



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

April 5, 2023

10:30 am  
Sunday Worship  
[Firstprescf.org](http://Firstprescf.org)



Sunday, April 9 – Resurrection Sunday

“Who Are You Looking For?” John 20:1-18  
*A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org*

“Is this the fast that I choose?” “Who will you listen to?” “How do we begin again?” “Will you give me a drink?” “Who sinned?” “Can these bones live?” “Where are you headed?”

These six questions have guided us on our Lenten journey. This Holy Week we ask, “Will you wash my feet?” and “Why have you forsaken me?”

Maundy Thursday we consider Jesus’ final night with his friends and followers, he shows the fullness of his love by removing his robe, kneeling, and washing the disciples’ feet. Violence is at the door and betrayal is at the table, and yet, Jesus’ response is abundant love.

Good Friday we consider his final lament. It gives voice to all those who have been forsaken—those who suffer injustice, those who are abandoned, those who are unjustly convicted. Instead of trying to answer this question with logic or theology, we are invited to live it, to sit with it. Sitting with this unsettling question unearths and unveils many more questions: What do we do in the face of unimaginable suffering?

As we pause to ponder these questions we wait in hope looking toward the culminating question on Easter morning: “Who are you looking for?”

**From the artist: Rev. T. Denise Anderson**

In the days immediately after a loved one’s passing, we often muddle through life until the closure of the funeral, when it will all—or mostly— be over. What happens when it doesn’t appear you’ll have that closure anytime soon, or ever?

This is the space in which Mary Magdalene finds herself. She arrives at the tomb to provide burial services for her dear teacher, only to find his body is gone. What grief that must have thrown her into, having her last act of love for him arrested like that! There is no reason to expect that the stranger speaking to her is her beloved teacher, and maybe that’s why she doesn’t recognize him immediately. It’s in the intimacy of him calling her name that she realizes what’s happening.

Here, I attempt to convey the grief, befuddlement, and ultimate realization that I imagine Mary experienced in this encounter. The light source is above her, as Jesus’ simple address—“Mary”—invites her to shift her attention to the heaven-crafted phenomenon before her. Moreover, Jesus’ address to her comes from a deeply intimate place and is the only thing powerful enough to pierce through her grief. She is profoundly seen and known by her teacher. I want us to behold her the way that Jesus might have in that moment.



Rabbouni!  
Rev. T. Denise  
Anderson  
*Oil on canvas*

**Church Birthdays**

Apr. 13-Pastor Julie Erkel  
Hagee, 14-Lee Nicholas

**For Your Prayers...**

Jill Mortenson

**Notice...**

*Sunday, April 9*  
No 1619 Video viewing

*Friday, April 7 and  
Monday, April 10*  
The office will be minimal-  
ly staffed on Friday, and  
will be closed on Monday  
due to the Easter holiday.

**Holy Week and Easter  
Schedule: page 2.**

**Sign up anytime online:**

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

*Or sign up in the narthex!*

**Sunday Supper Helpers**  
[Sunday Supper](#)

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Worship Leaders:** Connie Herbon, John Luzaich,  
Lee Nicholas, Kevin Thedens  
**Computer Operator:** Rob Cline  
**Videographer:** Kevin Thedens  
**Communion Prep:** Julie Rokes  
**Lenten Meal:** Community Ministries & CYF

## Thank You

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many cards from First Presbyterian friends. It was very uplifting. I got a good report on my arm (elbow) with three plates and 15 screws. I continue with occupational and physical therapy, and have “graduated” to a walker full time.

I miss you! Peace and Love,  
Mary McCalley

## Upcoming schedule

### Wednesday, April 5

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary  
7:00 pm Joint Choir Rehearsal, Cedar Heights  
Presbyterian, 2015 Rainbow Dr, CF

### Thursday, April 6

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship,  
Westminster Presbyterian- Waterloo

### Friday, April 7

6:00 pm Good Friday Worship, Cedar Heights Pres.

### Sunday, April 9

9:30 am Refreshments and Egg Hunt, dining room  
10:30 am Easter Worship, sanctuary

### Monday, April 10

— Office closed  
6:00 pm PEO Meeting, dining room

### Tuesday, April 11

7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room  
7:00 pm Session Meeting, library

### Wednesday, April 12

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

### Thursday, April 13

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

## HOLY WEEK with Cedar Valley Presbyterians, PC(USA)

- **Choir Rehearsals** - Wednesday, April 5  
6:00 pm Chancel Choir, sanctuary  
7:00 pm Joint Choir, Cedar Heights Comm.  
Presbyterian, 2015 Rainbow Dr, CF
- **Maundy Thursday** - April 6, 6:00 pm  
**at** Westminster Presbyterian: 1301 Kimball, Waterloo  
Join us for a service of contemplation. All are welcome to partake in communion. Childcare will be available.  
- You may watch the Maundy Thursday service **live:** [wpcw.org/YouTube](http://wpcw.org/YouTube), or the service can be viewed at a **later time** at [wpcw.org/worship](http://wpcw.org/worship).
- **Good Friday** - April 7 - 6:00 pm  
**at** Cedar Heights Presbyterian: 2015 Rainbow, CF  
This service will feature a joint choir that blends together voices from our churches. Childcare will be available.  
- Watch Good Friday live: [CHCPC Livestream](http://CHCPC Livestream)  
  
First Presbyterian-Waterloo, Unity, and our church will also participate.

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## Easter Sunday, April 9

9:30 am Refreshments in the dining room  
Egg Hunt and Children’s Activities  
10:30 am Worship in the sanctuary  
childcare provided

## Scholarship Opportunities

### Final notice! The deadline is Apr. 17.

The *Dorothy Horn Scholarship* provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa.

The *First Presbyterian Church Scholarship* provides financial assistance to students seeking a post-high school education. Applicants must have a direct connection to First Presbyterian of Cedar Falls to qualify.

Those interested should contact the church by calling **319-277-3930** or by email: [office@firstprescf.org](mailto:office@firstprescf.org).

## *Easter Arrangement Sponsors*

**Thank you to those who sponsored our floral arrangement for this year's Easter service.**

*In memory of...*

Don & Dorothy Lantz and Bob & Alice Leeper from Neal & Kay Leeper

Ricky Henn, June & Eddy Bryant & Joyce Clouse from Donna Henn

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Dick Lynch from his family

Loved ones by Phil Batchelder

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Art & Clara Wittren, Carl & Angeline Brown, Fred & Evelyn Luck (grandparents) from Dave & Sue Luck

*In memory and in honor of...*

Our family from Judy & Ray Burfeind

Our family from Carol & Greg Dotseth

In memory of George & Ruth Hart & Wayne Clark and in honor of Vera Clark from Gary & Margaret Clark

In memory of Galen & Marione Boller and in honor of Don & Mary Lou Friar from Jean Boller

*In honor of our parents:* Forest & Wanda Eastman and Bob & Jo Tefft from Kirk & Sue Eastman

*Additional donations from...*

Kevin & Jan Thedens

Lee Nicholas

### **You're Invited: 1619 Project Film Series**

1619 Video Series viewing schedule:

No viewing: April 9—Holy Week

April 16: Part 5, "Fear"

April 23: Part 6, "Justice"

Viewings begin Sundays at noon. We meet in the dining room and eat lunch while we watch the video.

A short discussion will follow until 1:30 pm.

◆ **The next regular Working for Justice: Breaking Bias meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 10:00 am in person** in the church dining room.



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