



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

November 3, 2021

Worship
Join us weekly on
our website:
Firstprescf.org

This Weekend's Worship
10:30 am

Commitment Sunday

Please remember to return the pledge cards you received in this week's mail.

Sermon: "System Error"

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

Communion Preparation: We will celebrate communion this Sunday. If you are joining us remotely, prepare your worship space with whatever representation of bread and wine you have on hand. God meets us where we are and uses what we have!

**REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS THIS SUNDAY!!**

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God,
We are not sure what restoration for this world will look like, but we're pretty sure it'll feel like this—
a meal where all are fed,
a place where all are welcomed,
and a table with a seat saved for each and every one of us.
Remind us of this truth in the coming day, and continue to restore all of us to you. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Church Birthdays

Nov. 4-Madison Sjolander, 6-Jim Duncan, 10-Phil Batchelder, 11-Jean Berry, 12-Ned Ratekin, Brooke Barber, 13-Patti Zeschke

**For your prayers...
Tom Mulligan**

Bruce McCart and 'Pete' McCart

Brian Vandewater, father-in-law of Heather (King) Vandewater

Parker Connolly (son of Jenny & Scott Connolly)

**Notice...
Sunday, November 7
Daylight Savings Time**

Ends
Stewardship Sunday
Veterans Appreciation

Our Monday Lectionary Series will be on hiatus for the remainder of the year.

NE Iowa Food Bank for November



Remember to GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART as you gather food items from the list provided **here**. Your collection of non-perishable foods can look

like the one pictured here if you gather one item from the list for each of the days, November 1-21. Place your grocery items in a basket or box and drop it off at the church library *before* Monday, November 21st. Community Ministries team members will deliver your generous contributions to the NE Iowa Food Bank promptly, the morning of November 21st.

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".

A Stewardship Message



On Sunday I mentioned some special people. People most of you knew. People that sat in the pews where you now sit. For these people, this church was their spiritual home – and much more. It's the place where couples were married and began a new life together, children were baptized, youth came to know Christ, and sadly, where we said earthly "goodbyes" to family and friends. This is the place they gathered for worship and fellowship, enjoyed meals in the dining room, planned activities and reached out to others in mission.

They also remembered First Presbyterian Church in their wills and trusts. They are:

Jim & Nancy LaRue

Ima Jean Tjepkes

Barbara Darling & Barbara Yeager

Dorothy Horn (scholarship)

Donna & Greg Hickman Trust (first \$1000 goes to church scholarship fund annually)

Westminster Fund (campus ministry)

These donations have been conservatively invested and next year will contribute \$15,000 for scholarships, college ministry and our operating budget. Of course, the budget funds our staff, our building, our ministry and our mission projects.

You, too, can leave a legacy to support the ministry of your church, ensuring that the congregation that has nurtured your spiritual life and served your community thrives for generations to come. There are many ways to do that. You can name the church a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or a beneficiary in your retirement plans. You can name the church in your will or in a trust. You could leave the church real estate or property.

An important thing to note is that the church does not pay taxes on the proceeds from tax deferred retirement accounts such as IRAs, 401(k)s and 403(b)s. Your children or grandchildren will pay taxes on monies received from these accounts, so when leaving money to the church, it's better to leave money from these types of accounts and leave assets that will not be taxed such as cash, banks accounts, brokerage accounts, stock, jewelry, real estate and other things of value to your family members.

Each will is unique and should be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of each individual. For this reason, you should consult a lawyer and financial planner to assist you in drafting your will and estate plan.

You can bless your church, its ministry and the generations of Christians who follow you with a gift to your church in your estate. And it doesn't have to be complicated, in fact it can be very simple.

You should receive a letter and financial commitment card in the mail this week. If you don't receive the letter, please contact the church office to receive one.

Neal Leeper

Memorials

Memorials are gifts given to the church in memory of those who have gone before us. This year memorial gifts have been used with permission from family members to replace an amplifier in the sound system and support our adult education program. The memorial gifts were in memory of:

Lois Boyd

Dorothy Brown

Joyce Clouse

Pat Erusha

Josh Herndon

Joyce Hufferd

Dorothy Lakin

Jim LaRue

Dorothy Lemon

Pat Rasmusson

Marge Rickard

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Kay Leeper

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Videographer: Gary Clark

Greeters: Mike & Julie Rokes

Lawn Mowing: Doug & Sandy Lawry

Parking Lot Sign, office tool kit: Jim Seeley

Coffee Sale: Margaret Clark

Office Help: Nancy Hoppe, Jane Seeley

Magnetic Door Repair: Neal Leeper

THANK YOU!



We would like to recognize the military veterans from our congregation in honor of Veterans Day. Your service and dedication is very appreciated!

Neil Clapp - Army

Neal Leeper - Navy

Gary Clark - Air Force

Dave Luck - Army

Jim Duncan - Navy

Mark Mortenson - Army

Darrel Flater - Army

Holger Peterson - Army

Bob Hall - National Guard

Mel Reimer - Army

Gus Hill - Navy

Laurie Reimer Clark - Army

Tim King - Navy

Walt Stephenson - Air Force

Doug Lawry - Army

Darrel Wilken - Navy

Weekly Order of Worship Online

Go to our website: firstprescf.org and click on "Worship with Us." Click "read more" under the current Order of Worship post.

Or you may scan the QR Code.

You may view this during worship on your smartphone.



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

We need YOU to be a greeter!

Please sign up in the narthex or online:

[Sign Up Genius: Greeters](#)



Thank You!

We collected \$298.97 on Sunday, October 24 from our Noisy Offering for UNICEF. Thanks to our SHINE kids and Ministry Team!

Thank You

We appreciate all the support we have received from our church family after Tom's heart attack. He is home and doing really well.

- Tom & Jeverna Mulligan

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

Wednesday, November 3

6:30 pm CYF Meeting, Zoom

Thursday, November 4

10:00 am Investment Committee, dining room

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

Saturday, November 6

9:30 am Sarah Circle, dining room

Pledge Sunday, Nov. 7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

10:30 am Sunday Worship /Communion, sanctuary
-Breakout Session for SHINE

11:45 am Social Time, west lawn

Tuesday, November 9

6:30 pm Session Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, November 3

10:00 am Working For Justice, Zoom

SHINE FAMILIES!

See the letter attached to this email for information about our upcoming **Christmas Program Pageant** on December 19.

HOLIDAY COFFEE & CHOCOLATE SALE

At the start of the pandemic, the red bagged Fair Trade coffee & chocolate was placed in the freezer. These products were always made available at cost to promote Fair Trade. It was not a fundraiser. We will no longer be selling coffee or chocolate. In order to recoup our expenses, you may purchase these remaining bags on in the narthex on Sunday, Nov. 7 and 14 or when supply is gone- whichever comes first. No orders taken-first come, first served. Minimum donation requested: \$8 coffee; \$6 chocolate. (Church's cost was \$10 coffee, \$7 chocolate.) This transaction will not show on your giving statement. THANK YOU!