



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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October 27, 2021

Worship
Join us weekly on
our website:
Firstprescf.org

This Weekend's Worship
10:30 am

Sermon: But, Lord, He Stinks!

Scripture: John 11:32-44

All Saints' Sunday is when we celebrate all Christian people of every time and place and those we have been especially close to us who have joined the church triumphant in the past year. Saints are ordinary people like you and me. Saints are people through whom God shines. In the New Testament when the writers mention "the saints" they refer to Christians collectively. So, this Sunday as we name saints who now feast at the heavenly table and we will also acknowledge those who continue that work here and now.

This year, to address safety concerns, we will not be processing up to individually light candles. Our worship leaders will light candles and we will have a time for quiet reflection as we remember our loved ones. **If you would like to share the name of loved ones who have died, please log on to the Google Doc: [All Saints Sunday](#), and share your loved ones name.**

Prayer of Preparation

God of all glory,
As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, So let us glimpse—even through our tears—the mystery or your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega. **Amen.**

All Saints' Day
Sunday,
31st Oct

SHINE Children and Youth will learn about and celebrate All Saints' Day directly after the Children's Chat in worship.

Church Birthdays

Oct. 27-Monica Clark, 30
-Connie Seeliger, Bruce Braley, Nov. 5-Dee Lynch, 6-Ken TeSlaa, Mike McRoberts

Office Note:

Lynette will be out of the office on Tuesday, November 2. Please call to see if anyone is available before stopping by.

For your prayers...

Parker Connolly
Bruce & 'Pete' McCart
Nancy Hoppe's nephew Joel

Notice...

Sunday, October 31
All Saints Sunday

Coming Soon...

Sunday, November 7
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Stewardship Sunday
Veterans Appreciation

Music practice for our December 19 Christmas program will start this Sunday, October 31. Students will begin playing bells with Beth during their Sunday SHINE time and will add other program music as we get closer to December 19.

SHINE STUDENTS!

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Kevin Thedens

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Greeters: Mike & Julie Rokes

Lawn Mowing: Doug & Sandy Lawry

Member Anniversaries

Richard Smith, 11/6/1966: 55 yrs

Weekly Order of Worship Online

Go online to our website: firstprescf.org and click on "Worship with Us." Click "read more" under the current Sunday's Order of Worship post. You may view this during worship on your smartphone.

***The password to the open WiFi in the church is
(all lower case): fpchurch***

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 items will go 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".

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

Sunday, October 31

10:30 am All Saints Sunday Worship, sanctuary
-Breakout Session for SHINE

11:45 am Social Time, west lawn

Monday, November 1

10:00 am Lectionary Study, dining room

Wednesday, November 3

6:30 pm CYF Meeting, Zoom

Thursday, November 4

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

A Stewardship Message From Children, Youth and Family Ministry



The Children Youth & Family Ministry Committee have found the past year and a half to be both challenging and rewarding as we created new and different opportunities to connect with our families. It has been difficult not to gather on Wednesday evenings for our typical SHINE program. However, it was a joy to welcome Betsy Thompson into our church family as the virtual SHINE leader. During the 2020-21 school year, Betsy led two age groups for SHINE on alternating Wednesdays.

Our committee created and hand-delivered monthly activity bags with crafts and fun treats to let each child know our congregation was thinking of them while our church building was closed. A favorite of our family's was the Advent kit, with our own personal advent wreath to light each week.

We gifted Bibles to Kindergarteners and 3rd graders by delivering them to children's homes. Four of our children and youth were able to attend camp at Lake Okoboji, and they truly appreciated that opportunity. Several families attended an outdoor event in June and were so happy to see each other in person again. We held our second annual backpack blessing at Washington Park and the children were able to color backpack tags and receive a blessing for their upcoming school year from Pastor Julie.

In September, we began meeting in person with Sunday SHINE. The children stay in worship through the children's chat, then head downstairs for music and a faith-based activity. We are actively looking for personnel to assist in the nursery and a lead teacher for Sunday SHINE. In the meantime, we've hired Betsy Thompson to coordinate and plan curriculum for the volunteers. We are planning a Christmas program and are looking forward to reintroducing many other children's activities in a safe, responsible way throughout the coming year.

The pandemic has made it harder to SEE how your financial gifts are reaching our kids. But each time you get a glimpse of their smiling faces, either in person or in a photo, know that you truly are making a difference for our children, youth and families here at First Presbyterian. This is a special church, and with your assistance our kids are growing in faith, uniting in love, and reaching out to others. Thank you all.

Kat Braley,

Chair of the Children Youth & Family Ministry Committee

CHILDCARE PROVIDER (Nursery)

Person to work with volunteers giving care to infants/toddlers and preschool children in the church nursery.

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.

Skills/Qualifications:

Experience caring for infants, toddlers and pre-school children

Knowledge of child development and age-appropriate activities.

Strong verbal 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](#)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEAD TEACHER

8 hours per week

Teaching 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

Compensation: \$19 - \$21 hourly

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

We need YOU to be a greeter!

Please sign up in the narthex or online:

[Sign Up Genius: Greeters](#)



Thank You

Dear Members of First Presbyterian,
We received your contribution for the ministry of Lakeshore Center on Okoboji. We hope that Lakeshore will always be a place where adults and children hear the stories of Jesus and God's call in their lives. We gratefully acknowledge your gift of \$1500 toward this work.

For the staff and Board,

Rev. David Feltman

This gift was from our local mission budget.

Thank You!

We had a great response for our personal care-feminine hygiene drive. Our kids had fun collecting in their costumes and collecting a Noisy Offering for UNICEF (amount raised TBA.)

