



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

January 17, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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January 21 - "What is Confirmation?"

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-3, 13-15, 22-25

Church-wide Confirmation

When were you confirmed? 20, 30 years ago? Longer? Never? Chances are high that some of what you learned in your confirmation classes disappeared from memory a while ago. Not to worry! Starting January 21, we will be using the same confirmation curriculum our confirmands are using as our spring worship series. Our first lesson will address the basics with the question, "What is confirmation?" We'll talk about how the character of God allows us to make radical choices in our lives and explore what covenant means in scripture. Join us as we dive into confirmation together!

Check out the [Session One Video Here](#).

Church Birthdays

Jan. 19-Chad Lee, 20-Margaret Clark, 26-Brad Braley, 27-Tom Mulligan, Duane Dean

For Your Prayers...

Caleb Braley
Lanny Zimmer
Denise Brown
Jean Boller's father

Coming Soon...

**TONIGHT'S MEAL
CANCELED-again!**

Please watch the newsletter for the next Wednesday Meal date.

Sunday, January 21

Shine Sessions resume.
Fellowship after worship hosted by the Deacons.

Friday, January 26

The office will be **closed**.
Pastor Julie will be gone and Lynette will be out all day to an appointment.

Sign up anytime online:

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

Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Snow Removal: Jim & Jane Seeley

Fellowship this Sunday

This Sunday, January 21 after worship, there will be a time of refreshments and fellowship in the narthex hosted by the Deacons.

Shared Monthly Meal—**DATE CHANGE (again!)**

The meal tentatively scheduled for tonight has also been **CANCELED** due to frigid temperatures.

Watch for the next Wednesday Meal date TBD.

Welcoming Corp: Helping a Refugee Family

A group of 7 individuals from Cedar Falls Mennonite Church and First Presbyterian Church are preparing to sponsor an immigrant refugee family through the [Welcome Corps](#).

If you would like to help sponsor a refugee family, please make a donation to First Presbyterian Church with the note "Newcomer Support" in the memo line, or via our church's PayPal account, or directly to the project: <https://gofund.me/1357f705>. Contact Rhonda Braley with questions.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, January 17

--- **NO** Meal due to weather

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, January 21

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

Shine Breakout Sessions

11:15 am Fellowship, narthex

Wednesday, January 24

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Friday, January 26

--- Office closed

(Sunday, February 4 - Annual Meeting)



Pastor Julie and six members of Working for Justice: Breaking Bias attended the 45th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet on January 14, 2024. The banquet was held at the Five Sullivans Convention Center in downtown Waterloo. The keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. Michael D. Blackwell. Dr. Blackwell was the first director of UNI's Center for Multicultural Education in 1995; he retired from UNI in 2015.

Working for Justice: Breaking Bias Zoom Event

Mike Waggoner, retired UNI professor, has agreed to give his presentation on Christian Nationalism on Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 am over Zoom. Mike was an educational leadership and postsecondary education professor at UNI and he focused his research and published writing on religion and spirituality in public education. Anyone interested is welcome to participate. Watch for a **Zoom link** closer to the date.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, February 4

Our ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation will be part of the worship service. We will be voting on the pastor's terms of call and new officers. An **adult forum** on the Annual Report will be that morning at **9:00 am** in the dining room.

VOTE ON A CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS

Proposed By Laws change to Article VII – The Board of Deacons, Section 1 – Membership, Elections and Terms of Office to conform to current practices:

The Board of Deacons shall consist of fifteen (15) change to twelve (12) active members in good standing elected by the congregation. The pastor shall serve as an advisory member. Deacons shall serve for a term of three (3) years and shall assume office in June, following election and installation. One-third of the members of the Board of Deacons shall be elected annually. Move previous sentence to conform as written with section on Elders No person shall be elected to serve on the Board of Deacons for more than two consecutive full terms. Vacancies shall be filled by election at a congregational meeting.