



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

November 9, 2022

10:30 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Worship Celebration—Sunday, November 13, 2022

Guest Preacher: Amgad Beblawi

Scripture Reading: Luke 21:5-19

ELDER AMGAD BEBLAWI

Mission Executive for the Northeast Iowa Presbytery

Amgad describes himself as a “product of Presbyterian mission,” having been born and raised in Egypt where his Orthodox Christian grandparents joined the Presbyterian church. After graduating from Fuller Seminary, he embraced his call as a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Amgad served at the PCUSA national offices from 2005-2016, including six years in Presbyterian World Mission as a coordinator for Europe and the Middle East. In 2019-2020, he served as the Interim Executive for the Presbytery of Des Moines. Amgad enjoys working with congregations on their journey of discipleship and witness to God’s grace. He notes, “God’s mission is the vocation of the church. Mission is about who we are in Christ and as Christ’s ambassadors in the world.”



Harvest Celebration Coffee

The Deacons will be hosting a Harvest Celebration Coffee Time following worship on Sunday, November 13 in the narthex.

Everyone is invited to stay after worship for fellowship and refreshments. This will also be an opportunity to meet our guest preacher for the day, Elder Amgad Beblawi.

Church Birthdays

Nov 10-Phil Batchelder, 11-Jean Berry, 12-Ned Ratekin, Brooke Barber, 13-Patti Zeschke, 18-Joyce Anderson

Notice...

Sunday, November 13
Harvest Celebration
Coffee Time after worship

Pastor Julie is on continuing education through November 16. Please contact the office with pastoral care concerns.

Sunday, November 20
Please stay after worship to help with the Hanging of the Greens. (No lunch provided.)

Sign up anytime online:

Greeter Sign Up:

[Sign Up : Greeters](#)

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader & Communion Prep: Cyd Grafft

Computer Operator: Gary Clark

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Stewardship messages: Neal Leeper

Stain Glass Lights: Gary Sabey, Gary Clark

Cleaning acolyte candle lighters: Neal Leeper

Thank You

- A total of \$316.48 was donated to UNICEF from our PW Bake Sale and children's Noisy Offering. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile organization.
- The following guys cleaned up the hostas and raked leaves last Wednesday:
 - Gary Clark, Kirk Eastman
 - Darrel Flater, Dick Goering
 - Neal Leeper, Steve Moon
 - Gary Sabey, Kevin Thedens
 - Brad BraleyWe hauled eight pickup truck loads to the Cedar Falls yard waste site.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, November 9

4:00 pm Community Ministry, library

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, November 13

10:30 am Worship, sanctuary

11:30 am Harvest Celebration Coffee, narthex

Monday, November 14

6:00 pm PEO, dining room

6:30 pm Worship & Music Team, Zoom

Tuesday, November 15

11:00 am Deacon Work Session, library

Wednesday, November 16

10:00 am Working for Justice: BB

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Mark Your Calendar!

Please stay after worship on Sunday, November 20 to help prepare the sanctuary for Advent with the Hanging of the Greens. (No lunch is provided.)



On Sunday, Pastor Julie talked with the children about working together as a team. She handed each child a stick and asked if they could break it. There were snapping sounds and wood splinters everywhere! Then she gave them a bundle of sticks and asked if they could break it. There were grunts and groans until finally the last child managed to break the bundle of sticks. Together, the bundle was much stronger than each single stick alone.

It was a simple lesson for children, but it highlights how we can be stronger and do more when we work together...Better Together. The bundle of sticks was almost unbreakable. If there were just a few more sticks, the bundle would have been too strong to break. The pledge campaign is like that bundle of sticks. Many of us giving together will be strong, but all of us giving together will be unbreakable. Every pledge, no matter the size, makes us stronger and increases what we can do as a church. We are always Better Together.

If you have turned in your Estimate of Giving for 2023, thank you! If you have not, please prayerfully consider what you can give in the coming year. Your gift could be the one that covers the cost of Shine supplies or adds to our mission giving. You can mail your Estimate of Giving to the church office or drop it off in person.

Neal Leeper

Stewardship Chair

Mission Project: We Support Family Literacy

The Community Ministries team purchased and gathered supplies to make literacy kits for the Family Literacy Program at Hawkeye Community College. Purchased items were paid for through the generosity of our congregation members using local mission funds. On the afternoon of November 2, 2022, members of the Community Ministries team, Presbyterian Women, and the congregation gathered to assemble the literacy kits. During the congregational supper in the dining room that evening, Kelly Heth, parent educator for the Family Literacy Program, gave a talk about the program and the use of the literacy kits to those in attendance. **We assembled 170 literacy kits! Thank you everyone!!!**

Jan Thedens, Shirley Hill



Jeverna Mulligan



Hope Goering



Dot Clausen



L-R: Sandy Jensen, Jill Mortenson, Jeverna Mulligan, Hope Goering, Kelly Heth



Kelly Heth, parent educator for the Family Literacy Program