church is dying and no longer relevant. Or a story that our actions won't have an impact. Or a story that we don't have enough. Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the limited ones we have told ourselves? *This theme invites us to discover and tell our money stories in light of God's money story of liberation and justice.* This series encourages us to transform our stewardship practices into more full expressions of who we are and what we believe.

This stewardship season, we invite you to remember, release, reimagine, and restore your money stories so that we can write the one God is begging us to live into.

I am eager to start this journey of remembering, releasing, reimagining, and restoring with you. Together we will get used to hearing and talking about the "m-word" in a way that invites The Divine to shape every aspect of our lives and our view toward justice.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Julie

Church Birthdays

Oct. 9-Jim Zimmer, 11-Vanda McRoberts, 12-Mark McCalley, 13-Pat Erusha, Steven Brown, Hope Goering, Bastion Glissmann, 14-Dan Bohnker, 17-Doug Herbon

For your prayers...

Bruce McCart

Len Tompkins

Marlene King

Stephanie Marra

Holger Petersen

Zoom Meetings

Wednesday, Oct. 7

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 8

5:30 pm Community Ministries Team

Sunday, October 11

11:00 am Fellowship

Monday, October 12

6:00 pm Worship Team

Tuesday, October 13

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm CYF Team Mtg

Wednesday, October 14

1:00 pm Personnel Subcommittee

6:15-7:00 pm Elementary age 'Shine' Zoom

Thanks for serving last week:

Pianist: Connie Herbon

Worship Leader: Nancy Hoppe

Vocals: Beth Culberson

Communion Preparer: Lynette Cline

Sunday Supper: Jean Boller

Back to School SHINE photos: Kathryn Braley

Flower arrangement: Phil Batchelder

Thermostats & lawn trimming: Jim Seeley

Circle Update

- Saturday, October 10, 9:30 am-Sarah Circle in the church dining room

Reminder: When sending emails to the church office, be sure your 'to' line says: office@firstprescf.org and not our old CFU account. Thank you!!

Presby Spottings – Sunday Suppers started on October 4. They served about 65 meals that consisted of ham slices with a pineapple-honey glaze, au gratin potatoes, green beans, and peach cups. Big thanks to Jean Boller who volunteered for First Pres CF.



Mission Opportunities

Love and Support for the Lee Family

We rejoice with Chad and Sally Lee that their son, David, is finally home from the hospital and making good progress. David was born 7 weeks prematurely at Waverly Hospital and then air-lifted to St. Luke's neonatal intensive care unit. David spent 7 weeks in the Cedar Rapids hospital before being released. Many have expressed a desire to more tangibly support the Lees. Traditional ways of welcoming a baby would not be as helpful at this time (blankets, clothes, books, etc.), therefore Deacons have started a fund to help defray expenses incurred during David's hospital stay. To contribute, please make your gifts **payable to the church** or through PayPal. Donations should be marked "Lee Family" so that they are correctly deposited. Thank you for your prayers and assistance for the Lees.



Sunday Suppers Resume!

Sunday Suppers have resumed at First Presbyterian-Waterloo packaged and served curbside. There is only one shift from 4:30-6:00 pm. (The people handing out the food will have the highest Covid risk job.)

- 4 people upstairs (2 to hand out food; 2 to run food upstairs on carts)
- 4 people downstairs in dining room to pack food
- 1 person to run dishwasher

Each week our church will need **one or two volunteers** as per the sign up sheet. Please wear masks. To volunteer go to the Google Doc: [Sunday Suppers](#).

Do you have bed sheets that you are not using?

Peoples Community Health Clinic in Waterloo can use them to make medical gowns. They are using sheets and pillowcases of any size and design to make reusable gowns for staff. Any sheets that aren't needed will be donated to another cause. You may drop them off in the tub in the church entryway.

Northeast Iowa Food Bank

The Food Bank still has openings for volunteers. All volunteers are asked to wear mask and gloves. Click here to watch a video about the Food Bank: [Food Bank Video](#). Our volunteer hours are listed below.

- Mondays-Saturdays (except Fridays) - 9 am to 11 am and 1 pm to 3 pm
- Tuesday Nights - 6 pm to 8 pm.
- Friday - 9 am to 12 pm

Staying Connected



SHINE Zoom Activities

The Children, Youth, and Families Team is pleased to welcome Rev. Betsy Thompson as our new Interim Virtual SHINE Director. Get to know Betsy by watching her video. Our virtual SHINE activities will begin on October 14 via Zoom for elementary aged SHINE and October 21 for junior high SHINE and will proceed on alternating weeks through the fall. More details to come!

Click to view: [Betsy Thompson Video](#)

Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian,

Thank you so much for the nice card and generous gift cards you gave us! It is very much appreciated.

Thank you for the support. It has been a long haul, but Eli has been a trooper. He's got a long road still, but the support from others is so helpful.

Thanks again,

Melanie Moretz and family

Gas cards for Casey's were purchased with donations from members.

Our Lectionary Study has moved inside!

The Lectionary study will continue to be in **the dining room** now that the weather is getting cooler. We are able to accommodate 9 attendees at each gathering to discuss the upcoming Sunday's scripture selection.

Please bring a face covering, and Bible. All participants will be expected to follow distancing and masking protocol. See the upcoming scripture selections below:

Oct. 12 - Deuteronomy 15:1-11 & Matthew 19:16-22

Oct. 19 - Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12 & Mark 12:38-44

We Want to Hear from You!

We are looking for people to lead worship with Pastor Julie. We record worship on Thursdays at approximately **3:30 pm**. If you feel called to serve in this way, call the office or email pastor@firstprescf.org or you can sign up via the Google doc: [Worship Leaders](#).

Friendsgiving Senior Dinner Notice

The Deacons will not be hosting the Friendsgiving dinner this year in accordance with the COVID-19 committee and Sessions recommendations. We will miss seeing friends and enjoying a pre-Thanksgiving dinner. In lieu of hosting the dinner, the Deacons will donate \$300.00 each to Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Eye of the Needle in honor of our attendees. We look forward to 2021 when we can celebrate together again!

Zoom Links

Fellowship Hour—Sundays at 11:00 am

To join click the link: [Fellowship Hour](#).

To phone in: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 960 0560 9426

Passcode: 716125

Grand Sweep Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

Click to join: [Grand Sweep Bible Study](#)

To phone in: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 815 8301 9014

Passcode: 398420

Lawn Mower Sign-Up

We are still in need of **lawn mowing** volunteers at least through October. Please sign up by contacting the church or use the Google Doc link : [Mowing Sign Up](#)

The week of :

October 4: Lawry

October 11: Seeley

Educational Opportunities

Faith & Art

We are offering a 4-week Zoom discussion series featuring contemporary art and scripture verses from “A Sanctified Art”. Three artists have created images that interpret the Bible with new insights into scripture. The artists are:

The Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity – a Presbyterian pastor and artist (Pastorist), and retreat leader who is seeking to fill the church with more color, paint, mystery and creativity.

The Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman – an artist, graphic designer and Presbyterian theologian who has a passion for seeking God and processing scripture through visual exploration.

Hannah Garrity – a liturgical artist, middle school art teacher, Sunday school visual choir facilitator at Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA, and an “art in worship” workshop leader.

We will offer the Zoom session on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM and Wednesdays at 3:00 PM each week starting next week to give you options for when to join the discussion. You can join the Zoom session with the following:

Faith & Art – Zoom Meeting ID: 967 6520 8510 – Passcode: art or

<https://zoom.us/j/96765208510?pwd=ZFBqK3Yra24zZDduZXR0dnFhV2sydz09>

If you have problems signing in to Zoom, call Neal Leeper at 319-830-2338.

Community Book Read

How to Be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X Kendi

Weekly Panel Discussions with Community Leaders

If you are interested in being part of a First Presbyterian discussion group, **please email or call Jean Boller bolлераma@cfu.net, 319-277-8149**

Host – Rev. Abraham Funchess

Thursday evenings in October 6:30 - 7:00 via Zoom

https://uni.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k_0970FsR-iPUoK5bAQqLw

Each week's panel discussion will have a new zoom link

NOTE: We are meeting 10:00 a.m. at Lookout Park for our first discussion!!

Oct. 8 Law Enforcement leaders - BH County Sheriff, County Attorney, Cedar Falls, UNI and Waterloo Police Chiefs
Chapters 4-7 Biology, Ethnicity, Body, Culture

Oct. 15 Religious leaders – Christian, Jewish and Muslim
Chapters 8-11 Behavior, Color, White, Black

Oct. 22 Business leaders - Grow Cedar Valley, Union Reps, John Deere Small Business Owners
Chapters 12-15 Class, Space, Gender, Sexuality

Oct. 29 Political & Community leaders – Cedar Falls & Waterloo Mayors, NAACP, Black Hawk County Health Dept.
Chapters 16-18 Failure, Success, Survival