



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

January 24, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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January 28 - "How Do We Know and Trust God?"

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-11, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

How Do We Know and Trust God?

Psalm 105 begins with the exhortation to sheer delight in God and ends with unqualified praise. The reason? God's unending faithfulness to God's people. The content of the psalm is the covenant God made with Abraham and Abraham's descendants. When the community gathers in worship to tell and retell its stories, its members remember that God has always been present and active for them, loving them, calling them, and leading them to a future of blessedness. Hebrews 11 names those who obeyed God and journeyed, not knowing where they were going but trusting in the gracious mercy of God: Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses.

When we delight in God and when we remember what God has done for us, a psalm or hymn of praise and gratitude is a fitting response. The hymn, too, is God's gift. It is a gift to us, helping us remember who we are and whose we are. It is also a gift to others, offering a witness to the grace of God in our lives. God has always been the primary promise-maker and promise-keeper, and whatever blessedness we lay claim to is entirely the result of God's loving action.

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

Church Birthdays

Jan. 26-Brad Braley,
27-Tom Mulligan, Duane
Dean, 30-Donna Henn,
31-Louann Flaherty

For Your Prayers...

Lanny Zimmer
Denise Brown
Gary Clark
Jean Boller

Coming Soon...

Friday, January 26

The office will be **closed**.
Pastor Julie is at a conference and Lynette will be out all day to an appointment.

Sunday, February 4

9:00 am Forum on the
Annual Report
10:00 am Annual Meeting
of the Congregation

Sunday, Feb. 11

Souperbowl of Caring
Donations for the Food
Bank will be received.

Pancake Brunch after
worship.

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:
[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)
Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Jan Thedens

Computer Operator: Kevin Thedens

Videographer/Repair: Neal Leeper

Fellowship: Dot Clausen, Jeverna Mulligan

Snow Removal: Kirk Eastman, Gary Sabey,
Jim Seeley

Souperbowl of Caring, February 11

Watch for our Souperbowl of Caring event on Sunday, Feb. 11.

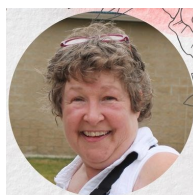
We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.



If you are unable to attend that day but wish to bring food items, please put them in the church library by Feb. 12.

Congratulations

Best wishes to Jenny Allen, retiring from North Star Services after 37 years, most recently with the Supported Community Living program.



Anticipating the Lenten Season

- After worship on Sunday, **February 11** we will have a pancake brunch in the dining room. Join us for great food and fellowship.
- Ash Wednesday worship will be **February 14**, 6:30 pm.

Christian Nationalism: Zoom presentation by Mike Waggoner

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 post-secondary 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.

Thank You

We took Caleb to Iowa City [last] week. They didn't want to perform surgery at that time, but gave him a very secure bandage. A lot of his pain has gone away and has been to school! He has a long road ahead of skin and nail regrowth. We will be going to Iowa City again sometime [this] week, and will give an update later.

Thanks for sending positive thoughts and prayers our way!

Kat & Eric Braley

(Caleb had a injury that removed his thumb tip and nail.)

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.
- Copies of the Annual Report are in the narthex.

VOTE ON A CHANGE IN WORDING 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.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, January 24

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Friday, January 26

— Office closed

Sunday, January 28

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

Shine Breakout Sessions

Tuesday, January 30

4:00 pm Community Ministries, Zoom

Wednesday, January 31

1:30 pm Deacons Meeting, library

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, February 1

1:00 pm Esther Circle, Zoom

(Sunday, February 4 - Annual Meeting)