



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

February 14, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



February 18 – First Sunday of Lent

“Who Is Your Lord?”

Scripture: Exodus 3:13-15; Philippians 2:1-13

Who is your Lord?

Paul writes his letter to the church in Philippi from prison around the year 60 CE.

Philippians 2:5-11, a hymn of the early church, is one of the earliest descriptions of Jesus' relationship to God and his divinity and humanity. Exodus 3 reveals the personal name of God, YHWH, often rendered "Lord" in Scripture.

Jesus Christ is our Lord, the highest and final authority in our lives and the world, and Savior, provider of God's grace and forgiveness for all. In the 1998 Study Catechism, Q.31 reads, "What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord?" Answer: "That having been raised from the dead he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, I give glory and honor to God."

Sometimes we struggle with who we are and to whom we belong. The claim that Jesus is Lord may be difficult for us to understand if we associate power only with the world's examples of leaders who claim authority by oppressing the weak and the marginalized. Jesus is Lord because he humbled himself, served, died, and was risen. Jesus wields a different kind of power, the power of love and compassion.

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

Church Birthdays

Feb. 19-Daniel Humpal,
Michael Boller, 21-Jan
Reimer

For Your Prayers...

Jackie Ozegovic

Coming Soon...

Wednesday, February 14
6:30 pm **Ash Wednesday**
Worship, sanctuary

Wednesdays 2/21-3/20
Noon-1:00 pm Quiet Re-
flection/Stations of the
Cross, sanctuary

Monday, April 15
DEADLINE for Dorothy
Horn and First Presby-
terian Scholarships. See
page 3.

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Computer Operator: Scott Connolly

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Souperbowl Offering: Shine Kids & families

Sanctuary Cleaning: Michelle Luzaich

A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped with Sunday's pancake brunch by planning, donating, setting up, cooking, serving, cleaning up, or in other unnamed way.

What a great activity in preparation for the season of Lent!



Worship & Music Committee

Thank You

Dear Deacons and Friends,

I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed the Valentine's card and all the notes I have received over the years. I'm in an assisted living apartment at Bartles in Waverly. It is very comfortable for my 97 year lifestyle. I'm happy not to have to cook and to have new friends to eat with and do things with.

Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayer. God bless you all!

~ Sincerely, Jean Berry

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, February 14

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship, sanctuary

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, February 18

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

Tuesday, February 20

6:30 pm CYF Team, Zoom

Wednesday, February 21

Noon-1:00 pm Stations of the Cross, sanctuary

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Anticipating the Lenten Season

• Ash Wednesday – February 14

Our Ash Wednesday service will take place on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will join the Mennonites in contemplation, communion, and the imposition of ashes.

• Lenten Reflection and Stations of the Cross

Starting February 21st and continuing every Wednesday through Holy Week, the sanctuary will be open from noon to 1:00 pm for quiet reflection and walking the stations of the cross. Drop in and take a few moments to contemplate what God is showing you through this Lenten season.

Refugee Settlement Project

We are working through [Welcome Corps](#) to sponsor an refugee family in the Cedar Valley. The plan calls for us to raise at least **\$2,425** per person and we have set a goal of raising a total of at least **\$12,125** to support a family of 4-5.

If you would like to help, please make a donation to our church with "Newcomer Support" in the memo line. If our efforts do not reach hosting a family, all funds will be donated to Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service. Contact Rhonda Braley with questions.

Mark Your Calendar!

Working for Justice: Breaking Bias invites the congregation to hear Brad Braley's presentation about his time at the U.S.-Mexico border. This opportunity will take place on Wednesday, **April 17** at 10 AM in the church dining room. There will be time for Q&A following the presentation.

Please join us for this important opportunity!

Here is a link to read Brad's article on the Presbytery's website about his trip to the border: <https://presbynciowa.org/2024/01/02/beyond-despair-and-death-at-the-border/>

Christian Nationalism Recording

If you missed the Zoom event on Christian Nationalism with Mike Waggoner, you may watch the recording: [Christian Nationalism](#)

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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.

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.

Those interested in more information or an application packet for these scholarships should contact First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls. Applications can be requested by calling 319-277-3930 or by email: office@firstprescf.org. All applications must be returned by Friday, **April 15, 2024**

Thanks SHINE Kids and Families!

Our children and youth did a great job collecting a noisy offering and sorting food for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

Thanks to everyone who donated food and gave monetary donations for Souperbowl of Caring.

