



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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April 17, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

“Will You Devote Yourself to the Prayers?”

Scriptures: Psalm 51:10-13, John 17:20-26

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Will You Devote Yourself to the Prayers?

As we continue our confirmation series, Big God Big Questions, we ask “Will you devote yourself to the prayers?” Prayer focuses our attention on God and away from ourselves. When that happens, we open our hearts to God to become active in our lives, seeking community and justice for all humanity.

Scripture connects prayer and heart, extolling believers to keep on praying so as not to lose heart. Praying without ceasing gives us a focus beyond the things that cause despair. Prayer helps us live in hope and persistently points our hearts and minds in God's direction and gives us reason to live as God would have us live.

As disciples of Christ, how can we be a people of prayer?

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

Church Birthdays

Apr. 18-Carolyn Stephenson, 19-Jean Hall, John Koontz, Jeverna Mulligan, 23-Nancy Hoppe, 24-Vi Polk, 28-Gabby Lee, Gracie Lee

For Your Prayers...

George Barr upon the death of his sister.

Notice...

The Monthly Meal is tonight, **April 17**, 5:30 pm.

Sunday, April 21

3:00 pm Bel Canto Spring Concert, sanctuary

Sunday, April 28

Congregational Meeting during worship to vote on nominees for Session. *See page 2.*

Special Offering

It's not too late to contribute to the *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Make checks payable to the church with OGHS on the memo.

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: Rhonda Braley

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Mowing: Kirk Eastman

Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the thoughts, prayers and cards while I was hospitalized.

Marlene King

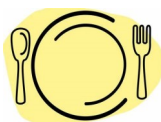
Wednesday Supper Tonight

Join us for our monthly Wednesday meal tonight, **April 17**, 5:30 pm in the dining room.

Everything is provided.

A freewill offering will be received.

Volunteers are needed to clean up afterwards.



Congregational Meeting Announcement:

April 28

Session has called a meeting of the congregation for April 28th during worship to elect two elders.

We will vote on

Brad Jensen for a three-year term

Judy Burfeind for a one year term.

All members are encouraged to come and participate in the voting.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, April 17

5:30 pm Monthly Meal, dining room

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, April 21

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary
Shine Kids breakout sessions

3:00 pm Bel Canto Concert, sanctuary
Refreshments to follow

Wednesday, April 24

4:00 pm Community Ministries, library

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Organ Recital

The Cedar Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will sponsor an organ recital on Saturday, April 20, 4:00 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1301 Kimball Ave, Waterloo. There is no charge to attend. Dr. Jin Ah Yoo will be performing.

A reception will follow the recital.



Bel Canto Concert

The Bel Canto Spring Concert, "Which New, Wild Joy" will be at First Presbyterian-Cedar Falls on Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 pm.

Concert tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door.

Cookies and lemonade will be served downstairs after the concert.



Lawn Mowing Notice

Volunteers are needed to sign up to help mow the church lawn this season. Two self propelled mowers are available. Please sign up for the week(s) you can help in the narthex.

Working for Justice: Breaking Bias Calendar

- **May 1:** Planning and discussion for fall event we will host. We will invite social justice groups from congregations in the area to join us for conversation.

- **May 15:** Finalize planning for fall event.

June through August: summer break

Refugee Resettlement Update From: 902 Main Sponsor Group

The group from the CF Mennonite and First Presbyterian Churches sponsoring a refugee family have been assigned a mother and her two teenage sons. They will be coming from Venezuela and can arrive anytime the next 1-3 months.

In the next few weeks, the group will begin setting up the apartment with furnishings. A detailed list of needs will be forth coming.

The financial contributions, words of prayer and support, have played a big role in moving this project forward. Thank you! Contact Rhonda Braley with any questions.