



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

September 29, 2021

Worship
Join us weekly on
our website:
Firstprescf.org

This Weekend's Worship – 10:30 am
World Communion Sunday - Peacemaking Offering

Fall Series: Changing the World with Lovingkindness

Sermon: Pentecost in September???

Scripture: Acts 2:1-13, Acts 2:42-47

Communion Week: If you are joining us remotely, you may want to prepare some elements for communion. God can use whatever you have on hand!

Prayer of Preparation

God of compassion,
We are all different.

We speak different languages,
we have different customs, foods,
faiths, and families. We are all different,
and we are all worthy of love.

Help us to share compassion with the
world. Amen.



Pastor's Ponderings - Big Picture Compassion

In the words of Illustrated Ministry, "Seeing the big picture means we are able to see beyond our own context. We can see ourselves as part of a family, a worshiping community, a neighborhood, and also as part of the larger world, a world full of different cultures and languages of which our own is one. This Sunday will engage the story in Acts 2, reflecting upon the mystery of **Pentecost** and having compassion for all creation, including people and places we do not yet know. Pentecost reminds us that this world is vast, and that there are people out there we may never meet and places we may never see. Can we have compassion for all people and all of creation, even if we do not see or know them? Yes, we can!" I look forward to celebrating Pentecost for the second time this year (we've got to catch up for 2020). Wear fiery colors if you've got 'em!

Your fellow Compassion Camper,

Pastor Julie

Church Birthdays

Oct. 5– Dee Lynch, 6-Ken TeSlaa, Mike McRoberts, 9-Jim Zimmer, 11-Vanda McRoberts

For your prayers...

Pastor Julie's grandmother

Notice...

Sunday, October 3

10:30 am Worship
- Beakout Learning Session for PreK-5th Gr.
11:15 am Social Time on the west lawn

Coming Soon...

Sunday, October 10

10:30 am Worship
- Beakout Learning Session for PreK-5th Gr.
- Photo Session for Shine Children and Youth

11:15 am Social Time on the west lawn

3:00 pm Outdoor Fellowship

Tuesday, October 12

Fall yard cleaning day,
9:00 am - noon

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Thanks for serving last week:

Computer Operator: Kirk Eastman

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Greeters: Gus & Shirley Hill

Lawn Mowing: Kirk Eastman

Member Anniversaries

Harlon Eckhoff, 10/5/51 - 70 yrs

Jolene Moon, 10/16/11 - 10 yrs

Louann Flaherty, 10/16/11 - 10 yrs

Lance Zimmer, 10/17/01 - 20 yrs

Food Bank Personal Care Drive

"I was taking one of my clients to the Food Bank and observed that each woman was told they had period products available that day and observed that the women were so very surprised and grateful. I proposed to the Community Ministry Team that we might want to concentrate on feminine hygiene products for our personal care drive in October to benefit the Northeast Iowa Foodbank. We will have **tubs available in the entry during the month of October**, or monetary donations can be given in the office and we will purchase items as well."



Thank you,

Jenny Allen and the Community Ministry Team

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

Friday afternoon-Saturday morning: Our parking lot will be unavailable. UNI Students will be using the lot for parade staging and activities.

Sunday, October 3

10:30 am Worship, sanctuary
-Breakout sessions for PreK-5th Grade

10:45 am Social Time, west lawn

Monday, October 4

10:00 am Lectionary Study, dining room

Wednesday, October 6

10:00 am Working for Justice, Zoom

6:30 pm CYF Team, Zoom

Thursday, October 7

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

Outdoor Fellowship for All Ages!

Mark your calendars for a fun get-together on Sunday, October 10, 3:00 pm in the church parking lot. Bring your own chairs and/or blankets for music, games and fellowship.

Cleaning Day

We will have an outdoor church cleaning day on Tuesday, October 12 from 9:00 am - noon. Please bring rakes and other yard tools. The rain date is Thursday, October 14.

Attention SHINE Families!

Save the Date for Sunday, October 10th. The Deacons will be taking a group photo of the SHINE kids to use on greeting cards to send to our homebound members. Seeing the kids' bright smiles will bring them joy! The photo will be taken during Sunday SHINE/church service, so all you have to do is come to church that day!

SHINE Children and Youth

Children Birth to Age 4 are in the Nursery/Preschool.

Children Age 5 to 5th Grade will join the congregation in worship. After the Children's Chat they will be invited to go to Sunday SHINE activities.

We are asking for volunteers in the nursery. Requirements for being a helper are enjoying and nurturing our little ones. Compensations are smiles, hugs and grateful parents.

Contact Sue Luck (sbearluck@cfu.net) to help.

Contact Pastor Julie (pastor@firstprescf.org) if you would like help in the 5 yr-5th Grade classes.

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](#)

Thank you!



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – Peace & Global Witness Offering – October 3

Peace & Global Witness seeks to join in Paul's prayer in 2 Thess. 3:16, "peace at all times in all ways," by equipping the Church with the tools to accompany those who have experienced violence, building awareness and solidarity through educational resources and through relationships with active peacemakers, and expanding to advocacy in support of those who suffer. It is deepened through the 25% mid councils retain and the 25% our congregation retains and commits to use on the efforts to which God is most strongly calling them in their community or around the world. Checks may be made payable to the church with 'peacemaking' on the memo.



An Invitation from Our Mission Executive

Friends,
I would like to invite you to join me on either of the two upcoming mission trips. The mission delegation to the **U.S.-Mexico border** will be on December 4-10. The mission study trip to **Israel-Palestine** will be next March 3-16. Please see attached flyers for more details. A few partial scholarships are available. If you have questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Grace and peace, Amgad Beblawi - Presbyteries of Prospect Hill, Des Moines, North Central Iowa

Marie Heisterkamp Funeral

The funeral service for Marie Heisterkamp is open to the public and will be October 2, 11:00 am in the New Al-daya Chapel.



Blessings and Best Wishes, Tammy!

It is with regret that we announce the departure of our custodian, Tammy Courbat.

Please do not send financial gifts for Tammy to the church office. If you wish to give her a financial gift, please do so directly. Tammy has received a gift from the church as a token of our gratitude.



New Custodian

Duane Dean has accepted the position as our new part-time custodian. We are pleased that he will be sharing his talents and his work as a member of our staff. Welcome Duane!

From Community Ministries

When you drop in at the church office, or, when on your way to the sanctuary, please pause.

Take a few minutes to read updates to the large Community Ministries bulletin board.

The quarterly report figures provided reflect our congregation's support to designated funds.

Thank you for all the many ways you support these community and Presbyterian USA projects.



WORKING for JUSTICE: BREAKING BIAS

New members are welcome anytime! We meet on Zoom Wednesday mornings from 10-11 AM. The group continues to learn more about structural racism and systemic poverty. This fall, we are reading and discussing the book "No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice" by Shannon Craigo-Snell & Christopher J. Doucot.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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](#)

