



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

April 20, 2022

10:30 am  
Sunday Worship  
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**This Weekend's Worship – 10:30 am**

**Easter Series:** The Unexpected Acts of God

**Sermon:** A Surprising Turnaround

**Scripture:** John 20:19-31, Acts 5:27-32

**Prayer of Preparation**

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb  
and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us.  
In Jesus Christ,  
whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection,  
touch our wounds that they may be transformed  
into channels of healing for others.  
Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may  
have new life.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**Our Easter Worship Series: The Unexpected Acts of God**

An Introduction by Jessica LaGrone

Our Easter worship series focuses on the book of Acts and the surprising ways God disrupts human expectation. We all know the excitement and disquiet that come with the sudden reversal of our expectations. The early Christians whose stories are told in the book of Acts have no shortage of surprises. The resurrection we celebrated last week sets off a host of unexpected events and changes for followers of Jesus, even changes within themselves. If our own spiritual lives have come to seem humdrum and everyday, these stories will awaken in us a new desire for God's work in the lives of unsuspecting, ordinary people like ourselves. As we explore the journey of surprises in these texts, we will learn the spiritual practice of welcoming an unpredictable God and coming to expect the unexpected.

**Cedar Valley Holy Week – A Celebration of Faith and Unity**

Last week we celebrated Holy Week with our PC(USA) siblings around the Cedar Valley. Clergy, musicians, greeters, communion preparers, and many others worked together to ensure everyone was able to experience meaningful services on Maundy Thursday (96 in attendance) and Good Friday (101 in attendance + unified choir). Approximately 35 households worshipped with us online. We also collected a total of \$1,314 to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance efforts for victims of the war in Ukraine. What a testimony to how the body of Christ can work together to bring glory to God!

**Thanks** to all those who worked to make these services wonderful!

**Church Birthdays**

Apr. 23-Nancy Hoppe,  
24-Vi Polk, 28-Gabby Lee,  
Gracie Lee

**For Your Prayers...**

**Lynette Cline's** stepmother is home and doing well.

**Covid Protocol Notice:**

Mask wearing is welcome but no longer required.

**Notice...**

**Sunday, April 24**

A Congregational Meeting at 10:30 am to elect two ruling elders, Sandy Jensen and Tanner Barber.

**Volunteers can sign up anytime online:**

**Greeter Sign Up:**

[Sign Up Genius: Greeters](#)

**Worship Leader Sign Up:**

[Sign Up Genius: Worship Leaders](#)

*You can also sign up in the narthex!*

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Videographer:** Gary Clark

**Computer Operator:** Kirk Eastman

**Flowers and Decorations:** Sue Luck

**Easter Refreshments & Egg Hunt:** Community Ministries & Children, Youth and Family Team

**Choir Director:** Brad Jensen

## THIS SUNDAY

### – Lunch & Learn Retreat for Elders and Deacons

Current and oncoming Elders and Deacons will be gathering after service on Sunday, April 24, for a time of fellowship, learning, and getting a little business done. A soup lunch will be served. If you are a current or oncoming elder or deacon, please be sure to RSVP to the invitation sent earlier. If you have any further questions, contact Pastor Julie.

### Card Shower

Viola Polk will be turning 90 years old on Sunday, April 24. You are invited to send her cards to help her celebrate!

### Chancel Choir Rehearsal

We are planning to continue singing for worship services until May 22. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 and at 10:00 on Sunday mornings before the worship service. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact us.

## This week's schedule

### Wednesday, April 20

5:00 pm Girl Scout Recruiting, dining room

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

### Sunday, April 24

10:30 am Worship with Communion including a Congregational Meeting, sanctuary  
-SHINE breakout sessions

11:45 am Session/Deacon Retreat, dining room

### Monday, April 25

1:00 pm PW Coordinating Team, classroom

### Wednesday, April 27

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

## New Horizons Concert

Don't miss the spring New Horizons Band concert Friday night, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the GBPAC. It will be a great program! Members of the band include: Ann Crawford (flute and trombone), Dot Clausen (tenor saxophone), David Glenn-Burns (trombone), and Brad Jensen (trumpet). There will be free treats in the lobby after the concert. Admission is free (with donations expected).

## Men's Glee Club Concert

The Metro Community Concert Association is inviting the public FREE to a Men's Glee Club concert next Monday at 7:30 at Gallagher. During Covid ticket sales have been low so this is an opportunity for people to hear a concert free.



Shine Children & Youth

**QUESTIONING THOMAS**

**Sunday, April 24**  
Children are invited to join us as we explore our questions through fun, games, art and reading. Meet us directly after the Children's Chat in worship.



Wednesday, May 4, 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY  
05.04.2022

**JOIN US FOR AN ALL CHURCH MEAL**

*Everyone is invited to join us for food, friendship and fun!*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DINING ROOM  
5:30 PM