FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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June 26, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org

FACES OF OUR FAITH
SHADRACH, MESHACH, & ABEDNEGO

Worship – June 30, 2024

Summer Worship Series: Faces of Our Faith – Bold and Untold Stories
Scripture: Daniel 3
Sermon: "The Fire Inside"

[12]They walked straight into the flames, blessing and singing to God. Daniel 3:24



read DANIEL 3
from the artist | HANNAH GARRITY

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego exemplified courage as they walked with the presence of God among the flames. Their trust in God overcame the human tendency to fear. This painting portrays the grandeur of God intersecting with the fearfulness of humanity.

In this image I tackle a meeting between God and fear. Each face presents a determined expression in the face of adversity. God's impervious and emboldening courage is represented by a landscape in the background. Panels of translucency hide God's fearlessness from us intermittently. The panels and open spaces represent the struggle with fear and fearlessness that we face as human beings. The faces of determination, faces strengthened by God's courage, emerge in the space where our view of God's strength is blocked. Here, our human struggle with fear is personified in the positive. Even when we cannot clearly see, God's courage is within us.

Art: 1 *The Fire Inside* by Hannah Garrity, A Sanctified Art

Church Birthdays

June 29-Steve Moon, 30-Nicole Stolte, July 1-Emily Helgerson, 3-Sue Weinberg, 5-Ellie Tompkins, 6-Denise Brown

For Your Prayers…

Flood victims in Northwest Iowa & those along the Missouri and Big & Little Sioux Rivers.

Member Anniversary

Jane Seeley, 7/27/1979 - 45 years

These Days Devotionals

The third quarter *These Days* devotionals are in the narthex.

A paper or online edition is available to purchase: These Days, Daily Devotions for Living by Faith | PC USA Store

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: Jill Mortenson
Videographer: Brad Jensen
Computer Operator: Steve Moon
Lawn Mowing: Brad Jensen
Lawn Mowing 6/30: Paul Braley
Recycling & Yard Trimming: Jim Seeley

Thank You

Thank you to our entire church community for your prayers and steadfast concern during the past year. The cards, the questions, the words of encouragement, and the expressions of sympathy. All have been much appreciated.

Shirley & Gus Hill

Celebration Invitation



We are excited to announce that our son, Collin Braley, is getting married to Angie Fuhrman in Oregon on June 29th.

An Iowa open house reception in their honor will be held **Saturday, July 20th,** from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at the Cedar Falls Women's Club, 304 Clay Street. Any of you who are interested in attending are welcome to join us!

Brad and Rhonda Braley

Gophers Needed



I am looking to create a Gopher Group of 4-5 people. Occasionally I will have small tasks that need done. They are short term, simple things that don't happen too often.

For example: Jane Seeley (already a gopher) takes flower vases that accumulate at the church to Bancroft's to reuse. Things like this.

If you are willing to let me call/email you to do a miscellaneous task (many don't fall under a Ministry Team) please let me know.

Lynette - office@firstprescf.org

Personal Hygiene Drive

The Community Ministries Team is collecting personal hygiene products again this year for Eye of the Needle.

Products requested are:



- bar soap
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- deodorant

(only those items, please!)

Donations can be left in the marked baskets inside the north entrance of the church. Packing will happen on **Sunday, July 21** after worship. Please bring items by then.

We will pack donated items into hygiene kits which will be given to students and families along with shoes and clothes as part of Eye of the Needle's back to school drive.

What's your favorite hymn?



As we celebrate all the Faces of Our Faith this summer, we want to include YOU! To that end, Pastor Julie wants to know what your favorite hymn is and why. Reply to this email with the title of a beloved hymn and a couple of sentences about why it is important to you. If you would prefer to submit a hymn on paper, you may place it in the basket provided in the narthex. Hymns submitted will be featured in an upcoming service.

ThreeHouse Trivia Night



Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 pm

(registration at 6:00 pm)

At **Cedar Heights** Community Presbyterian Church

➢ 2015 Rainbow Dr, Cedar Falls

Test your knowledge with questions in categories like arts and literature, science, business and more!

Sign up at: threehouse.org

Elders Installed

Welcome to Ray & Judy Burfeind and Brad Jensen (left to right) as our new Elders serving on Session for 2024-2027. (Judy is serving one year, 2024-2025.)

Pastor Julie Erkel Hagee is in the back row.



2024 Synod School

Synod School will be held at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa from July 21-26. It has a national reputation for excellence, fun, and wonderful intergenerational experiences. Scholarship aid may be available. A catalogue is in the narthex or go online: Synod School.

Become a Dementia Friend!



Become a **Dementia Friend!**

You can become a Dementia Friend by attending a one-hour informational session to learn about living with dementia and the simple things you can do to support someone living with dementia.

What Happens at the Information Session?

This one-hour session is a session led by Dementia Friends Champion, Shari Cary. You'll learn some basics of dementia such as what dementia is, how it can affect a person, some tips for communicating with people who have dementia, and other ways to support people with dementia.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
Date: Tuesday, August 20
Time: 10:00 -11:00 am
Location: First Presbyterian Church
902 Main St, Cedar Falls, IA 50613
Questions?
Contact Megan Zimmerman: mzimmerman@nei3a.org
319-287-1182

NORTHEAST IOWA Area Agency on Aging