



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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June 16, 2021

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

**This Weekend's Worship**

10:00 am In-person and on Facebook live

**Sermon:** "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:3; Luke 6:20,24

**Question of the Week:** Have you ever had a time when you wondered if things would get better? Who helped you? Go to our [Facebook page](#) and tell us your answer!

**Prayer of Preparation**

Loving God,  
We open our hands, we open our hearts, and we open our minds to your loving spirit. Thank you for promising to fill us with what we need and to give us hope when situations feel stuck. Help us live in your way—as merciful, pure-in-heart peacemakers who bring your kin-dom to earth here and now. Show us who needs your hope today and lead us to share it. Amen.

**The Beatitudes – Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit**

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". – Matthew 5:3*  
*Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God...But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. – Luke 6:20,24*



This Sunday we will sit with Jesus atop the mountain reflecting on what it means in Matthew when he says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." We will also look at its parallel in Luke, "Blessed are you who are poor...woe to you who are rich." Many interpret the Matthew passage to be purely spiritual in nature; more of an attitude anyone can have. It is harder to make such an assumption about the Lukan passage. Is Jesus making a social or political critique? Are the promises in Matthew and Luke spiritual, material, or both? Is Jesus talking about the present or the future? As with last week, we will have time in the service to share our thoughts and questions.

As we move through this series, we will be engaging in multiple ways. Many of us will be traveling this summer and many of us will be worshipping from home. As we enter our new worshipping normal, let's take advantage of the creative ways we have learned to stay connected during the pandemic.

- Join us in-person, on Facebook live, or on CFU local programming
- Go to Facebook @firstprescf and answer our Question of the Week
- Sign up to assist with worship as a worship leader in-person or via prerecorded video.
- Print out the weekly Family Page (yes, you are family) and reflect on the questions.

Your fellow mountain climber,

*Pastor Julie*

**Church Birthdays**

Jun 16-Sandy Lawry,  
Jakob Hagee, 17-  
Jeannette Mukayisire,  
18-Harriett Bullock,  
19-Gary Clark

**Family Page**

See the activity page attached to this email.

**For your prayers...  
Bruce and 'Pete' McCart**

**Sympathy to Brad Jensen**, whose sister-in-law, Julie Johansen, who passed away.

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

**Sundays**

10:00 am In-Person worship.  
10:45 am Social Time on the west lawn.

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Pianist:** Connie Herbon

**Computer Operator:** Gary Clark

**Memorial Service Helpers:** Jim & Jane Seeley, Neal Leeper

**Shepherds:** Jean Boller, Kay Leeper, Margaret Clark

**Lawn care, paper recycling:** Doug & Sandy Lawry

**Plant care:** Jane Seeley

**Bat extraction and relocation:** Neal Leeper, Jim Seeley

## Birthday Celebration

Harriett Bullock, (Jeverna Mulligan's mom) is having her 90th birthday Friday, June 18, 2021.



## Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for people willing to record video of Sunday worship. Free training provided. Please call or email Neal Leeper, 830-2338 or nleeper@cfu.net.

## Personal Care Drive

The Community Ministries Team is collecting personal hygiene products for Eye of the Needle from now until July 18. Products requested are **bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant.**

Donated items will be given to school children and families along with school uniforms and shoes as part of Eye of the Needle's school uniform drive. Items can be left in marked baskets inside the north entrance of the church.



## Sundays - Worship Leaders Needed!!

We are looking for people to lead worship with Pastor Julie on Sunday mornings. Please sign on our Sign Up Genius Form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4BA9A728ABF4CF8-worship>

## Sundays - Your Turn to Shepherd

We need 4 "shepherds" per service to guide worshipers through the building on Sundays. To sign up, please click on the **Sign-Up Genius link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4BA9A728ABF4CF8-shepherds1>

## Weekly Lawn Mowing Volunteers

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/10COD4BA9A728ABF4CF8-lawn>

## 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. -**

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

### • Wednesday, June 16

10:00 am Working for Justice: Breaking Bias, Zoom

### • Sunday, June 20

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

10:45 am Social Time, west lawn

### • Monday, June 21

6:30 pm Worship Team, Zoom