



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

October 20, 2021

Worship
Join us weekly on
our website:
Firstprescf.org

**This Weekend's
Worship – 10:30 am**

Sermon: Releasing Our Baggage

Scripture: Mark 10:17-25; Mark 10:46-52

Prayer of Preparation

O God,
you show us the way of servanthood.
You have given us much so that we can bless
others and not seek gratification for ourselves.
Help us to seek your path and keep us in humili-
ty so that we can be the light of Christ in the
world. In the name of the one who came to
serve, we pray. **Amen.**



A Stewardship Message

Today a child has shoes and socks on their feet because of money you as a congregation gave to Eye of the Needle. Today a parent and child are learning to read because of donations from our church to the Family Literacy program. And young adults that go to school at one of the Cedar Valley college campuses can receive counseling and have a place to worship because of money you as a congregation gave to Threehouse.

These are just a few examples of how this congregation gives of its time and talents to help others in our community and areas around the world. This last year taught us that we can give of ourselves, whether it be with time – sewing facemasks, volunteering at the hospital, or delivering donated items to the foodbank; or giving of our talents (remember talents can be a special ability we have such as building skills or sewing, or it can be money) it all works together to make our world a better place to live.

At the beginning of this school year, we collected personal care items that would be distributed through Eye of the Needle for the children as they returned to school. As a congregation we worked together to package the items into ziplock bags. 104 personal care bags were made to be given to the children.

In addition to the food and product drives done throughout the year, the congregation is making financial donations to support organizations in our community and state. A total of \$15800 will be donated to mission from this congregation in 2021 from the budget and the Designated Mission Fund this year. In addition to the missions listed above, our local mission fund went to Presbyterian Camp on Okoboji, Habitat for Humanity, the Presbyterian Theological Education Fund, Wings of Refuge and Love Inc.

Every year approximately 10% of the church budget goes to mission activities, over a third locally. Staff and building costs in support of mission are in addition to this. The Community Ministries Team carefully reviews and prayerfully considers each request or mission opportunity that comes to us. Our goal is to meet as many needs as possible but at the same time being considerate with how the church funds are distributed. Please prayerfully consider during pledging time how you are able to help with funding mission through our church. And, consider how you can share your time and talents with those that need us most in our community.

Jan Thedens

Community Ministries Chair

Church Birthdays

Oct. 20-Jill Mortenson,
22-Len Tompkins,
24-Marsha Flater, 27-
Monica Clark, 30-Connie
Seeliger, Bruce Braley

For your prayers...
Bruce & 'Pete' McCart
battling cancer

Lynette Cline's mother,
Sylvia with a melanoma
on her nose.

Nancy Hoppe's nephew
Joel recovering from
Covid.

Notice...

Sunday, October 24
10:30 am Worship
Shine: UNICEF Hallow-
een costumes and ac-
tivities; Noisy Offering
- 11:15 am Social Time
on the west lawn

Coming Soon...
Sunday, October 31
All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 7
Stewardship Sunday

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Sue Luck

Computer Operator: Kevin Thedens

Videographer: Brock Swarbrick

Greeters: Mike & Julie Rokes

Baptism Quilt: Kay Leeper

All Saints Sunday

Although we cannot individually light candles this year for All Saints Sunday on October 31, you may still share a memory of a loved one you lost this year, November 1, 2020-October 24, 2021. Please log on to the Google Doc: [All Saints Sunday](#), and share your loved ones name.

Weekly Order of Worship Online

If you would like to see Sunday's Order of Worship, go online to our website: firstprescf.org.

In the center of the Home Page, click on "Worship with Us."

Click "read more" under the current Sunday's Order of Worship article.

Then Choose the Order of Worship box. You may view this during worship on your smartphone.

***The password to the open WiFi in the church is:
FPCHURCH***

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

Wednesday, October 20

10:00 am Working for Justice, Zoom

Thursday, October 21

5:30 pm Community Ministries, Zoom

Sunday, October 24 UNICEF Sunday

10:30 am Worship, sanctuary
-UNICEF activities and fun for SHINE

10:45 am Social Time, west lawn

Monday, October 25

10:00 am Lectionary Study, dining room

Wednesday, October 27

10:00 am Working for Justice, Zoom



NE Iowa Food Bank for November

"Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart" is the theme for the Community Ministries Team's mission focus during soon-to-come November days. In November 2020, our congregation's collection of items for the Thanksgiving baskets/boxes was big-hearted and substantial. Let's do it again! All donated items will be taken to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

Here's how:

Follow this hyperlink, [Give Thanks](#) to a list of groceries – one item, on each of the November days, 1-21. As you collect your daily items, place them in a box or basket that will then be delivered to the church. Deliver the contribution to the church library no later than November 21st. If you should need a member of the Community Ministries Team to pick up your donation of groceries, please call the church office before November 21st to leave that message. Money donations may be sent to the church office with the notation "Northeast Iowa Food Bank".

**Part-time Employment Opportunity
First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls Iowa**

CHILDCARE PROVIDER (Nursery)

Opening for person to work together with volunteers giving care to infants/toddlers and preschool children in the church nursery during church activities.

Sundays, September through May.

Hours are from 10:10 a.m. through 11:45 a.m.

Job also includes special worship services and times for occasional special church events.

Typical Activities

Provide a loving, child-centered, faith-based environment

Ensure a safe and secure classroom

Engage children and help them to feel welcome

Skills/Qualifications:

Experience caring for infants, toddlers and preschool children

Knowledge of child development and age-appropriate activities.

Strong verbal communication and listening skills to converse with children, volunteers, parents or guardians.

Minimum age 18

Compensation: \$17-\$19 per hour

Contact: Church office at office@firstprescf.org or 319-277-3930 for further information/application

A full description is on our website: [Childcare](#)

**Part-time Employment Opportunity
First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls Iowa**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEAD TEACHER

8 hours per week

Opening for person to teach children age 5 through 5th grade using faith building curriculum; and to lead and support volunteers in planning for children's ministries including teacher recruitment, training, and fellowship events.

Skills

Strong Christian faith

Training or experience in child and youth education

Experience in recruitment, training, support of volunteers

Interest in new opportunities or developing new programs

Personal resourcefulness, organization and flexibility

Schedule

Sunday mornings September through May

Primarily in person

Occasional special days and times or online

Flexible planning time

Compensation: \$19 - \$21 hourly

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A full description is on our website: [Lead Teacher](#)

Food Bank Personal Care Drive

We are concentrating on feminine hygiene for the personal care drive. We will have **tubs available in the entry during the month of October**, or monetary donations. Make checks payable to the church with "personal care" on the memo.

Items needed are:

Tampons and pads, Panty liners,

Lactation (nursing) pads and ointment

We need YOU to be a greeter!

It's easy! Arrive about 15 minutes before worship. All you need to do is welcome guests and direct them to the sanctuary. We need at least one person to greet attendees and one person to sit at the registration table to check off attendees names.

Please sign up in the narthex or online:

[Sign Up Genius: Greeters](#)

