



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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March 9, 2022

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



### This Weekend's Worship

Lenten Series: Roll Down, Justice Sermon:

How Long: Renouncing Evil Scripture: Psalm 13

### Lamenting Injustice is Worship

*Think of a time when you felt like God had forgotten you? What brought that feeling about?*

Over half of the liturgical songs of

the Israelites were Psalms of Lament. Penned in a time of exile and persecution, these were poets trying to give voice to the pain of the people. Today we lament the injustice of our time and yet, like the Psalms of Lament, we end in praise anyway for "God is good, all the time." We remember that even and especially in times of despair, through our baptism we are given the "freedom and power to resist evil in all its forms" as we "put our whole trust in God." How will we put these words into action to show hope to the world?

### Covid Protocols at Church

It was difficult to apply covid protocols (masking, social distancing, sanitizing, etc.) when the pandemic began. It's equally as difficult to remove the protective actions we've taken as the pandemic winds down and becomes endemic, like the seasonal flu or common cold.

Therefore, the Session has decided to slowly ease off the covid restrictions between now and April 1<sup>st</sup>. This way, everyone has time to prepare for further easing on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Starting Immediately, We Welcome...

- Congregational singing while masked during our worship services.
- Live music from the Praise Band and soloists without masks, but at a distance.
- Removal of distancing ribbons from the *outside rows of pews*.
- Use of *all rooms* in the building (including the Dining Room) for meetings and gatherings of church groups and other community groups.

#### We Will Continue To...

- Offer Facebook Live and Vimeo recordings of worship services.
- Utilize screens and website to share the Order of Worship.
- Collect offering at the door.
- Gather outside after worship when the weather permits.

We've found that these changes have been helpful beyond protocol needs.

#### Starting April 1<sup>st</sup> Provided 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.

**\*Please note:** while we hope that it will not be necessary to reintroduce mask wearing or social distancing, we do not know what the future brings. If the situation changes, we will enact whatever restrictions are necessary for the wellbeing and health of the congregation and all those who use our building.

In the meantime, enjoy springtime and we look forward to seeing you in worship where we share the love of Jesus Christ with our members, our neighbors, and everyone in God's kin-dom.

### Church Birthdays

Mar. 9-Jo Moon, 10-Melody Brindle, 13-Shirley Hill, 17-Gary Sabey, A.J. Humpal, Maya Humpal, 18-Patti Humpal, Lance Zimmer, 20-Roger Dean, Scott Connolly

**Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 13!**

### Nursery Notice:

We will be no childcare during the Lenten reflections on Wednesday nights. Quiet activities will be laid out to use.

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

### For your prayers...

Tim Boller (Jean Boller's husband)

Gabby and Gracie Lee's schoolmate from Ukraine.

**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:

**Videographer:** Gary Clark

**Computer Operator:** Dave Luck

**Greeters:** Kevin & Jan Thedens

**Communion Preparers:** Rob & Lynette Cline

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

## Women's Spring Retreat, April 1-3



Lakeshore Center at Okoboji is excited to host "Growing Slow" women's retreat. We will learn about unhurrying our hearts and leaning into the rhythms of the land around us. Jennifer Dukes Lee is an author and speaker here in Iowa. She will guide us through her book and help us chart a path out of our pressures and toward a restful yet active life.

Prices includes 2 nights of lodging and 5 meals:

- Bunk room- \$100 per person (dorm style rooms with bunk beds, bedding NOT provided)
- Lodge room shared: \$175
- Lodge room single: \$225
- Meals only (staying elsewhere or just coming for the day): \$50
- Optional Card making Craft during free time: \$25

Register today by calling 712-337-3313 or register online [HERE](#).

(One person from our church is planning to attend. If you are going and want to carpool, let us know.)

## Climate Conference in Clive

Click the link below for details:

[For the Love of All Creation: Church and Climate Change Conference](#)



## Funeral & Memorial Services Policy Update

When the time comes to plan a funeral or memorial service for a loved one, there are many details to address. The church can provide leadership for worship planning and help for the reception, but the remaining details are best handled by a funeral home. Funeral homes are our partners in ministry during the difficult time of laying to rest those we love.

There is a growing trend for families to forego the help of a funeral home when planning funerals and memorials. When this is the case, many additional responsibilities are put on the family and the staff and volunteers of churches. Unfortunately, churches often do not have the needed resource to take up these responsibilities.

It is becoming increasingly common for congregations in our area to require funeral home involvement to use church facilities for such services. This way, families are given the space to grieve, and congregations can focus on offering the spiritual support they need, while our funeral home partners take care of the details.

For these reasons, the First Presbyterian Church Session unanimously voted to instate this policy: *"All families wishing to hold a funeral or memorial service at First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls shall also employ services of a funeral home."*

We appreciate your understanding on this matter. Contact us if you have questions.

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

### 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

### Sunday, March 13

- 10:30 am Worship, sanctuary  
**NO Shine, spring break** (nursery available)

### Wednesday, March 16

- 10:00 am Working for Justice, Zoom  
— No Evening Lent Reflection, spring break

### Sunday, March 20

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

### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please consider what you can give to this offering! Checks may be made payable to the church with "One Great Hour" written on the memo.

### 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)



### CAMPERSHIP DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!!

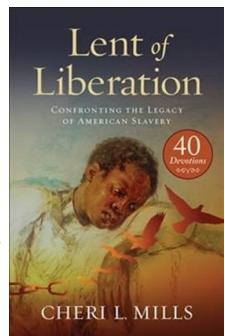
We are still in need of donations for camperships. Currently we have only about half of what we need to fully fund sending our anticipated 5-6 campers. The average fee is between \$500-\$550 per camper. Children and Youth can learn more here: [Summer Camp at Lakeshore Center](#)

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



### Wednesday Lenten Opportunities

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. Contact us for the Zoom link and the reading schedule.
- **6:30 pm Wednesdays at First Pres.** – this group will gather at the church. These sessions will last between 30 and 40 minutes with some music, discussion, and prayer. No childcare but activity pages will be provided.
  - No Wednesday Lenten sessions are planned for March 16 due to spring break. —



### 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!

