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February 12, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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Sermon Series: The Art of Hearing
"Hearing and Healing" – Sunday, February 16

Scripture: Psalm 1, Luke 6: 17-26

In this Sunday's gospel text, crowds came "to hear and be healed." Some came with diseases, some with "unclean spirits," everyone with some sort of brokenness, some sort of need. They were seeking the voice of God to give them life. And they found it in Jesus. They heard his voice. The power of God was in his voice and his touch. All of them—healed by the presence of God in Christ.

I wonder, when have you needed healing? What helped you carry on? This Sunday we'll ponder how experiencing healing is not necessarily experiencing a cure. How does Jesus heal and what does it mean for us?

Learn how Presbyterians are helping in Ukraine

The Rev. Jan Dus, a Presbyterian minister who lives in Prague, in the Czech Republic, will be speaking at First Presbyterian Church, 505 Franklin Street, Waterloo, on Thursday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m. in Calvin Hall. The public is invited.

Rev. Dus created a humanitarian organization called Camino in 2022 to help Ukrainians after the start of the war. Camino is involved in a handful of projects across Ukraine, assisting everyone from senior citizens to children. It supports House of Mercy in a small town south of Kyiv. This senior citizens' home, designed for 35 residents, has housed more than a hundred refugees, including mothers with children fleeing the war. Camino supports three orphanages, all on the outskirts of Kyiv. In Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, it helps fund a food distribution program that prepares thousands of meals a day.

Based in the Czech Republic, Camino is a fully volunteer-based, grassroots organization with no paid staff, including Dus' position as director. Dus speaks fluent Russian and can understand Ukrainian. He works with families that are divided, displaced and grieving. People show him photographs of their homes, damaged by the fighting, and say "I have nowhere to go back. My house doesn't exist. I don't know where to go. Basically, I don't belong anywhere."

When he asks Ukrainians how people from outside the country can help, "typically the first thing they mention is prayer," Dus said. "Pray for us. Don't forget about us. Remember us. Pray for Ukraine."

Rev. Dus is in the U.S. to report on current conditions and needs, and to raise funds for the projects of Camino. You can read more about Dus and these projects at the Presbyterian Foundation website, from which the summary above was taken: https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/resources/news/all-volunteer-camino-serves-food-support-and-hope-in-ukraine/

Church Birthdays

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

Coming Soon…

(No February Session Meeting)

March 2-Shrove Sunday
11:15 am Pancake Brunch

March 5-Ash Wednesday
6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, March 2, 2:00 pm
Cedar Valley Justice Coalition Panel Discussion

Friday, April 11-Horn and FPC Scholarships Deadline

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: Jan Reimer

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Snow Removal/Office Recycling: Jim Seeley

Souper Bowl: thanks to the kids for organizing the cans, collecting the offering, and participating in the skit. Thanks to Sandy Jensen, Scott Connolly and Alexa Reed-Clancy for assistance with the skit.

Soup Lunch: Patti Humpal, Sue Luck, Jane Seeley and everyone who donated food:

Connolly family, Gus Hill, Brad Jensen, Kay Leeper, Michelle Luzaich, Jane Seeley, Jenny Allen, Jean Boller, Kat Braley, Paul Braley, Denise Brown, Margaret Clark, Dot Clausen, Nancy Hoppe, Jeverna Mulligan and Jan Reimer.

What an energetic, fun Mission Sunday!!

New Email Addresses

Anyone still using a **CFU email account** is reminded that CFU will be discontinuing emailing services this year. Please notify the church as soon as you have a new address. Thank you!



Panel Discussion on Racial Justice Issues in the Cedar Valley

Sunday, March 2, 2:00-4:00 PM

First Presbyterian | 902 Main Street, Cedar Falls

Speakers will be LaTanya Graves, President of Black Hawk NAACP chapter, Rev. Belinda Creighton-Smith, Waterloo City Council member, UNI instructor, and pastor of Faith Temple Baptist Church, and Al Hays, Emeritus Professor of Political Science and Public Policy.

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 11, 2025.

Upcoming schedule

Sunday, February 16

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary
-Shine breakout session

Tuesday, February 17

6:30 pm Worship Team, Zoom

Wednesday, February 19

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, February 20

10:00 am CV Justice Coalition Planning Committee, library

Coming Soon - Mark Your Calendars!

- *Shrove Sunday Service and Brunch – March 2*

Join us for Shrove Sunday when we will contemplate what sin is and how we turn from it. The service will be followed by a pancake brunch.

- *Ash Wednesday - March 5*

Our Ash Wednesday service will be Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. We will have a time of contemplation, communion, and the imposition of ashes.











Souperbowl of Caring

Thanks to everyone who brought Noisy Offering donations and non-perishable food items for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank!