



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

**March 31, 2021**

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

**This Weekend's Worship – Resurrection Sunday**

**Sermon:** "While It Was Still Dark"

**Scripture:** Psalm 118:14-24; John 20:1-18

**Getting Ready**

Print out the "Alleluia" coloring page and ponder the mystery of resurrection while coloring it. Prepare your worship space with items that bring to mind deep love and new life. We will be celebrating the abundant table, so set your space with whatever representation of bread and wine you have on hand. God meets us where we are and uses what we have!

**Prayer of Preparation**

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing.

You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death.

Blessed be your holy name now and forever.  
Amen.

**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. *(You can still view Monday and Tuesday's videos.)*

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/UC11)

Holy Tuesday @ First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls

Recording available all day. Visit the website: [firstprescf.org](http://firstprescf.org)

Holy Wednesday @ Unity Presbyterian Church, Waterloo

Recording available all day. Visit the website: [unitypresbyterianwaterloo.org](http://unitypresbyterianwaterloo.org)

Maundy Thursday @ First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo

Recording available all day. Visit the website: [www.1stpresby.org](http://www.1stpresby.org)

(Prepare for communion)

Good Friday @ Westminster Presbyterian Church, Waterloo

7:00pm Visit the website: [wpcw.org](http://wpcw.org) OR Youtube: [Westminster Waterloo Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC11)

(Prepare for communion)

*Pastor Julie*

**Church Birthdays**

Apr. 2-Ray Burfeind, 3-Joyce Wellhouse, 4-Brad Jensen, 8-David Lemons, 11-Mel Reimer

NOTE: The office will be closed Monday, April 5 in recognition of the Easter holiday.

**For your prayers...**

Mary McCalley  
'Pete' McCart

**Zoom Meetings**

**Wed., March 31**

6:15 pm Jr. High aged SHINE

**Easter Sunday, April 4**

11:00 am (link below)  
[Fellowship Hour.](#)

**Monday, April 5**

7:00 pm CYF Team

**Tuesday, April 6**

6:00 pm Bible Study

6:30 pm Session

**Wed., April 7**

11:00 am Working for Justice: Breaking Bias

6:15 pm Elementary aged SHINE.

7:00 pm Q&A with Lakeshore Center about Camp

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, April 8**

6:30 pm Esther Circle

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Worship Leader:** Jan Thedens

**Organist:** Louann Flaherty

**Vocalist:** Beth Culberson

**Office substitute:** Nancy Hoppe

**Ceiling painting, parking lot cleaning:** Gary Sabey, Jim Seeley

## 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 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. 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 participate. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning, April 7th, 11:00- 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?**".

## 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.

## Easter Giving Opportunity

The congregation is invited to donate cash or non-perishable food items to the Food Bank. 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. Please donate before April 30.

## Member Anniversaries

Michael Boller, 4/16/2006– 15 yrs

Elizabeth Weinberg, 4/16/2006-15 yrs

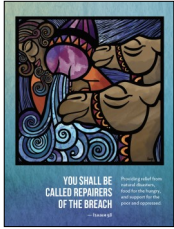
Nancy Hoppe, 4/26/1971-50 yrs

Sue Eastman, 4/28/1996-25 yrs

## Presby Spottings

Margaret Clark invited Esther Circle members to a drive-by Easter greeting and treats in the church parking lot last Thursday!





## One Great Hour of Sharing

### – It's not too late to give!

One Great Hour of Sharing supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Please consider what you can give to this offering! Watch the video with Betsy and our Shine kids for information about OGHS:

[Children's Chat Video](#)

Checks may be made **payable to the church** with "One Great Hour" written on the memo or via PayPal.

## Thank You

Thank you so much for your generous support of ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries. We are grateful for the \$1000 donation. Our congregation's generosity enables us to be here to listen, guide and care for today's students and staff at the University of Northern Iowa and Allen College. Thank you friends, for the privilege of serving with you as well as for your support.

David Glenn-Burns  
Director and Campus Minister

*This donation was from our local mission budget.*

## Scholarship Opportunity - updated deadline

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](mailto:office@firstprescf.org). All applications must be returned by **June 1, 2021**.

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### 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

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

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

Meeting ID: 974 7574 6240

Passcode: 504524

To Phone In: 1-312-626-6799

### 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

### Our Lectionary study will be **on hiatus until May!**

### Wednesdays - Working for Justice: Breaking Bias

- See page 2 for details. -

Topic: Working for Justice: Breaking Bias

Time: Apr 7, 2021 11:00 AM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/91795943702?](https://zoom.us/j/91795943702?pwd=bFRHNGhibGcxalJVChZ6MHhiczlOQT09)

[pwd=bFRHNGhibGcxalJVChZ6MHhiczlOQT09](https://zoom.us/j/91795943702?pwd=bFRHNGhibGcxalJVChZ6MHhiczlOQT09)

Meeting ID: 917 9594 3702

Passcode: 234493

To phone in: 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](#).