



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

March 3, 2022

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



## Prayer Poem of Preparation "Speak A Word"

### Life-Giving God,

May I speak a word of hope  
into someone's spirit today;  
extolling the promise and  
potential offered in each  
new rising sun.

May I speak a word of joy  
into someone's spirit today;  
illuminating their worth, beauty,  
and blessing just as they are.

May I speak a word of victory  
into someone's spirit today;  
reminding them that they carry  
within themselves a power greater  
than evil.

May I speak a word of love  
into someone's spirit today;  
freely offering the agape of God  
without condition.

May I speak a word of peace  
into someone's spirit today;  
offering the quiet strength of  
restraint over retort.

As I prepare to offer these gifts  
of the Spirit, may I recall  
that I cannot offer what I do not  
have.

Therefore, may

Hope,  
Joy,  
Victory,  
Love, and  
Peace

reside within me as well. Amen.



### Church Birthdays

Mar. 3– Vera Brunskill,  
9-Jo Moon, 10-Melody  
Brindle, 13-Shirley Hill

### Sympathy to...

Rachel Larson, on the  
death of her grandfather

### Congratulations...

Dennis & Sally Wetherell  
have a new great-  
grandson, Noah.

### For your prayers...

Tim Boller (**Jean Boller's**  
husband)

**Gabby and Gracie Lee's**  
schoolmate who is an ex-  
change student from the  
Ukraine.

### Notice...

There will be no SHINE on  
Sunday, March 13 due to  
spring break. Nursery care  
will still be available.

### Greeter Sign Up:

[Sign Up Genius: Greeters](#)

### Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up Genius: Worship  
Leaders](#)

**Thanks for serving last week:**

**Worship Leader:** Lynette Cline

**Videographer:** Neal Leeper

**Computer Operator:** Rob Cline

**Greeters:** Jean Boller, Dot Clausen, Gus Hill

**Ash Wednesday Greeters:** Jean Boller, Kevin & Jan Thedens

**Ash Wednesday Communion:** Mike & Julie Rokes

**Plant Care:** Jane Seeley

**Snow Removal:** Jim Seeley, Gary Clark

**Office Substitute:** Nancy Hoppe

**Note about memorial giving:**

Just a reminder that we request memorial donations by check be written out *separately* from other giving or use cash. Memorials have their own separate checking account. We receive very little cash anymore in the offering plate (this was a trend before Covid), and therefore we may be unable to split the total deposit into the two different accounts. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



**Memorials**



**All other giving**

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

**Thursday, March 3**

1:00 pm Esther Circle, Zoom

**Saturday, March 5**

9:30 am Sarah Circle, upper classroom

**Sunday, March 6**

10:30 am Worship with Communion, sanctuary  
-SHINE breakout sessions

**Tuesday, March 8**

6:30 pm Session Meeting, Zoom

**Wednesday, March 9**

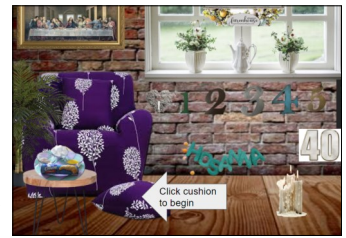
10:00 am Working for Justice, Zoom  
6:30 pm Lenten Reflections, sanctuary

**Thursday, March 10**

5:30 pm Community Ministries, Zoom

**Lenten Classroom for SHINE**

Children, youth and their families are invited to explore and observe Lent in our Google Classroom. Visit this site for books, activities, recipes, music and more! We hope your Lenten journey is enriched through these offerings. [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1\\_LHHEX\\_HFUX83UflYQ5XL3swzZQavr7DvLJRXOEywpA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1_LHHEX_HFUX83UflYQ5XL3swzZQavr7DvLJRXOEywpA/edit?usp=sharing)



**Souperbowl of Caring**

We received 170 food items and \$139.03 in cash donations for Presbyterian Pantry, the food pantry at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waterloo.

**NOTES TO CHILDREN & YOUTH FAMILIES!**

- \*There will be NO SHINE on Sunday, March 13 for Spring Break. There will be nursery care still available. We will resume SHINE on March 20.
- \*We will not be offering childcare during the Lenten reflections on Wednesday nights this year. Coloring pages and other simple activities will be laid out to use.

**EASTER DONATIONS NEEDED!!**

We are looking for small items that can fit inside a plastic Easter egg (erasers, chocolate, stickers, etc.) to share with the SHINE families. Leave donations in the plastic tub in the library. The donation deadline is April 3. Thank you!



**Summer Camp at Lakeshore Center**

Our primary goal at summer camp is to share this love with every single camper and help them to grow—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Children and Youth can learn more here: [Summer Camp at Lakeshore Center](#)

**CAMPERSHIP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!!**

We are anticipating 5-6 campers attending or more!

**Make out checks to our church with 'camp' on the memo.**

**Working for Justice: Breaking Bias**  
**Spring Discussion Schedule Using “Lent of Liberation”**  
**Wednesdays, 10:00 am via ZOOM**  
**Anyone welcome! Contact us to receive the Zoom link.**

**Week One (Feb 28-March 6)**

Introduction (pgs. 1-6) and Day 1 (pgs. 7-9)

**Week Two (March 7-13)**

Days 2-8 (pgs. 10-29)

**March 14-20: SPRING BREAK-----NO MEETING**

**Week Three (March 21- 27)**

Days 9-21 (pgs. 30-62)

**Week Four (March 28-April 3)**

Days 22-28 (pgs. 63-79)

**Week Five (April 4-10)**

Days 29-35 (pgs. 80-96)

**Week Six (April 11-17)**

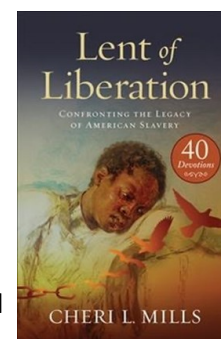
Days 36-40 and the Appendix (pgs. 97-117)

**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](#).



**Online Lenten Devotional**

Presbyterians Today has an online devotional available: "Lord, When Did We See You?--A Matthew 25 Lenten Experience."

[Presbyterian Mission Agency Lenten Devotional for 2022 | Presbyterians Today | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)

**Matthew 25 Initiative – Committing to the Call**

Last Sunday we committed to the Matthew 25 Initiative. By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, we are joining many other congregations helping to strengthen the work and witness to Jesus Christ in our communities. We are becoming more unified with other PC(USA) congregations as we become a more relevant presence in the world. The Matthew 25 vision also demonstrates our understanding as Presbyterian Christians that we are “saved to serve.” By committing to become a Matthew 25 church, **we are responding to Christ’s urgent call to be a church of action, where God’s love, justice, and mercy shine forth and are contagious.**

**Join a Lenten Reflection Group!**

We know that our spiritual formation cannot occur in isolation. It takes a community to support, teach, listen, and pray together. This Lent we will have 3 Lenten Reflection groups to choose from. All groups will base their reflections on our chosen Lenten devotional, “Lent of Liberation”. Please check out the meeting times below to see which one fits your schedule.

**10:00 am Wednesdays via Zoom** – this is our Working for Justice: Breaking Bias group. All are welcome to join regardless of whether you have attended WfJ:BB in the past. These sessions will last about 60 minutes.

**6:30 pm Wednesdays at First Pres.** – this group will gather at the church. These session will last between 30 and 40 minutes with some music, discussion, and prayer.

**These Days Devotionals**

The spring quarter of These Days are available in the narthex.