



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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February 2, 2022

10:30 am  
Sunday Worship  
[Firstprescf.org](http://Firstprescf.org)



### This Weekend's Worship

#### Congregational Vitality - Communion

Sermon: Row Out Farther

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

**Worshiping from home?** We will celebrate communion this Sunday. 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!

### Prayer of Preparation

God of Provision, you call us out to the deep water, remind us that we need not be afraid.

Help us see that we are not alone.

Christ has gone before us and we have partners in other boats beside us,

May we let down our nets, joyfully expecting your abundant provision.

### Matthew 25 Initiative – Spotlight on Congregational Vitality

Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Exhorted to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. As we engage in this work, our vitality grows.

Vitality isn't a number. It's not about how many members we have, or how large our budget is, or even how many baptisms we celebrate each year. Rather, it's a mindset and commitment to re-energize and live out your church's faith in your community and the world. Vitality is a passion for following Jesus—growing in faith and discipleship, embracing people beyond your church walls, working for justice and reconciliation, and serving your neighbors in need. It's a way of life that sees with Christ's eyes and uses your collective gifts to really make a difference. Of course, every community is different and faces its own challenges. Growing in vitality always requires prayer and discernment to figure out how you are called.

We believe that "Where Christ is, there is the true Church" (F-1.0303). Matthew 25 shows us that Christ is with people who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, or in prison. If we wish to serve Christ, we must serve with (and learn from) these same people in our witness, work, and worship. In this mission we encounter Christ, the life of the world, and congregations find true vitality.



### Church Birthdays

Feb. 7-Julie Rokes, 8-Bob Hall, Dave Luck

### Notice...

#### Tuesday, February 8

Pastor Julie and Lynette will be having an extended staff meeting for yearly planning at 9:30 am.

#### Sunday, February 13

Souperbowl of Caring and Noisy Offering.

### Office Note:

Pastor Julie will be out of the office February 9-15.

### Safe Ministry Building Security Notice!

When there are no other activities, on Sundays the building **WILL BE LOCKED at 11:45 am** after worship.

### Greeter Sign Up:

[Sign Up Genius: Greeters](#)

### Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up Genius: Worship Leaders](#)

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Worship Leader:** Judy Burfeind

**Videographer:** Gary Clark

**Computer Operator:** Kirk Eastman

**Annual Report Presenters:** Hope Goering, Sue Luck, Neal Leeper, Jane Seeley, Margaret Clark

**Audio Archive for Worship:** Eric Braley

## Thank You

“Para la familia muchas gracias por todo. Feliz Navidad!”

[For the family-thank you very much for everything.  
Merry Christmas.]

Que pasen una Feliz Navidad y un Propero Ano Nuevo con su familia.”

[Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with your family.]

Gaspar Rameriz (Our Adopt-A-Family)

## Thank You

Dear Friends of the Food Bank,

We would like to thank you for your recent contribution of \$332. Our mission is to provide nutritious food and grocery products to those in need. Because of you, we have been able to meet the growing need.

Barb Prather, Executive Director

Alisha Rulapaugh, Director of Engagement

*Monies were collected during our 'Give Thanks' food drive.*

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

### Wednesday, February 2

10:00 am Working for Justice, Zoom

1:30 pm Personnel Team, dining room

### Thursday, February 3

1:00 pm Esther Circle, Zoom

### Sunday, February 6

10:30 am Worship, sanctuary

-SHINE breakout sessions

### Tuesday, February 8

9:30 am Staff Meeting, conference room

6:30 pm Session Meeting, Zoom

### Wednesday, February 9

10:00 am Working for Justice, Zoom

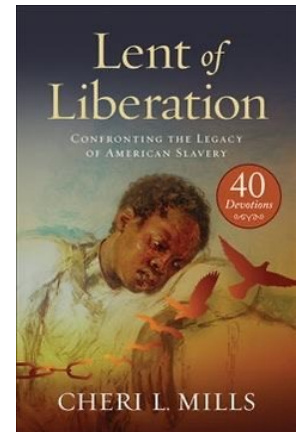
## 2022 Lenten Devotional – Lent of Liberation

As a Matthew 25 Church, we have committed to the work of dismantling structural racism. The key first step in this work is to listen openly to the stories of those who regularly encounter discrimination, bias, prejudice, and oppression.

To that end, our 2022 Lenten Devotional is “Lent of Liberation: Confronting the Legacy of American Slavery”

This Lenten devotional invites us to learn more about the brutal institution of slavery and its impact on Black people in America and recognize how its evolution and legacy continue to harm the United States today.

Each of the forty devotions includes the testimony of a person who escaped slavery through the Underground Railroad, a Scripture passage, and a reflection connecting biblical and historical themes of liberation. Reflecting on Lenten themes of exodus, redemption, discipline, and repentance, readers, both Black and white, will be empowered for the work of racial justice. Find more information and links to booksellers [here](#). Information about Lenten conversation groups is forthcoming.



## Stewardship Supplies

Boxes offering envelopes are in the narthex for anyone who wishes to use them.

## How to reach the pastor, the Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee:

Through Lynette Cline in the church office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm: 277-3930 or [office@firstprescf.org](mailto:office@firstprescf.org)

E-mail: [pastor@firstprescf.org](mailto:pastor@firstprescf.org)

Friday is Pastor Julie's Sabbath day. General correspondence will not be answered until she returns to the office.

Call the office for a contact number for pastoral emergencies.

Thank you!

## 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 northeast entrance on that day.**

If you are unable to attend that day and wish to bring food items, please put them in the church library. A cart is available in the entryway.



### **Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Ministry Leader**

*Job Position: 16 hours a week scheduled over 41 weeks*

*NOTE: please contact the church: [office@firstprescf.org](mailto:office@firstprescf.org) or 319-277-3930 for a more detailed description and application form.*

This person will be working with our CYF team and 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 and virtual meetings (Zoom), along with an ability to work from home.

## Summer Camp at Lakeshore Center

Lakeshore is firmly rooted in our belief that God's love is infinite, joyful, and free to ALL. Everyone is welcomed, loved, and valued at Lakeshore. Our primary goal at summer camp is to share this love with every single camper and help them to grow—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—into the unique people our loving God has created them to be. (And have as much fun as possible while we're at it!)

*Summer 2022 Theme is "What's in a Name?"*

Names have great power. We will be reminded that God knows us and calls us each by name into a relationship. Along the journey, we discover who we are and how God equips us to care for others. As we grow, learn, and discover our true self, we define our own name and find our place as a child of God. Learn more here: [Summer Camp at Lakeshore Center](#)

***Friends— We are asking for YOUR DONATIONS to help send our kids to camp! Make checks payable to our church with "camp" on the memo. Any amounts gratefully accepted.***

### **Scholarship Opportunity**

The Dorothy Horn Scholarship provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa. Dorothy Horn's estate established this scholarship endowment, administered by our church.

Contact the office: **277-3930** or email: [office@firstprescf.org](mailto:office@firstprescf.org) for an application. The deadline is **April 1, 2022**.



### **Congratulations!**

7th and 8th grade US history teacher Scott Connolly on being awarded the KWWL Tools For School Grant. Scott teaches at Dike- New Hartford Junior High. The grant money will be used for project supplies for Natural History day.