



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

September 28, 2022

10:30 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Sermon: *Protect this Good Thing*

Communion: If you will be joining worship remotely, please prepare your worship space with some representation of the bread and the cup so we can join together in the glorious feast of grace!

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.



This day of celebration acknowledges our oneness in Christ with all our siblings around the world. The apostle Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion. We should look beyond our immediate surroundings and with an awareness of the broad scope of the body of Christ. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (1 Cor. 11:21). Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with siblings in need.

The words of Isaiah 55 convey a profound message to us during A Season of Peace: “For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace.”

Go out in joy. When we look around our world these days, it is sometimes hard to feel joyful. Yet joy inherently embraces optimism. Joy is the companion of faith and hope. In our polarized world torn by war, famine, and marginalization of the poor and disenfranchised, we are in desperate need of joyful and brave people who are willing to ask the hard questions and live the difficult solutions that make peace possible.

Be led forth in peace. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other, as the Church, together, to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and right here at home.

25% of this offering stays with **our congregation** to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25% of this offering goes to our mid council and joins with other congregations gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.

50% of this offering supports the work of peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Checks may be made payable to the church with ‘peacemaking’ on the memo.

Church Birthdays

Oct. 5-Dee Lynch, 6-Ken TeSlaa, Mike McRoberts, 9-Jim Zimmer

Office note:

Lynette will be taking some vacation days in October. Please call to be sure a volunteer is in before stopping by.

Note...

- *Wednesday, Oct. 5*
5:30 pm Supper in the dining room

Sign up anytime online:

Greeter Sign Up:

[Sign Up : Greeters](#)

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Peace! Everyday questions, interfaith answers.

A weekly, interactive study series on life’s most pressing matters through Jewish, Christian and Muslim lenses. Hosted by ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries.

See the poster in the hallway by the office for location, dates & times.

Thanks for serving last week:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Amy Wiles

Worship Leader: Kay Leeper

Computer Operator: Gary Clark

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Children's Message: Margaret Clark

Office Substitute: Nancy Hoppe

CROP Coordinator: Sue Weinberg

Lawn mowing & trimming: Jim Seeley, Gary Clark
(Mowing the week of **9/25**— Jean Boller)

Can you help???

- Volunteers to help clean up after the Oct. 5 supper
- Used iPad or laptop for SHINE activities.

Contact us if you can help.

CROP Walk

Thanks to all who donated and supported the CROP Walk! We've received \$955 from our congregation!!



Thanks to our walkers (l-r) Rhonda Braley, Sue Weinberg, and Jean Boller. *Not pictured:* Brad Braley

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, September 28

6:30 pm Chancel Choir, sanctuary

Sunday, October 2

10:30 am Worship with Communion, sanctuary

Tuesday, October 4

4:00 pm Community Ministries, library

Wednesday, October 5

10:00 am Working for Justice: BB

5:30 pm Monthly Supper, dining room

6:30 pm Chancel Choir, sanctuary

Thursday, October 6

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

3:30 pm Sarah Circle, classroom

SHINE Families!

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to church this Sunday, October 5, 10:30 am. The SHINE kids can join the adults in the singing the choir anthem.



Lakeshore Center Welcomes a New Director!

Starting in October, the Rev. Sara Sutter will be the Director of Lakeshore Center at Okoboji! Read her letter of introduction below.

Grace and peace to you!

My name is Sara Sutter, but to some I may also be known as Sara Lamb. In 1997 I was a last-minute addition to the summer staff at what was then the Presbyterian Camp. I continued on summer staff for the next four summers and then had a two-year stint as the Program Director. After that I was active in youth ministry, worked for a bit at a hotel, and became a familiar face at Synod School.

Just like Presbyterian Camp turned into Lakeshore, I had a name change of my own when I married my husband Steve in the chapel at Lakeshore on a brisk October morning ten years ago. At the time we were living in my hometown of Cherokee, Iowa. From there we moved to Dubuque where I received my Master of Divinity degree in 2016. I feel blessed to leave a place that I love to answer God's call to a familiar but changing place.

Steve and I will be moving to Lakeshore with our two cats Benny and Phoebe. Steve will wrap up his role as Library Director in Rowan, Iowa and then he'll join me in the office focusing on communication, social media, and coordinating hospitality.

With joy I am eager to return to the lake, this time to stay. I look forward to catching up with old friends, making new friends, and ensuring that Lakeshore will be a safe and welcoming place where all can encounter God. The future is bright as, together with the board and Lakeshore community, we discern the best way to be stewards of the land, buildings, and resources of our retreat center. May we collectively find ourselves centered by the love of Christ as the Spirit leads us into his new chapter.

Peace,
Rev. Sara Sutter

