



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

March 8, 2023

10:30 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Daylight Savings Time
begins this Sunday!



Lenten Worship Series - SEEKING: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith

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Sunday, March 12 – Third Sunday of Lent

“Will You Give Me a Drink?” Exodus 17:1-17, John 4:5-42

In the wilderness of Exodus, the Israelites essentially ask: Will you give us a drink, God? Will you take care of us, even now? In their discomfort and fatigue, they question Moses and God. Their deep fear bursts forth in the form of quarreling and derision. In the gospel of John, Jesus crosses cultural, religious, and societal boundaries by leading his disciples through Samaria. In the heat of midday, he seeks out connection with a Samaritan woman drawing water from the well. His command to her is also a question and an invitation to a new way of life: Will you give me a drink? For the woman, to respond is risky but life-changing. This question creates a dialogue between them in which Jesus sees the woman fully; she leaves the well transformed. This week, we might imagine ourselves at the well or in the wilderness. Are we willing to care for our neighbors, seeking to not just quench thirst, but to find living waters that sustain us all? In this season, what are you thirsting for? In what ways do your fears bubble up? In what ways are you needing sustenance?



Living Water
Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
Digital Painting

From the artist: Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

“The image is subtly divided in half by slight shifts in color value. There is a chasm between them socially, culturally, religiously, etc. Referencing a primary dispute between the Jews and the Samaritans, their places of worship are in the background: on the left is the temple in Jerusalem, and on the right is Mount Gerizim.

In the center is the Samaritan woman’s vessel. We are not told whether she fills the jar or gives Jesus water, however, we are told that she leaves the jar behind. Her need is not the water in the well; her need is for grounding in a new identity,⁷ and to be seen for who she really is. She needs to not be defined by the worst parts of her life, the number of her husbands, or others’ assumptions, but to be seen through the lens of mutual need—to be seen as one of the first witnesses of the Messiah,⁸ and now a vessel of living water herself.”

Church Birthdays

Mar. 9-Jolene Moon,
10-Melody Brindle, 13-
Shirley Hill, 17-Gary Sa-
bey, A.J. Humpal, Maya
Humpal

For Your Prayers...

Neal Leeper’s stepmoth-
er, Audine, recovering
from a fall. She is being
treated for several broken
ribs and dehydration.

Coming Soon...

Wednesday, March 8
5:30 pm Lenten Event
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 12
**No Shine activities due to
spring break.**

**No activities March 15
due to spring break.**

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](#)

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Sue Luck

Computer Operator: Rob Cline

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Communion Preparer: Lynette Cline

Wednesday Soup Supper: Carol and Greg Dotseth, Judy and Ray Burfeind, Kay and Neal Leeper, Gary and Margaret Clark, Pam Hartzell

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies to Jim and Jane Seeley, Adam and Miranda upon the death of A.J. Seeley Monday, March 6.



Visitation will be at Richardson Funeral Home Friday, March 10, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

A Memorial Service will be held this Saturday, March 11, 10:30 am at the church. The family will be present at 9:30 am. A lunch will follow in the dining room.

You may read the obituary on Richardson's website:

[Alex "A.J." Seeley](#)

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, March 8

5:30 pm Lenten Meal hosted by Deacons & Reflection, dining room

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Saturday, March 11

9:30 am Seeley Visitation, narthex

10:30 am A.J. Seeley Memorial Service, sanctuary

Sunday, March 12

10:30 am Worship, sanctuary

-No Shine activities, spring break

— No 1619 Project Video, spring break

Tuesday, March 14

7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room

No activities Wed., March 15 due to spring break.

March Lenten Reflections with Soup Supper – I've Been Meaning to Ask...

March 8, 22 & 29 — 5:30pm-6:30 pm
in the Dining Room

Our Wednesday Lenten reflection series invites us to tell our stories and dream about a new way forward together over steaming bowls of nourishing soup. What could be better? Through vulnerability and authenticity, may our courageous conversations lead us deeper into courage and connection. Join us for an hour of good questions and good food!

Wednesday, March 8. . . where does it hurt?

Meal hosted by: Deacons

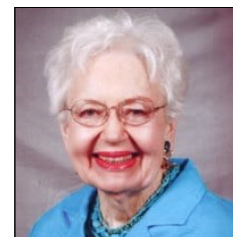
Everyone carries hurt and has the capacity to acknowledge the pain of others. God draws close to us in every moment of suffering.

What would you say if someone stopped to ask you, 'Where does it hurt?'



The Joyce Gault Piano Concert Series

The recently announced series will be hosted annually and will celebrate exceptional piano concerts offered by UNI faculty and guest artists, in honor of former faculty pianist Joyce Gault.



Joyce was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church.

Faculty Recitals are at 8:00 pm:

March 9: Korey Barrret and Sean Botkin, duo

March 20: Sean Botkin

March 28: Vakhtang Kodanashvili

A guest recital by Kristin Jonina Taylor will be held April 20, 6:00 pm and a masterclass on April 20, 1:00 pm.

All events are free and open to the public at Davis Hall, Gallagher Bluedorn. For more information call 319.273-2028.

Scholarship Opportunities

The **Dorothy Horn Scholarship** provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa. Dorothy Horn attended the University of Northern Iowa and her estate established this scholarship endowment, which is administered by First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls.

Those interested in more information, or an application packet, should contact First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls. Materials can be requested by calling **319-277-3930** or by email: office@firstprescf.org. All applications must be returned by **April 17, 2023**.

The **First Presbyterian Church Scholarship** provides financial assistance to students seeking post-high school educational opportunities. This fund is financially supported by the Donna & Greg Hickman Trust.

Applicants must have a direct connection to First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls to qualify.

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You're Invited: 1619 Project Film Series

Working for Justice: Breaking Bias has arranged the following schedule to view the 1619 Video Series:

No viewing March 12—Spring Break

March 19: Part 3, "Music"

March 26: Part 4, "Capitalism"

No viewings: April 2 and 9—Holy Week

April 16: Part 5, "Fear"

April 23: Part 6, "Justice"

Viewings will be Sundays, beginning at noon in the church dining room; we'll eat lunch while we watch from noon to 1:00 PM. A short discussion will follow and we'll be done by 1:30 PM.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please consider what you can give to this offering! Checks may be made payable to the church with "One Great Hour" on the memo.

Easter Egg Help!

The CYF Ministry Committee is graciously asking for egg-filling donations. These could be small treats, candies, or non-food items, as long as they fit into an Easter egg!

Please drop off donation in the library.

Anyone who wishes to help FILL the eggs will have a chance to do so after the **March 29** Lenten meal in the library. It is simple and many hands make light work. Thank You!



Synod School

July 23-28

Buena Vista University, Storm Lake IA

Synod school offers great classes for continuing education for church professionals, excellent programs for children and youth, mission, study and fellowship. Two catalogues are in the narthex (these are the only ones we have, so please return them when finished) or go online to: [Synod School - Synod of Lakes and Prairies](#). More information is posted outside of the office.