



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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March 30, 2022

10:30 am
Sunday Worship
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This Weekend's Worship Communion

Lenten Series: Roll Down, Justice

Sermon: "God Has Work for Us to Do:
Faithful Disciples"

Scripture: Isaiah 58:6-12

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

Spirit of God, Holy is your wisdom.

Reveal to us all that has narrowed our imagination,

confined our understanding of what church is to be and distorted our sense of what's possible.

Renew in us holy boldness.

Spur us to release what holds us back and embrace the simple, serious work of love. Amen.

Bearing Witness to Injustice is Worship

As you have attended worship in-person or online you may have noticed the wall adorned with names. They are names of enslaved people collected from our Lenten devotional book, Lent of Liberation, by Cheri Mills.



The people named not famous, but collectively they tell the story of enslaved people in America and their pursuit for freedom. By reading, pondering, and displaying publicly these names, we bear witness to their struggles, torture, bondage, and loss of family and dignity. These are not familiar names, but now we know of these people from the stories of what they endured. What they sacrificed to search for freedom. We learned about who they were as people. We learned how they were treated as property to be bought and sold, used and abused, we are learning about the false stories, suppressed stories, and how oppression has been passed down through generations.

Next time you are in the sanctuary, take a few moments to stand before this wall of witness. Read the names. Listen to their stories. Through their voices may we hear God's call to join together to fight for racial justice today. See information on page__ about how to join others in this conversation.

Special thanks to Kay Leeper who compiled these names from the book and created the display.

Church Birthdays

Apr. 2-Ray Burfeind, 3-Joyce Wellhouse, 4-Brad Jensen, 8-Dave Lemons

Wednesday, April 6

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper **for all ages**, dining room

Coming Soon...

- Holy Week Info: pg. 3
- Easter, Apr. 17
9:30 am— Refreshments for all ages, Egg Hunt
10:30 am Worship

There will be no Procession of the Cross this year on Good Friday. There may be one next year.

Volunteers can sign up anytime online:

Greeter Sign Up:

[Sign Up Genius: Greeters](#)

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up Genius: Worship Leaders](#)

Thanks for serving last week:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Betsy Thompson

Worship Leader: Nancy Hoppe

Videographer: Gary Clark

Computer Operator: Scott Connolly

Praise Team: Dave Luck, Kirk Eastman, Connie Herbon,
Brad Jensen, Brad Braley

Kitchen Cleaning: Shirley Hill, Margaret Clark, Jill
Mortenson, Dot Clausen, Jeverna Mulligan, Michelle
Luzaich, Sue Weinberg, Jean Boller, Jane Seeley

This week's schedule

Wednesday, March 30

6:30 pm "Lent of Liberation" Devotional Reflection
Series, dining room

7:30 pm Easter Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Saturday, April 2

9:30 am Sarah Circle, classroom

Sunday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 5

6:30 pm CYF Team, dining room

Wednesday, April 6

10:00 am Working for Justice, Zoom

5:30 pm Wednesday Supper and Shine Activities,
dining room

6:30 pm "Lent of Liberation" Devotional Reflection
Series, dining room

7:30 pm Easter Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, April 7

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

5:30 pm Community Ministries, Zoom

6:00 pm White Ally Training, dining room

Covid Protocols at Church

Starting April 1st if Community Spread Stays Low...

- The kitchen will be open and available for use.
- Masking will become welcome, but not required.
- All other COVID-19 protocol will be lifted.

Certain things will continue as they have proven helpful beyond Covid needs:

- Facebook Live and Vimeo recordings of worship.
- Using screens and website for the Order of Worship.
- Collect offering at the door.

***note:** If the Covid situation changes, we will enact the necessary protocol for everyone's wellbeing.

The Shine Kids' Giving Box for Clothes

During the March 20 Children's Chat, Pastor Julie encouraged our children to donate clothing, toys or similar items *in good condition* and leave them in the Giving Box on the hallway **table outside the Preschool Room**. We'd encourage this to just be a project for the children. Items will be collected during Lent until Easter Sunday.

Your Opportunities to Give:

- Presbyterian Disaster Relief to Ukraine. Donate online [here](#) or through our church, with "Ukraine" on the memo.
- One Great Hour of Sharing. Checks may be made payable to the church with "One Great Hour" on the memo.
- Northeast Iowa Food Bank's 2X Matching gifts expires on April 30. Checks should have 'Food Bank' on the memo.
- We still need campership donations for our kids to go to camp. The average fee is \$550. Donations can be made payable to our church with 'camp' on the memo. Children and Youth can learn more here: [Summer Camp at Lakeshore Center](#)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jay & Allison Christine Koontz on the birth of a daughter, of Hazel Louise, on Mar. 17. John Koontz and Melody Brindle are her grandparents.

Membership Anniversaries

Bonnie Smith: 4/5/1942 - 80 yrs.*

Richard & Maribelle Betterton: 4/22/2007 - 15 yrs.

Doug & Connie Herbon: 4/22/2007 - 15 yrs.

Tom & Jeverna Mulligan: 4/28/1977 - 45 yrs.

* *Bonnie Smith has the most years of membership.*

Anyone at the
church on
Wednesday,
April 6 is welcome to attend
the supper at
5:30 pm!!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
5:30 PM
@ THE CHURCH

**FAMILY
FELLOWSHIP
ACTIVITY**

We hope you can join us for
games, food, friends, and fun!



Wednesday Evening Lenten Devotional

“Lent of Liberation” Devotional Reflection Series meets March 30th and April 6th in the dining room at 6:30 pm. The March 30th Devotional theme is “Our limited Perspective.”

Leaders: Rev Julie Erkel Hagee & Neal Leeper with Connie Herbon on Piano

This week we are featuring Day 10 and 25 devotions from “Lent of Liberation” by Cheri Mills.

We will reflect on Jeremiah 22:13-17 & Acts 16:16-19 and the stories of two people who found themselves knocking at the door of the Underground Railroad seeking passage. Discussion will look at the wealth and privilege built on the business of African American slavery.

April 6th will be the last Lenten devotional for 2022. Theme is “Faith that does Justice”

Leaders are Rev Julie Erkel Hagee and Kay Leeper with Connie Herbon on piano.

Devotions will feature Day 33 and 38 from “Lent of Liberation” by Cheri Mills.

Scriptures will be Ezekiel 24:15-16, John 19:1-3, and John 19:25.

The stories are those of Cordelia Loney and Lewis Wilson and his family, people who sought to break free from silence and found their voice at the Underground Railroad depot.

How can we, disciples of Jesus Christ, take up the work of Christ in today's world?

Quota of the Cedar Valley Brunch

Quota of the Cedar Valley is hosting our 72nd annual brunch on April 24 from 9:30 to 12:30. Drive up is available from 11:30 to 12:30 but must be marked on the ticket stub. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 4-12. 3 and under free. Quota is non profit and sponsors many organizations in the Cedar Valley including Love, Inc, Wings of Refuge and provides over \$10,000 in scholarships to UNI students each year. You can text quotaofthecedarvalley@gmail.com or contact Denise Brown, Jo Moon or Sandy Lawry for tickets. Our theme this year is ‘Giving Back to the Community.’

Areas of Interest for Serving the Presbytery

Your time and talents are needed to help serve the Presbytery of North Central Iowa. Please complete [this form](#) and return it to the Presbytery Office.



Stand Up For Racial Justice -

WHITE ALLY TRAINING INTRODUCTORY MEETING

Please join us for an introductory meeting in the First Presbyterian lower level multi-purpose room on Thurs, Apr 7, 6:30-8:00 pm for a meeting to learn about the White Ally training session that will take place soon in the Cedar Valley. Attending this meeting is not a commitment to participate in training, but will provide you with an overview of the sessions so you can decide if you'd like participate.

The classes are based on materials from SURJ and are designed for white folks who are aspiring to be engaged in anti-racist work here. Each class will be made up of a small group of interested folks who will come together monthly, to learn together and develop effective means to be able to work along side their Black brothers and sisters.

Come prepared to connect with others, learn more about the White Ally resources we will be using, and how to sign up to participate in the upcoming training sessions.

This event is designed to engage and educate white people, but all are welcome to attend. Hosted by members of Cedar Falls Mennonite Church.

HOLY WEEK with Cedar Valley Presbyterians, PC(USA)

- **Maundy Thursday** - April 14, 2022 - 6:00 pm

Hosted at First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls -

902 Main Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Join us for a service of contemplation. Encounter, connect, and be transformed! All are welcome to partake in communion. Childcare will be available.

- **Good Friday** - April 15, 2022 - 6:00 pm

Hosted at First Presbyterian Church of Waterloo -

[505 Franklin Street, Waterloo, Iowa 50703](#)

This service will feature a joint choir that blends together voices from our churches. The congregation will have the opportunity to come forward and place nails in the cross. Childcare will be available.

Westminster, Unity, and Cedar Heights Presbyterian Churches will also participate.