



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** **September 30, 2020**

**Worship**  
Join us weekly on  
our website:  
[Firstprescf.org](http://Firstprescf.org)

### This Weekend's Worship

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Remember to prepare your communion elements for breaking bread together and rhythm instruments for the opening hymn. Let's make a joyful noise together from a distance!

### Congregational Prayer for Next Week

Holy Trinity,

For you, O God, we wish to live, surrendered to your living Word.  
Help us to say yes to wise choices with integrity, harmony, and joy.

### World Communion Sunday

Whenever we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we imagine all the tables of the world, but often we are physically gazing at our own church's table dressed up a bit in our familiar sanctuary and it is only our words that reach out. Strangely enough, this year, with our community dispersed physically (even churches with some folks in a sanctuary with physical distancing have others who continue in virtual community) we are living what our liturgy has been telling us for eighty-seven World Communion years – that we are one people across all barriers.

In advance of participating in the service, please prepare a slice or small loaf of bread, corn tortilla, or rice cake or what is sacramental and joyful to share and a cup or small cups of juice -- perhaps grape or cranberry -- or wine, with or without alcohol, or coffee, or coconut water all of which are used in worship in different places.

In addition, you are invited to spend this week praying for a country in the world which is not your own. Often on this occasion we celebrate the "world" in a particularly generic "global" way rather than actually thinking about real places.

For the days leading to World Communion Sunday choose one country to pray for – it may be in the news or may be one that you have visited or may be part of your ethnic heritage or may be one with a cuisine you find delicious or a writer or artist who inspires you. There is no right or wrong choice. Read an online article on this country – its history, its products, its religious heritage, the challenges it faces right now, certainly including how it stands in this pandemic. Learn the word, "peace" in one of its languages. Google translate is a helpful resource and includes an audio pronunciation feature. Write out the word and the country name and take a selfie with it. You might even find a recipe to make sometime this week. This too will be communion. **Share it!**

Take a photo of your discoveries and send them to Pastor Julie, [pastor@firstprescf.org](mailto:pastor@firstprescf.org). We'll include your photo in our worship services!

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Julie*

### Church Birthdays

Sep. 30-Ryan Mattingly,  
Oct. 5-Marie Heisterkamp, Dee Lynch, 6-Ken TeSlaa, Mike McRoberts, 9-Jim Zimmer

### For your prayers...

**David Lee**, infant son of Chad & Sally Lee

**Marlene King**

**Stephanie Marra**

**Mary McCalley**

**Bruce McCart**

**Marlys Folkers** grandson, Eli Moretz

### Upcoming Zoom Events & Meetings

**Wednesday, Sept. 30**

7:00 pm Personnel Subcommittee

**Sunday, October 4**

11:00 am Fellowship

**Tuesday, October 5**

6:00 pm Session Mtg.

6:00 pm Grand Sweep

Bible Study

**Wednesday, Oct. 7**

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Pianist:** Connie Herbon

**Worship Leader:** Jean Boller

**Vocals:** Stephanie Marra

**Lawn Mowing:** Kirk Eastman

**Office substitutes:** Nancy Hoppe, Hope Goering

**Gift gas cards:** Jane Seeley

**Scholarship Committee Liaison:** Julie Rokes

**Computer Stuff:** Neal Leeper

## Circle Updates

- Thursday, October 1, 9:30 am —Martha Circle will meet at the home of Maribelle Betterton, 220 Iris Dr. Please bring a lawn chair if you are able.
- Saturday, October 3, 9:30 am - Esther Circle at Lookout Park, weather permitting (rain date is October 10.)
- Saturday, October 10, 9:30 am-Sarah Circle in the church dining room

### World Communion Sunday – October 4

The Peace and Global Witness offering is collected every World Communion Sunday at our church. 25% of the offering we receives stays with our congregation for local peacemaking projects. We will continue this tradition this year, although we will be collecting a bit differently. You may mail your offering payable to the church with 'peacemaking' on the memo, or go to our website's [Donate Page](#) and use PayPal.

**The Cedar Valley Book Read** is happening in October, featuring **"How to Be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi**. The hope is that together, participants will learn how to recognize, name, call out and eliminate racism and that this discussion will help the community work together toward the vision of a more just community.

The book will be divided into 3 chapters at a time, and a weekly 30 minute panel discussion will be available on You tube or Facebook. Panelists will be representatives from education and law enforcement and church, business, political and community leaders.

*Further information about the CV Book Read, and a list of the panel discussions is attached to this email.*

**If you are interested in being part of a First Presbyterian discussion group, please email or call Jean Boller [bollerama@cfu.net](mailto:bollerama@cfu.net), 319-277-8149**

**Congratulations to** Brooke and Tanner Barber on the birth of a daughter, Mia Jo, born Thursday, September 24.



## Upcoming Member Anniversaries

Bev Doeden, 10/16/2005 - 15 years

Mitch Weinberg, 10/27/1985 - 35 years

Denise Brown, 10/27/1985 - 35 years

## Mission Opportunities

### Sunday Suppers Resume!

The local Presbyterian churches will resume Sunday Suppers starting October 4. All meals will be 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
- (Chefs will be in charge of finding their own cooks.)

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. Anyone in the high-risk category is encouraged to find other ways to contribute to Northeast Iowa Food Bank's mission. 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

## From the Scholarship Committee

The Dorothy Horn Scholarship is awarded to female students from our Presbytery and adjacent Presbyteries who attend the University of Northern Iowa. It is an endowed scholarship administered by First Presbyterian Church. The Scholarship Committee is pleased to introduce three recipients of the Dorothy Horn Scholarship.

**Alisanne Struck** is from Cherokee, Iowa, and a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church. She has been a volunteer camp counselor at the Lakeshore Center in Okoboji, is a certified lifeguard and was involved in mission trips. At UNI, she is involved in the Panther Marching band and dance marathon and is studying public relations.

**Hope Jacobs** is from Waterloo, Iowa, and a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She has been on three mission trips, taught Vacation Bible School, volunteered at the food bank, walked in the Crop Walk and worked part-time at Landmark Commons. Hope is planning to study journalism/communications.

**Shelly Smith** is a nontraditional student from Waterloo, Iowa, pursuing a masters degree in philanthropy and nonprofit development, joining the fall cohort in August. She is currently employed by ISU Extension and Outreach. At Westminster, Shelly has taught Sunday school, led youth fellowship, served on the Christian Education, Nominating and Pastor nominating committees. She also found time to serve on the Evansdale City Council and several nonprofit boards.

The Scholarship Committee felt all three of these applicants were worthy of an award from the Dorothy Horn fund. We would like to introduce these recipients to the congregation at some point, but don't have that worked out yet.

A big thanks to the Scholarship Committee of Lee Nicholas, Tom Mulligan, Carol Dotseth, Susan Duncan and Julie Rokes. A big thanks to Neal Leeper for guiding the committee through the process.

### Thank you received from the recipients:

Thank you for awarding a scholarship for my education at the University of Northern Iowa. Your gift encouraged my efforts to learn and share back to our community. Thank you and God's blessings,  
Shelly Smith

Thank you so much! Receiving your scholarship is terrific!  
Hope Jacobs

Thank you so much for the scholarship! Thank you again!  
Alisanne Struck

## Staying Connected

### 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

### We Want to Hear from You!

We are looking for people to lead worship with Pastor Julie. We record worship on Thursdays at approximately 2:00 pm. If you feel called to serve in this way, call the office or email [pastor@firstprescf.org](mailto:pastor@firstprescf.org) or you can sign up via the Google doc: [Worship Leaders](#).

### Lawn Mower Sign-Up

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

**The week of :**

**September 27:** Open

**October 4:** \*Open

### Technology Update

The pandemic has changed many things and one of them is online meetings. The church has a Zoom account for meetings and gatherings, and it's used frequently each week by committees, Deacons, Session and congregational fellowship. The WiFi system in the church was not adequate for Zoom, so it was recently upgraded to the latest standards with Mesh coverage of the building. You can still logon to the church WiFi with your phone, tablet or computer while in the building or parking lot, but a password is now required. The church WiFi ID is "FirstPresbyterian" and the password is "fpchurch". For members without internet access or poor access from home, we have two computers available for use at the church: a PC in the classroom across the hall from the office and a laptop that can be used anywhere in the building. (The laptop cannot leave the building.) Contact the church office to reserve one of these to connect to a Zoom meeting.

### Thank You

Dear Friends,  
Hawkeye Community College believes that every student matters and every student can succeed. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support. Your gift of \$200 to the Family Literacy Fund will help us continue to meet the educational needs of the college.  
Thank you for placing your trust in Hawkeye Community College and investing in the future of the community.  
Holly Johnson  
Executive Director of Institutional Advancement  
*Monies complete our pledge for our share of the Presbytery Mission Grant.*