



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

February 8, 2023

10:30 am
Sunday Worship
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Sunday, February 12, 2023

Worship for Sunday, February 12:

“What’s the Point?”

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-37 – What is the purpose of God’s law? In our gospel reading, Jesus interprets the laws on murder, adultery, and making vows, and it gets a little uncomfortable. Our Hebrew scripture reading reveals a choice between life and death, prosperity and adversity. In both readings God calls for justice and respect in relationships. How might that look in our current context? How have these scriptures been interpreted in the past for good or ill?

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, source of our calling, your Word brings comfort and challenge, correction and hope for all people. Open us to your counterintuitive ways. Guide us on life-giving paths, so that our hands become your hands of healing. Amen.

Looking Toward Lent

The season of lent begins in two weeks on Ash Wednesday, February 22. While Presbyterians haven’t always participated in the Lenten season, many have found that it can be a time of growth in faith through prayer, increased attentiveness, and individual and communal healing. This year we will be journeying through Lent guided by the art creativity, and theological reflection of the team at [A Sanctified Art](#).



Our [Lenten Worship Series](#) is called, **SEEKING: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith**. “Each Sunday we will learn about folks in scripture who are seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. What unfolds is an exchange filled with questions and exploration. Often, an unveiling occurs—assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows. Like the characters in our Lenten scriptures, we are also seeking many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. Throughout this season, we hope you will continually ask yourself: what am I seeking? What is God seeking?”

Our [Wednesday Lenten Reflections](#) will explore our, **I’ve Been Meaning to Ask**, series more deeply. Last summer we spent eight Sundays with questions designed to foster courage, curiosity, and connection in our faith community. This Lent we seek to deepen our connections as we break bread together pondering, “Where are you from?”, “Where does it hurt?”, “What do you need?” and “Where do we go from here?”. We will gather in the dining room to share a simple meal, watch a video vignette, and reflect together at our tables. We will meet for an hour,—from 5:30pm to 6:30pm—on March 1, 8, 22, and 29.

Your partner in the journey,

Pastor Julie

Church Birthdays

Feb. 8-Bob Hall, Dave Luck
19-Michael Boller, Daniel Humpal

For Your Prayers...

Neil Clapp
Mary McCalley

Coming Soon...

Sunday, Feb. 12
Souperbowl of Caring
Donations for the Food Bank will be received.

Wednesday, Feb. 22
Ash Wednesday
5:30 pm Pancake Supper
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday
Worship, sanctuary

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:
[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Sunday Supper Helpers

sign up online:

[Sunday Supper Volunteer Signup](#)

Thanks for serving last week:

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Communion Preparer: Julie Rokes

In Sympathy...



Condolences to the family of Bonnie Smith, who passed away Saturday, February 4 at the age of 98.

Bonnie was our oldest member, and had our church's longest membership: 80 years!

Memorial services will be private. You may read her obituary at Dahl Van Hove Schoof's website:

[Bonnie Smith](#)

Cards may be sent to the family in care of the funeral home: Dahl Van Hove Schoof, 1825 W 12th St, Cedar Falls IA 50613.

Ash Wednesday Events

Join us on **Wednesday, February 22**, at 5:30 pm for a pancake supper in the dining room. Following the meal, we will reflect on Ash Wednesday in a joint service with the Cedar Falls Mennonites at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, February 8

- 10:30 am Deacons Meeting, library
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, February 12

- 10:30 am Worship, sanctuary

Tuesday, February 14

- 7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room
- 7:00 pm Session Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, February 15

- 10:00 am Working for Justice: BB, Zoom
- 5:30 pm Confirmation class, classroom
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Souperbowl of Caring, February 12

Our Souperbowl of Caring event is THIS Sunday, Feb. 12. The Shine kids collect a noisy offering during worship.

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items.

No lunch will be provided.

If you are unable to attend that day but wish to bring food items, please put them in the narthex by Feb. 13.



Habitat for Humanity's

Spring Benefit Auction

March 3, Hilton Garden Inn

7213 Nordic Dr, Cedar Falls

Gates open at 6:00 pm

Dinner begins at 6:30 pm with a live auction to follow.

Tickets: \$50 per person. RSVP by February 23.

Meal choices:

Iowa Pork Chop or Vegetable Fettuccine Alfredo

Purchase tickets at: <https://bit.ly/IHHH2023>

Stewardship Supplies

Boxes offering envelopes are in the narthex for anyone who wishes to use them.

Sunday Suppers Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday Suppers is for those in need of a warm meal and fellowship. All meals are held at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. This is an incredibly meaningful ministry which strengthens the community and enriches our connectedness with our siblings in Christ.

Our congregation will supply 4 volunteers each Sunday: 2 for the opening shift (3:30-5:30pm) and 2 for the closing shift (4:30-6:30pm). Sign up to be a part of this good work at this link. Please choose only slots which are designated "1st Cedar Falls".

[Sunday Supper Volunteer Signup](#)