



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

March 6, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



March 10 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

“What Does It Mean to Show Christ’s Love?”

Scripture: John 21:15-19

What Does It Mean to Show Christ’s Love?

Jesus taught his followers that to serve the least in the world was to serve him. This week we continue to make significant connections between affirming Jesus' love for us and our call to show Jesus' love to our neighbors, near and far.

In John 21:15-19, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" three times for emphasis, just as a schoolteacher may have a class repeat something several times to make sure they have learned it. Jesus also instructs Peter to "feed my sheep" three times, which highlights the importance of the task. We believe that the church is called to be a sign of the Kingdom of God in the world: a place where there is no poverty, no inequality, no exploitation, and no violence. In our acts of Christian love, we show God's intention for our world.

Confirmation can be a time for us to grasp that Jesus has work for us to do and begin to explore what those plans might include. As Presbyterians, we believe that we serve others in grateful response to the grace of God in Christ.

As disciples of Christ, what are we being called to do in our community?

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

Church Birthdays

Mar. 9-Jo Moon,
13-Shirley Hill, 17-Gary Sabey, Andrew Humpal

For your prayers...

Sue Eastman

George Barr

REMINDER!

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, Mar. 10.

Notice...

Wednesdays thru 3/20
Noon-1:00 pm Quiet Reflection/Stations of the Cross, sanctuary

Wednesday, March 6
5:30 pm - Wednesday Meal; Easter egg stuffing before & after

Holy Week and Easter
See the upcoming schedule on 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:

Worship Leader: Cyd Grafft

Computer Operator: Kevin Thedens

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Communion Preparer: Cyd Grafft



Wednesday Supper

Join us for our monthly Wednesday meal tonight, March 6, 5:30 pm in the dining room.

A freewill offering will be received.

Volunteers are needed to clean up afterwards.

In Sympathy

Sympathy to Rob Gerken upon the death of his mother, Phyllis.

Thank You

Thank you so much for paying for my church camp. I really enjoyed being at camp. I had so much fun swimming and meeting new friends.

Sincerely,

Justice Humpal

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, March 6

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

5:30 pm Wednesday Meal, dining room

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, March 7

1:00 pm Esther Circle, Zoom

Saturday, March 9

9:30 am Sarah Circle, classroom

Sunday, March 10

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

11:15 am Fellowship, narthex

Monday, March 11

7:00 pm PEO, dining room

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 pm Session Meeting, library

7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room

Wednesday, March 13

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

--- No Choir Rehearsal

Lenten Reflection and Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday through March 20, 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.

Easter Egg Help!

Today is the last day to bring small treats, candies, or non-food items to fill Easter eggs! **Please drop off donation in the library by 5:00 pm TONIGHT, March 6!**

Anyone who wishes to help FILL the eggs may help in the library before or after tonight's Wednesday Supper. Thank You!

Easter Flower Sponsors



The Worship Team will be providing a floral arrangement for Easter. You may donate toward the arrangement in memory or honor of a loved one. Forms are in the narthex. **Deadline: Sunday, March 24.**

Any amount is welcome. Proceeds after expense will go into our sanctuary decorations fund.

Names will appear in the March 27 newsletter and posted in the narthex on Easter Sunday.

Scholarship Opportunities

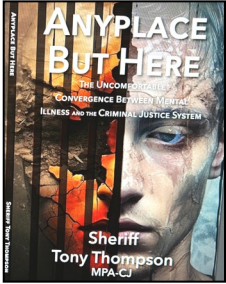
The **Dorothy Horn Scholarship** provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa. Dorothy Horn attended the University of Northern Iowa and her estate established this scholarship endowment, which is administered by First Presbyterian Church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

Book Discussion Opportunities

Black Hawk County Sheriff, Tony Thompson has written a book on the way that the criminal justice system has become a provider of mental health patients. There will be two community discussions where Sheriff Thompson and others will talk about this important issue.



- Sunday, April 21 at Jubilee UMC Freedom Center, 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 28 at Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church, 2:00 p.m.

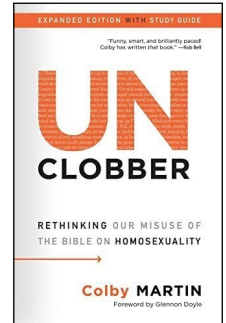
Sheriff Thompson's book, "Anyplace but Here: The Uncomfortable Convergence Between Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System" can be found on Amazon at this link: <https://www.amazon.com/Anyplace-But-Here-Uncomfortable-Convergence/dp/1941892779>

Colby Martin, author of: UNCLOBBER (showing how the Bible is not anti-LGBTQ) and THE SHIFT (a survival guide for becoming a progressive Christian) is coming to the Cedar Valley April 7 and 8.

Sunday morning, April 7, he will be preaching at the 8:00 and 10:00 am services at St. John Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls. **At 6:30 pm, he will be speaking at Lang Hall on the UNI Campus.** Colby will share some of his story, his journey toward being fully affirming and his in-depth study of the six Bible verses that get used most to "clobber" folks from the LGBTQ+ community in churches.

Dr. Courtney Stufflebeam (Licensed Clinical Psychologist) will be hosting an informal discussion of Colby's book, "Unclobbered" Sunday, March 17 and Sunday March 24, 3:00-4:15 at First Congregational Church, 608 W. Fourth St. Waterloo.

If you are interested, purchase the book or check out a copy from the Waterloo library. Otherwise, just bring yourself and your experiences! No need to RSVP or attend both sessions.



HOLY WEEK with Cedar Valley Presbyterians, PC(USA)

- **Mundy Thursday** - March 28, 6:00 pm
at our church, First Presbyterian, 902 Main Street.
Join us for a service of contemplation. All are welcome to partake in communion.
- **Good Friday** - March 29 - 6:00 pm
at First Presbyterian Church, 505 Franklin St, Waterloo
This service will feature a joint choir that blends together voices from our churches.
Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian and Unity Presbyterian will also participate.

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00 am Refreshments in the dining room

Egg Hunt and Children's Activities

10:00 am Worship in the sanctuary



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. Checks may be made payable to the church with "One Great Hour" on the memo.