



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

January 19, 2022

10:30 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



This Weekend's Worship

Jesus Reads Isaiah

Sermon: Good Trouble

Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Prayer of Preparation

Holy One, Liberator of the captive and Lover of the outcast, may your Spirit move among us. Keep us fixated on Sacred Possibilities of a world rich in justice and overflowing with love. Do not let us get distracted from the causes of our neighbor or swept away by the spirit of despair. For in you, we trust we are more powerful than we can even begin to imagine. Thanks be to you who makes it so. Amen.

CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS NOTICE

Session voted unanimously January 11, 2022 on the following proposed By-Laws changes as presented December 15, 2021. Please read through these changes in preparation for you vote on January 30. They will now be voted upon by the congregation at the Annual Meeting January 30, 2022.

Article IV Membership: by deleting "inactive members" and inserting "and others." The sentence will then read: "Categories of membership in this church include baptized members, active members, affiliate members, and others."

Rational: This complies with the Presbytery By-Laws.

Article VI The Session, Section 5 Meetings: regarding electronic notification of meetings and electronic voting by adding the following points.

Meetings may be held electronically and are subject to the same requirements as those held in person.

Notice of such meetings shall be given in writing electronically or via regular mail not less than one week prior there to.

Voting at a meeting by an absent Elder, Deacon, or Ministry Team/Committee member shall be allowed via an electronic presence (real-time video or telephone), e-mail, or written communication.

Rational: To comply with current practices.

Article VIII Nominations, Section 1 Nominating Committee: by changing the requirements to read:

A Nominating Committee shall be formed annually with the following membership:

- A. From two Elders to: *One Elder selected by the Session, whom will be designated chair of the committee.*
- B. One *Deacon* member from the Board of Deacons, selected by the Board of Deacons.
- C. From four members and two alternates to: *Three members from the congregation elected at the Annual Meeting.*
- D. The pastor shall be an ex-officio member.

Rational: A decrease in number of committee members to reflect the decreased number of members of the governing bodies and offer realistic expectations for congregational representation.

Church Birthdays

Jan. 19-Chad Lee, 20-Margaret Clark 22-Kenadie Courbat, 26-Brad Braley, 27-Tom Mulligan, Duane Dean, 28-A.J. Seeley

For your prayers...

Ellie Tompkins

Rob Cline

Notice...

ANNUAL MEETING

January 30.

Our annual meeting will be January 30 during worship. We will be voting on our budget, the pastor's terms of call, and new officers. Copies of the annual report will be made available one week before the meeting.

There will be a **forum to discuss the annual report at 9:30 am** prior to the service that day.

Greeter Sign Up:

[Sign Up Genius: Greeters](#)

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up Genius: Worship Leaders](#)

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Nancy Hoppe

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Computer Operator: Scott Connolly

Audio Archive for Worship: Eric Braley

Safe Ministry Building Security Notice!

As a welcoming congregation, we are aware that occasionally people in need come into our building looking for assistance.

The Safe Ministry Team has listened to concerns from members regarding building security after Sunday worship and other times when limited numbers of people are present.

Therefore, the ongoing protocol will be when there are no other activities, on Sundays the building **WILL BE LOCKED at 11:45 am** after worship.

You can stay later, but when you leave the building the door will lock behind you, and you cannot get back in without a key.

The Cedar Falls Mennonites are aware of this protocol.

The building will also be locked during the week when unoccupied, whether by Presbyterians or Mennonites.

(A staff member may be present even if there are no cars in the parking lot.)

Thank you for your understanding in this matter, as we maintain a safe, comfortable environment without compromising our mission and ministry.

Souperbowl of Caring

We will be collecting a noisy offering and non-perishable food items for Souperbowl of Caring on Sunday, January 13. More details to come.

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

Wednesday, January 19

10:00 am Working for Justice, Zoom

1:30 pm Personnel Meeting, dining room

Thursday, January 20

5:30 pm Community Ministries, Zoom

Sunday, January 23

10:30 am Sunday Worship, sanctuary
-SHINE breakout sessions

Wednesday, January 26

10:00 am Working for Justice, Zoom

2021 Financial Giving Statements are in the narthex. Please pick yours up and save us postage!

Congratulations

Matthew and Jenna Rokes had baby girl, Addyson Lauren, on Tuesday, January 18. Mike & Julie Rokes are her grandparents.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who sent cards and emails following my shoulder replacement surgery. I'm grateful for all of your care and concern.

Rob Cline

Found items

In the narthex are a pair of ladies black gloves and a denim tote bag.

Working for Justice: Breaking Bias

Our book discussion for January continues through the 26!

To join us for the February session....

Reading and Discussion for February 2022

DEAR CHURCH: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S. by Lenny Duncan

Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice.

Discussion Schedule:

Discussions are Wednesday mornings at 10 AM on Zoom.

February 2: Introduction and Chapters 1, 2, 3

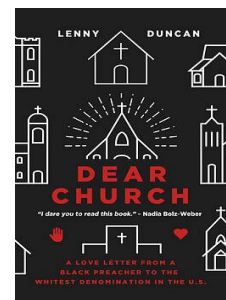
February 9: Chapters 4 & 5

February 16: Chapters 6, 7, 8

February 23: Chapters 9, 10, 11

Purchase your book, mark your calendars, start your reading, and plan to join us!! All are welcome!

**Contact the church to participate.



Souperbowl of Caring, February 13

Watch for our Souperbowl of Caring event on Sunday, Feb. 13. There will be a noisy offering during worship.

We will also be collecting food. A few kids/youth will be taking non-perishable food donations in the north-east entrance.

Watch for more details soon!



HIRING NOW – Begins immediately

Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Ministry Leader

16 hours a week scheduled over 41 weeks

NOTE: This position is a rewarding and unique opportunity to share in the ministry of our church. If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this position, please contact the church office for more information. We encourage you to share this notice with others from the surrounding community and help us actively seek to fill this opening. Advertising materials suitable for posting are available upon request from the church office.

We are pleased to announce the opening of the staff position for a CYF Ministry Leader. The CYF Ministry Leader provides the leadership and support that engages our children, youth and their families in a sound biblically based faith programming in a safe welcoming environment.

We are seeking an individual who has the ability to excite and inspire children and youth. Someone with a solid foundation of progressive Christian values and beliefs, and education or experience in childhood education with experience in Christian education for children and youth preferred.

This person will be working with our CYF team and church member volunteers to teach children's programming on Sunday mornings September through May, provide leadership in the summer for Bible School activities, and for other seasonal events throughout the year. Additional activities may require evening or occasional week-end time.

The position allows flexible hours for planning including some regular office time and virtual meetings (Zoom), along with an ability to work from home.

Anyone interested in applying for this position, please contact the church office, office@firstprescf.org or 319-277-3930 or for a more detailed description of the position, qualifications and an application form.

We welcome applications from all qualified individuals on an equal opportunity basis as defined in the Equal Opportunity and Accommodations policy of Session (available on request).