



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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May 19, 2021

Worship
Join us weekly on
our website:
Firstprescf.org

Pentecost Sunday, 10:00am

Sermon: "I Will Pour Out My Spirit On All Flesh "

Scripture: Acts 2:1-12

Ways to join worship: In-person with reservation, Facebook Live at **10:00am** on Sunday, by recording (to be posted on our website on Monday), via CFU Public Access channel 95.5 or 18 on Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 12:00 noon (CFU services lag by a week).

Sunday Fellowship Hour via Zoom is being suspended for the remainder of May.

Pastor's Ponderings - New Ways of Being

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place." Acts 2:1

Since Jesus ascended to heaven, the disciples have been waiting in a locked room for many days, waiting. Wondering. Praying. Little did they know that Jesus' promised paraclete would arrive in such a powerful way and they would never be the same. As we approach Pentecost this year, I can feel some echoes of the disciples' experience. This past year seems to have been a year of waiting and wondering and praying. And now we are nearing the moment when we will all be gathered in one place. Many of us will be in-person and others will be joining by Facebook live. This Pentecost we eagerly look forward to welcoming the Holy Spirit as our paraclete (advocate, comforter, assistant, guide, helper, intercessor, and companion) and being open to how she will lead us into new ways of being together and engaging our community. Like the disciples did in Acts 1, we will be commissioning new leadership and praying for openness, wisdom, and guidance in the way forward.

Prayer of Preparation

Divine Disrupter, in the heart of the ordinary, you stir and surprise. We welcome your disruption as we release instincts to control all around us. Though evil makes rigid, oppresses with order, exploits through unjust rules and regulations, your love is a force of agitation, drawing the faithful together, rowdy with hope. May it be so among us. **Amen.**

I cannot fully express what a joy it is to announce that **we are opening in-person worship to 100 people this Sunday!**

Reservations are still required and adherence to protocol is still expected. Please review the attached guidelines if you are considering joining us in-person on Sunday. For the first time I will be leading a service in our sanctuary full of wonderful people I have needed to serve and love from afar. If you are joining by Facebook live, put a message in the chat so we know you are there. Recordings of worship will still be available, so there is no need to miss out. I look forward to joyfully embracing what is next for First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls.

Yours in the Spirit,

Pastor Julie

See page 2 for sign-up instructions!

Church Birthdays

May 20-Collin Braley, 22-Marlys Folkers, 23-Ryder Connolly, 24-Lisa McCalley, 25-Mitch Weinberg, Matt Rokes, 26-Ryan Helgerson, 29-Jozlyn Lee, Madison Lockey

For your prayers...

Bruce & 'Pete' McCart and their grandson Elliot Drolet

Tristan Warren

Notice of important upcoming events: A full schedule is on page 2.

Sunday, May 23

10:00 am In-Person worship. See page 2 for sign up and other attendance requirements.

☞ Fellowship Hour is being **suspended** for the remainder of May.

Wednesday, May 26

6:15 pm Jr. High Shine (last regular Wednesday night Shine for summer.)

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader & Pianist: Connie Herbon

Vocals: Steve Moon

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Music Recordings: Eric Braley, Neal Leeper

Shepherds: Jan Thedens, Doug & Sandy Lawry, Nancy Hoppe, Lynette Cline, Kay Leeper, Mark Mortenson

Lawn care: Jim Seeley

ONLINE SIGN-UP TO ATTEND WORSHIP...

Please read carefully!

May 23 In-Person Worship - **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

You are invited to wear something **RED** that day as we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

Below is the sign-up link for Sunday, May 23, 10:00 am worship. Session has expanded attendance to 100 people.

- You may begin arriving at 9:30 am
- You must wear a mask, social distance and your temperature will be taken when you arrive.
- We have some masks available if you forget yours. They are required *even if you have been fully vaccinated*. (There are some exceptions.) Please keep your mask over your nose and mouth.
- The **offering basket** will be at the back of the sanctuary.

Sign up using the link below...

REMEMBER TO PUT FAMILY SIZE THE *QUANTITY BOX!*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-may23worship>

For non-computer users, please call the office, 277-3930, to sign up to attend.



Pentecost Offering

Pentecost Sunday is **THIS SUNDAY**, May 23.

Each year we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of tomorrow. Presbyterians mark this celebration by receiving the Pentecost Offering, which nurtures the faith of those who are the church now and to come – children, youth and young adults. **40% of the Pentecost offering from our church goes toward our Soles for Souls shoe gift project for children and youth.** The Pentecost Offering helps young people begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed from childhood through young adulthood.

This week's schedule (Zoom and on-site)

• Wednesday, May 19

11:00 am Working for Justice: Breaking Bias, Zoom

6:15 pm Elementary aged SHINE, Zoom

6:30 pm Covid Team, sanctuary

• Sunday, May 23

10:00 am **Pentecost** Sunday Worship, sanctuary

— Fellowship Hour suspended for May

• Monday, May 24

7:00 pm CYF Team, Zoom

• Tuesday, May 25

2:00 pm Safe Ministry, dining room

6:30 pm Book Group, Zoom

• Wednesday, May 26

11:00 am Working for Justice: Breaking Bias, Zoom

6:15 pm Jr. High SHINE (last for summer), Zoom

Your Turn to Shepherd

In order to have in-person worship services, we need 6 “shepherds” per service to guide worshipers through the protocol that will keep everyone safe. If you are willing to serve, please click on the **Sign-Up Genius link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-shepherds1>

- You may sign up for one or more Sundays.
- On the week you wish to serve, click on the ‘sign up’ box
- Then click ‘submit and sign up’ at the bottom
- Fill out your name, email & address, then click ‘sign up now.’

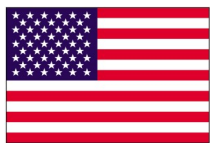
IMPORTANT NOTE! If you are signing up as a shepherd,

DO NOT sign up for worship. Thank you!!

Presby Spottings

May is bike month! Kirk and Sue Eastman were spotted riding their bikes along the trail near the Hearst Center.





Saluting our Veterans

The Deacons would like to create a list of military veterans from our church. Please email or call Lynette in the office with the veteran's name and branch of service.

Summer Camp at Okoboji!!

Because camp is so important to us, we'd like to help you cover the cost. When you register your child online, please mark "pay by check." Next, log on to our church's sign-up page to fill out your child's name, camp session and date so we can send in payment. Spots are limited due to Covid, so register now!

Check out all the camp offerings for children and youth and **register at** <https://www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org/summer-camp.html>.

Log onto our church's form **to apply for payment:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-camp>

Sundays - Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour is being **suspended** for the remainder of May while we re-evaluate our options for fellowship possibilities.

Mondays - The Lectionary Study

Please join us on Mondays at 10:00am as we explore the sermon texts for the following Sunday.

<https://zoom.us/j/94644619364?pwd=M1J6YTU1RlB1dTkYLTdGtKJteWJ0dz09>

Meeting ID: 946 4461 9364

Passcode: 158493

To phone in: 1 312 626 6799

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

Congratulations Graduates!

Kyle Scott Westin, graduating from Theodore Roosevelt High School in Des Moines, Iowa. May 29, 2021.

Parents are Neal and Tricia Westin, Grandparents Neal and Kay Leeper. Kyle plans to continue his education at Iowa State University.

Samuel Chase Leeper, Graduating from homeschool in Thornton, Colorado. May, 2021.

Parents are Bill and Connie Leeper, Grandparents Neal and Kay Leeper. Sam plans to continue his education at Concordia University, in Seward Nebraska.



Try out the NEW lawnmower!!

Volunteer mowers **NEEDED!!!!**

Please use the link below to pick a slot to mow the church lawn. Two self-propelled lawnmowers are available. **You will receive an email reminder 2 days prior.** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-lawn>

-Click on the week you wish to mow

-Then click 'submit and sign up' at the bottom

-Fill out your name & email, then click 'sign up now.'

Wednesdays - Working for Justice: Breaking Bias

Working for Justice: Breaking Bias invites all to join in on our Zoom meetings. Next **Wednesday, May 26th at 11:00 a.m.**, we will be joined by the Rev. Erica Mac-Creaigh from Northminster Presbyterian Church in Sioux City. She will talk about her experiences in racial justice and her leadership in a study group in her community. In the summer, our group will be meeting once a month, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

On **June 16th**, Pastor Dave Kivett from Cedar Heights Presbyterian Church will speak about the Cedar Falls Human Rights Commission. There will also be meetings on July 14 and August 18. **Join us as we continue to learn and discuss.**