



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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April 24, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter Creation Care Sunday

Scriptures: Psalm 19:1-4; Hosea 4:1-3

I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth. – Genesis 9:13

In Our Hands

Art and reflection by Lauren Wright Pittman

Hand-carved block printed with oil-based ink on paper

“In this image, God’s hands hold various animals and plant life, and are surrounded by the bands of the rainbow, shielding Creation from the swirling waters of chaotic destruction. I chose not to image humanity because the hands are at once God’s and ours. We must respond to God’s covenant by protecting and keeping the earth. It is our responsibility; it is our calling. God meets us where we are—utterly dependent and bound toward self-destruction—with a promise sealed with a bow bursting with the endless spectrum of colors light holds.” – Lauren Wright Pittman

This next Sunday’s worship will be a unique service, for we are drawing our attention to creation care. We are aware of efforts in our country and our world to advocate for the Earth’s care and sustainability. However, it is not only policy that calls us to be caretakers and advocates. Join us as we consider how our faith also calls us to be caretakers and advocates for God’s good Earth.

Church Birthdays

Apr. 24-Vi Polk, 28-Gabby Lee, Gracie Lee, May 4-Marge King, Nick Feder-spiel, 5-Eric Braley, Matt Humpal, Brock Swarbrick

Office Note:

Lynette will be out of the office Monday, April 29. The Worship Video email will be sent on Tuesday.

Notice...

Sunday, April 28

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

Sunday, May 5

Recognition Sunday
Fellowship after worship hosted by the Deacons.

Special Offering

It’s not too late to contribute to the *One Great Hour of Sharing*.

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: Kirk Eastman

Videographer: Brad Jensen

Lawn Mowing: Jim Seeley

Bel Canto Concert: Dot Clausen, Connie Herbon
(there were nearly 400 in attendance!)

New Horizons Band Concert

The New Horizons Band will present their spring concert Tuesday, April 30, the GBPAC at 7:30 p.m. Dot Clausen, Ann Crawford, and Brad Jensen are members of the band.



There is not charge for the concert, but you will be asked for a donation and there will be treats 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.

YOU are invited to answer the call...

- Anyone willing to be a worship leader may sign up in the narthex or online. The online link is on the front page of the newsletter, bottom right.
- 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.

Watch our Sunday Service

Recordings of Sunday's worship service can be viewed on CFU cable channel 18, 6:00 pm every Thursday, or go to our website: firstprescf.org under the "News and Events>Worship with Us" tab.

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.

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.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, April 24

4:00 pm Community Ministries, library

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, April 28

10:00 am Worship & Cong. Mtg, sanctuary

Shine Kids breakout sessions

Wednesday, May 1

10:00 am Working for Justice, dining room

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, May 2

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room