



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

March 24, 2021

Worship
Join us weekly on
our website:
Firstprescf.org

Prayer of Preparation

Reconciling God, to be reconciled to you is to be sent
into the world as a reconciling community.

You have entrusted us with your message of wholeness and healing.

Help us to share in your work to heal the enmities
which separate us from you and each other.

In this way may our lives declare your love in all places. Amen.

This Weekend's Worship - Palm Sunday

Sermon: Parade or Protest?

Scripture: Mark 1:1-11

Pastor's Ponderings

Holy Week Services with Our Cedar Valley Siblings in Christ

March 29 - April 2

As we enter another Holy Week during the pandemic, the Cedar Valley PC(USA) congregations are once again providing meaningful services for each day of the week. This year, each congregation will be contributing a service in the method that has become their way to gather for worship during this time.

Holy Monday @ Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls

7:00pm Via Facebook live: [Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church](https://www.facebook.com/CedarHeightsCommunityPresbyterianChurch)

Recording posted to Youtube later: [cedarheightspres](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCed4arheightspres)

Holy Tuesday @ First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls

Recording available all day. Visit the website: firstprescf.org

Holy Wednesday @ Unity Presbyterian Church, Waterloo

Recording available all day. Visit the website: unitypresbyterianwaterloo.org

Maundy Thursday @ First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo

Recording available all day. Visit the website: www.1stpresby.org

(Prepare for communion)

Good Friday @ Westminster Presbyterian Church, Waterloo

7:00pm Visit the website: wpcw.org OR Youtube: [Westminster Waterloo Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWestminsterWaterloo)

(Prepare for communion)

Pastor Julie

Church Birthdays

Mar. 24-Mike Rokes, Eli Braley, 25-Sandy Jensen, Brad Wells, Apr. 2-Ray Burfeind, 3-Joyce Wellhouse

Note: Lynette will be out of the office on Monday, March 29.

For your prayers...

Mary McCalley

'Pete' McCart

Marlys Folkers' grandson Eli

Doug & Sandy Lawry's son's brother-in-law recently passed away.

Zoom Meetings

Wed., March 24

6:15 pm Elementary aged SHINE

7:00 pm Lenten Reflections via Zoom

Sunday, March 28

11:00 am (link below)

[Fellowship Hour.](#)

Tuesday, March 30

6:00 pm Bible Study

Wed., March 31

6:15 pm Jr. High aged SHINE

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Kevin Thedens

Pianist: Connie Herbon

Vocalist: Maddie Bebber

Computer purchase/set up: Neal Leeper

Narthex painting: Gary Sabey, Jim Seeley



In Sympathy

Please pray for the friends and family of **Joyce Hufferd** who passed away Monday. A funeral service will be held at a later date. Richardson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Pastor Julie Out of the Office

Pastor Julie will be out of the office from April 6 through April 18. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact the office.

New Book Group Opportunity!

We are looking to offer a Tuesday evening time to study the book "Caste-The Origins of our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson. As you can tell from the previous publicity, this book has lit a fire for our Friday morning book group, in our understanding and desire to work for justice. We would love to widen the circle! Jill and Mark Mortenson are willing to facilitate a 7 week series of Zoom sessions Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for a new group of people. It can be members of our congregation or others who are interested. So, please prayerfully consider this opportunity, invite a friend and contact us if interested. Once we get a group of interested participants a start date will be decided, hopefully sometime in April.

"Working for Justice: Breaking Bias" is the new name for the group who has been studying the book "Caste" and other resources related to racial justice. It was decided that with inspiration from scripture, especially Micah 6:8, the group will continue to meet together, study and share resources, schedule speakers, communicate with other local Presbyterian churches and our Mennonite friends, and look for actions that we can take to work for justice. We invite anyone interested to join. Contact us to join the meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning, April 7th, 11 - noon. Consider what we can do together to honor the words in Micah: **"He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"**.

Easter Giving Opportunity

The congregation is invited to donate cash or non-perishable food items to the Food Bank in lieu of flowers in memory or honor of a loved one for Easter. (We will not be taking flower orders this year. An arrangement for the sanctuary will be provided by Worship and Music.) Food items may be left in the northeast entryway. Please make your checks payable to the church with 'food bank' on the memo. Financial donations will coincide with the 2x Matching Gift Challenge below:

Northeast Iowa Food Bank Challenge

Thanks to the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, your gift today can be matched — dollar for dollar — up to \$40,000! That means you can provide TWICE as many meals with a single caring donation. Since your \$10 gift helps provide up to 40 healthy meals, just imagine how many families you can help with a gift of \$20 or \$30. But to take advantage of this incredible opportunity, you have to donate before April 30.

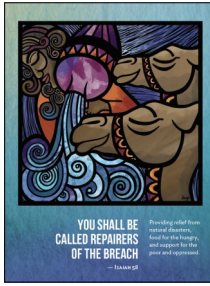
We want to see your palm!

It's not too late to send us your palm picture by Thursday, 10:00 am. Attached to this email you will find a coloring page of a palm. Print it out, color it, and cut it out, then send us a picture or video of you waving your palm (please be sure to use landscape/horizontal mode). Upload your palm picture here: <http://bit.ly/3t3vUxt>. We'll incorporate your palms into our service.



Scholarship Opportunity

The Dorothy Horn Scholarship provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa. Those interested in more information or materials contact the church at **277-3930** or by email: office@firstprescf.org. All applications must be returned by **May 1, 2021**.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – Palm to Passion Sunday

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please consider what you can give to this offering! Checks may be made payable to the church with "One Great Hour" written on the memo or via PayPal.

Zoom Meeting Reminders

If you are planning a Zoom meeting event, please remember to give Lynette in the office the details, in order to get the meeting scheduled and created in Zoom. Thank you!

Sundays - Fellowship Hour

Join us on Sundays at 11:00 am.

Topic: Fellowship Hour

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[pwd=RXlwT1FncXhuMTk4MlZ3OGc4NEdDUT09](https://zoom.us/j/97475746240?pwd=RXlwT1FncXhuMTk4MlZ3OGc4NEdDUT09)

Meeting ID: 974 7574 6240

Passcode: 504524

To Phone In: 1-312-626-6799

Mondays - The Lectionary Study

Please join us on Mondays at 10:00am as we explore the sermon texts for the following Sunday. We have two sessions left in Lent. **Our Lectionary study will be on hiatus for the month of April.** If you have questions, please email Pastor Julie: pastor@firstprescf.org

(This link was updated last week.)

[https://zoom.us/j/94644619364?](https://zoom.us/j/94644619364?pwd=M1J6YTU1RlB1dTkYl2dGtKJteWJ0dz09)

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Meeting ID: 946 4461 9364

Passcode: 158493

To phone in: 1 312 626 6799

- Use this link to participate. Emails will not be sent. -

Tuesdays - The Grand Sweep Bible Study

The Grand Sweep Bible Study class meets via Zoom weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm and lasts until 7:30 pm through mid-April.

[Grand Sweep Bible Study](#)

Meeting ID: 822 0157 7459

Passcode: 879309

To phone in: 1 312 626 6799

Thursdays - Worship Leaders Needed

We are looking for people to lead worship with Pastor Julie on Thursdays at approximately 3:30 pm.

Please sign on the Google doc: [Worship Leaders](#).