First Presbyterian E-Link

February 26, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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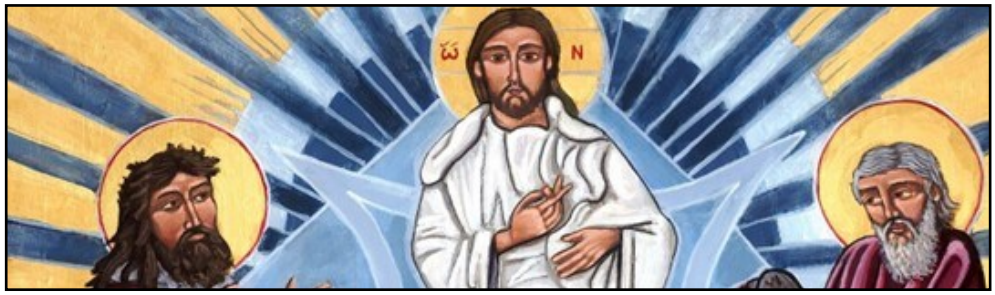

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

"We Do Not Lose Heart" – Sunday, March 2 @ 10:00am

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 3:17-42; Luke 9:28-36

Communion Celebration

PANCAKE BRUNCH

Sunday, March 2 @ 11:00am

Join us for our Shrove pancake brunch. There will be plenty of pancakes, toppings, and sides for everyone.

FEEDBACK SESSION

Sunday, March 2 @ 12:00 - 1:00 pm

After your belly is full of brunchy goodness, join our conversation about what Session has been up to in the past year and have an opportunity to provide feedback for their upcoming Session retreat. Session is seeking input from the congregation on future plans, including Lynette's retirement and Julie's sabbatical.



Lenten Devotionals

Print copies are available in the narthex. You can also view online: Lenten Devotionals

These Days

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

Church Birthdays

Feb. 27-Dot Clausen, Addison Wells, 28-Walt Stephenson

Informational Link

PC(USA) joins religious freedom lawsuit challenging ICE enforcement actions in churches Click this link to learn more about our denominations efforts to ensure religious freedom.

Coming Soon…

March 2-Shrove Sunday
11:15 am Pancake Brunch
12:00 –1:00 pm **Congregational Informational Meeting**

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

*March 5-**Ash Wednesday***
6:30 pm Worship

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: Cyd Grafft

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Restroom Painting: Gary Sabey, Jim Seeley

Thank You

Thanks so much for this donation from First Presbyterian. It is much appreciated and will be put to good use right away.
Thank you,
Laura Hidlebaugh
Director, Adult Education and Literacy Programs
Hawkeye Community College

Dear Friends at First Pres,
Thank you for your recent donation to campus ministry at UNI. Your support and partnership are an important part of who we are and the work we do.
Sincerely,
Threehouse Collaborative Campus Ministry

Both donations were from Designated Mission monies.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, February 26
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Saturday, March 1
9:30 am Sarah Circle, classroom
Sunday, March 2
10:00 am Worship, sanctuary
11:15 am Pancake Brunch, dining room
Congressional Update, dining rm
2:00 pm CV Justice Coalition, dining room
Tuesday, March 4
1:00 pm Personnel Team, classroom
4:00 pm Community Ministries, library
Ash Wednesday, March 5
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service, sanctuary
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
Thursday, March 6
1:00 pm Esther Circle, Zoom

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.



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

"Grounding to Bloom" Event postponed

Correction: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the March 8 event, Grounding to Bloom, has been postponed to March 15. The event will still be at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1301 Kimball Ave, Waterloo, and email registrations are due March 10. [See the poster in our church's hallway for details.]

Personal Hygiene Product Drive

Our Community Ministries Team is sponsoring a personal hygiene products drive again this year for Eye of the Needle. This year we'll collect items during Lent. We will pack donated items into hygiene kits following worship on Sunday, April 13, which is Palm Sunday. Hygiene kits will be delivered to Eye of the Needle for them to distribute to students and families in need.

We are requesting **any brand** of these ***specific*** ***products, please:***

- Bar Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- **Individually** packaged Toothbrushes

Donations can be left in the marked baskets inside the north entrance of the church from now through April 13.



Card Shower

Stephanie Marra has moved, and we are having a card shower for her. She would appreciate hearing from you. Contact the office for her address.

Member Anniversaries

Steven Brown, 3/16/1970 - 55 yrs

Darrel & Marsha Flater 3/16/1970 - 55 yrs

Audrey Schoeman 3/28/1965 - 60 yrs

Love INC Poverty Event

Cedar Valley Church
3520 Ansborough Ave, Waterloo
Saturday, March 1, 9:00-11:00 am

Love INC will host a poverty simulation and panel discussion discuss common barriers and offer new perspectives on poverty in the Cedar Valley. Visit Poverty Event-Love Inc to sign up.

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.

Learn how Presbyterians are helping in Ukraine

Mission Speaker - Thursday, February 27

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.
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/