



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



December 7, 2022

10:30 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Sunday, December 11, 2022

Advent Series: What Can't Wait?

—The Third Sunday of Advent—

Joy Can't Wait

Scriptures: Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11



Prayer of Preparation

*"Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say rejoice"*

The world says, "Worry,"
and we say, "Rejoice."

The news says, "Fear,"
and we say, "Rejoice."

The world says, "Be happy,"
And the church says, "Be faithful."

In this third week of Advent,
we pray for holy joy of God.

Church Birthdays

Dec. 7-Mark Mortenson,
11-Dick Goering,
17-Lynette Cline

For Your Prayers...

Sandy Jensen

A friend of Dot Clausen's

Notice...

Adopt-A-Family deadline
to return gifts is **THIS
SUNDAY, DEC. 11!**

Christmas Eve Worship is
Saturday, Dec. 24, 4:30
pm. A family-friendly
space will be in the chapel
(the nursery will be
closed.)

Financial giving for 2022
must be received by 3:30
pm on **Thursday, Decem-
ber 29**. Allow 5 business
days prior for any PayPal
donations!!

Sign up anytime online:

Greeter Sign Up:

[Sign Up : Greeters](#)

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

This week, practice peace with our Peace Playlist



Peace Playlist
Advent week 2

Take a break together!
Enjoy a story, make a
craft, bake a snack, or
choose a new mealtime
blessing. These are short
little additions to your
existing daily rhythm,
meant to help you
cultivate faith together
as a family. Click the
graphics to access the
links.

read a story
[click here for wondering questions](#)



make corn muffins



fold a dove



light your candle and pray



Weather Cancellations

Any worship cancellation or office closures due to winter weather will be announced on our Facebook page, KWWL, our voice mail recording and an email notice.

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Lynette Cline

Computer Operator: Rob Cline

Videographer: Gary Clark

Greeters: Jill & Mark Mortenson

Communion Prep : Darrel & Marsha Flater

Shared Monthly Meal

Tonight, December 7, 5:30 pm

Food and beverages are provided.

Anyone is welcome to attend.

Help cleaning up afterwards is always appreciated.

SHINE Kids Update

- Save the date for our Advent Program on Sunday, December 18. Come see our children's musical talents! There will be treats in the narthex following the program.
- Parents, please let us know if your child or youth would like to share a musical talent in our program. Please contact Pastor Julie.

Financial Giving Deadline!

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Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, December 7

10:00 am Working for Justice: BB, dining room

5:30 pm Monthly Meal, dining room

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Saturday, December 10

9:00 am CF Mennonites, kitchen & dining room

Sunday, December 11

10:30 am Worship, sanctuary

-Breakout Session for SHINE

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 pm Session meeting, library

7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room

Wednesday, December 14

10:30 am Deacons gift bag assembly, dining room

Adopt A Family

***You do not need to create an account or enter in any payment information! You are only signing up to bring a gift.**

There are still a few tags left to fill. If you take a tag, please wrap it and put a tag on the gift that tells who it is for and what it is. We will change the tag before delivery. The deadline to return wrapped gifts to the church library is **this Sunday, December 11**. A cart is available if needed.

Click on the link/s, choose the item then click 'submit and sign up' at the bottom of the screen. You'll be directed to the next page; enter in your name, email and phone number then click 'Sign Up Now' at the bottom.

Or, please consider sending a check to First Presbyterian Church and put Adopt-A-Family in the memo. We would be happy to do your shopping for you.



17 yr old girl: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba9a728abf4cf8-adopt4>



10 yr old boy: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-adopt1>



Mother: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba9a728abf4cf8-adopt3>



Household: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-adopt2>

Watch Re-formation of the Congregation: Session 4

Speakers: Rev. Clint Loveall & Rev. Michael Gewecke
In this fourth session we discuss The Cost of Discipleship – The Radical Nature of Following Jesus. It is no revelation that there has been a rapid decline in church attendance across denominational lines.

So, what does that mean for our congregations? What does it truly mean to follow Jesus, to be disciples of Jesus? What does it mean to be the sent ones to our society? Join us as we ponder these questions, then bring them to your faith community. **Click on the link above.**

Your Presence Wanted!

Isn't it good to see a friendly face and receive a warm greeting from church friends on Sunday morning! For those who are visiting, or perhaps haven't joined us for a while, this is especially important and may make the difference in whether or not they return. It's easy to sign up for this important job through the weekly E-Link or in the narthex, and we hope many will choose to do this.



[Sign Up : Greeters](#)

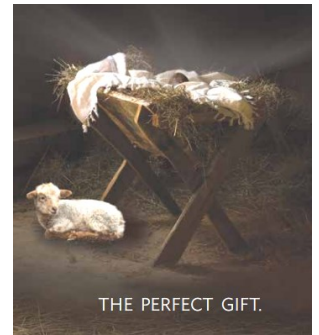
(This link is also on the first page.)

Would you be willing to add your name to the greeters list but can't commit to signing up for a certain Sunday? There's another important way ALL of us can help. When you see a new face or a worshipper who hasn't been with us for a while, make a special effort to walk over before or after the service, give them a warm welcome, and introduce yourself if they are new to our worship service.

We all know the proverb "It takes a village to raise a child," but it also takes help from the whole congregation to make everyone feel welcome, so let's **ALL** be greeters!

Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us who have pointed us to God. 50% of your gifts assists current and retired church workers with critical financial need. The other 50% goes to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Christmas Poinsettia Sponsors

The Worship Committee invites you to sponsor this year's poinsettia arrangement in memory or honor of a loved one. The committee will provide the arrangement for Christmas Eve worship. Loved one's names will be featured **in our newsletter on December 21** and in the **narthex**.

You may donate any amount you wish. Poinsettias may be taken after the Christmas Eve service on a first come-first served basis.

Any donations beyond cost will go toward sanctuary decorations. Forms will be in the narthex. **The deadline is Sunday, December 18.**

Christmas Eve Worship

Join us for a candlelight worship service Saturday, December 24, **4:30 pm** in the sanctuary. We will share the service with the Cedar Falls Mennonites. The nursery will be closed, but a family-friendly space will be in the chapel. The service will also be live streamed on Facebook.



"YEAR OF WOMAN, YEAR OF CHANGE"
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY COMMEMORATION

ANNUAL ADDRESS: MAUREEN WHITE, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST AND CVUNA REPRESENTATIVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 2PM

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: REBECCA JOHNSON, WATERLOO HUMAN RIGHTS SPECIALIST

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