



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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July 7, 2021

Worship
Join us weekly on
our website:
Firstprescf.org

This Weekend's Worship -

10:00 am In-person and on Facebook live

Sermon: "Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst"

Scripture: Matthew 5:6; Luke 6:21a, 25a

Question of the Week: What is something that every person needs? What issue of justice are you hungry to see made right? Go to our [Facebook page](#) and tell us your answer.

Prayer of Preparation

Loving God,
We want to keep pushing and working for justice in your world, making it a beautiful and loving place for all your children.
Please help us lead lives of hope and healthy relationship, and to see ourselves as one family.
Amen.

The Beatitudes – Blessed Are those Who Hunger and Thirst



"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice for they will be filled." – Matthew 5:6
"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be fed. Woe to you who are stuffed full now, for you will be hungry." -Luke 6:21a, 25a

This Sunday we will sit with Jesus atop the mountain reflecting on what it means in Matthew when he says, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice." In this text, those who hunger and thirst for justice were those who sought to make sure everyone had what they needed to be whole. In Luke, those who are "stuffed full" are much more likely to be oblivious to the needs of the famished, even making decisions which reinforce a system that oppresses the poor. Margaret Aymer has this challenge for us,

"Jesus' rebuke of the stuffed can shine a bright and unpleasant light on our context. We live in a nation where everyone is constantly on a diet. We take pills and read books on how to eat less food and how to live more simply. Even our pets, our dogs and cats, have more choices for food than they can possibly eat. Yet poor live among us—those who do not get enough to eat, or who suffer malnutrition. In fact, in our rich nation, some among us regularly go to bed truly famished." What can we learn from those who go to bed truly famished? If we sit and listen to them, what might we be called to do? What can we learn from those who do not have safe water to drink? What parts of our systems would we be called to challenge?

Your fellow mountain climber,

Pastor Julie

Church Birthdays

Jul 8-Lisa Woodruff, 12-Susan Duncan, Marlene King, 13-Gus Hill, 16-Cyd Grafft, 18-Sue Luck

Family Page

See the activity page attached to this email.

For your prayers...

Bruce & Pete McCart battling cancer.

Notice of important upcoming events:

A full schedule is on page 2.

Sunday, July 11

10:00 am In-Person worship.

10:45 am Social Time on the west lawn.

10:45 am Moving selected pews for floor tile repair

Sunday, July 18

10:00 am In-Person worship.

10:45 am Social Time on the west lawn.

10:45 am Assembling Personal Care Kits

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Carolyn Stephenson

Computer Operator: Kirk Eastman

Shepherds: Sue Eastman, Kay Leeper, Sandy Lawry

Help Needed

After worship this Sunday, we will need to move pews in certain sections of the sanctuary in order to repair floor tiles. If you can help, contact the church.

CONCERT INVITATION

Brad Jensen will be conducting a portion of the Waterloo Municipal Band concert **tomorrow**, Thursday, July 8, beginning at 7:30 PM. The concert will be held at the River-Loop Amphitheatre in Waterloo and admission is free.

Monday Lectionary Study – In-person and via Zoom!

Join us on Mondays at 10:00am for lectionary study. We discuss the upcoming worship scriptures and ponder how they address our present lives. Each week stands on its own and preparation isn't necessary.

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[pwd=M1J6YTU1RlB1dTkYLT2dGTkJeWJ0dz09](https://zoom.us/j/94644619364?pwd=M1J6YTU1RlB1dTkYLT2dGTkJeWJ0dz09)

Meeting ID: 946 4461 9364

Passcode: 158493

To phone in: 1 312 626 6799

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

• Wednesday, July 7

1:00 pm Personnel Team, dining room

• Thursday, July 8

6:30 pm Covid Team, Zoom

Sunday, July 11

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

10:45 am Social Time, west lawn

10:45 am Moving selected pews for tile repair

• Monday, July 12

10:00 am Lectionary Study, dining room & Zoom

• Tuesday, July 13

6:30 pm Session Meeting, Zoom

Ways to join worship:

- 10:00 am Sunday in-person with a mask while inside
- Facebook Live at 10:00am on Sunday
- by recording (posted on our website on Monday)
- 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)

Personal Care Drive

Personal hygiene items are being collected until July 18. We will pack kits after worship on the 18th **rain or shine!** Weather permitting we will pack outside, otherwise we'll pack items in the dining room.

Items need to be **Individually wrapped** of a size that will fit in a gallon zip-lock bag.

Items requested are: Bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant.

Monetary gifts are gratefully accepted.

Items can be left in marked baskets inside the north entrance of the church.

Sponsor a camper this summer!!!

(2019 Photos)

We have four kids from our church attending camp this summer. We need only **\$265** more to cover the total cost of \$2,450 for all four.

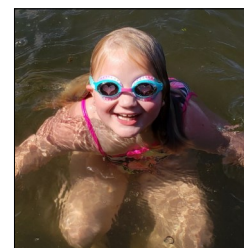
Please be a sponsor for these young campers by sending a donation **payable to the church with "camp"** on the memo. Help our young people back into the fun, fellowship and faith that camp provides.



Gabby & Gracie Lee



Noah Tollefson



Justice Humpal

Here's how YOU can get involved:

WORKING for JUSTICE: BREAKING BIAS

Are you curious about this new group and what we are doing? We meet on Zoom and continue to learn more about racial inequalities and systemic poverty in our country and locally.

On June 16, Pastor Dave Kivett of Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church met with us. He spoke to us about his work in the Cedar Valley addressing racial inequalities, including his involvement with the Cedar Falls Human Rights Commission. It was a very interesting session!

You can listen to the recording of this meeting at this link:

<https://zoom.us/rec/share/z1t5WJcECGYzUHbOtFlkY5dsCBT2j0Q1hnue1vhID2x-TIungxH7zSzuhK650rf6x.YTo5AbxDDWvUs9m3>

Passcode: [1S.CO@R5](#) Note: the digit after the C in the passcode is zero, not the letter O.

An Invitation from the National Matthew 25 Initiative Leaders

Jesus calls us to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned and poor. By joining us on this journey, we are uniting in common mission to become a more relevant presence in the world.



If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to join the Matthew 25 Facebook group. You can do so here: [Matthew 25 in the PC\(USA\) Church and Mid Councils](#)

The purpose of the group is to continue the connective relationship with churches and facilitate the sharing of resources for living out the Matthew 25 vision. By connecting with others who have accepted the invitation to become a Matthew 25 church, you can support and inspire each other while embarking on this journey together.

Thank you. —Melody K. Smith, Presbyterian Mission Agency

REMINDER ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, July 21 at 10 AM on Zoom

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We will resume our discussion about the video series "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man", and will discuss episodes 3, 4, and 5, which are linked below. In preparation for the meeting, please watch the three short videos of episodes 3, 4, and 5. Each video is approximately 10 minutes in length. We will discuss our reactions to the videos during our Zoom meeting.

[Episode 3 - Uncomfortable Conversations \(uncomfortableconvos.com\)](#)

[Episode 4 - Uncomfortable Conversations \(uncomfortableconvos.com\)](#)

[Episode 5 - Uncomfortable Conversations \(uncomfortableconvos.com\)](#)

If you have not yet watched the first two episodes that were previously discussed and would like to, they are linked below.

[Episode 1 - Uncomfortable Conversations \(uncomfortableconvos.com\)](#)

[Episode 2 - Uncomfortable Conversations \(uncomfortableconvos.com\)](#)

We need **YOU** to make our ministry thrive! You can sign up **online** using the links below, or sign up in the narthex using the **sign-up sheets**.

Weekly Lawn Mowing Volunteers

Please use the link below to mow the church lawn.

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

Sundays - Worship Leaders

Please sign up online to assist one or more Sundays:

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

Sundays - Your Turn to Shepherd

We need ushers to guide worshipers on Sundays.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-shepherds1>