FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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February 5, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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Sermon Series: The Art of Hearing

"Hearing is Believing" – Sunday, February 9

Scripture: Psalm 158, Luke 5:1-11

SouperBowl Sunday

In this Sunday's gospel text, crowds are swarming around Jesus, desperate to hear his teaching. Before he even opens his mouth, they are confident he will deliver a word from God. Simon Peter and his fellow fishermen are not feeling so confident. They are washing out their nets after a fruitless night of fishing. We can imagine they are just ready to go home and rest, not knowing what else to do after failing so miserably and potentially jeopardizing their week's income. Jesus sees their defeat and meets them with miraculous provision.

I wonder, when have you felt defeat? What helped you carry on? This Sunday we'll ponder how it's sometimes the failures, the aimlessness, the empty nets that open us up to hearing God's voice, making it our compass to show us who we are and why we're here and what is the way forward.

Souperbowl of Caring/Soup Lunch

This Sunday, February 9 is Souperbowl of Caring Sunday.

We will be collecting a Noisy Offering and non-perishable food items for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.



If you are unable to attend that day but wish to bring food items, please put them **in the church library** by Feb. 9.

Stay after worship for a soup lunch! There will be a variety of soups, breads, muffins and desserts.

Church Birthdays

Feb. 7-Julie Rokes, 8-Bob Hall, Dave Luck

WEATHER NOTICE!

No choir rehearsal tonight due to weather.

The office (which follows the Cedar Falls School cancelation policy) will close at noon today and open tomorrow as per the school.

For Your prayers…

Darrel Flater

Julie Rokes upon the death of her brother-in-law

Coming Soon…

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

Update…

A mattress and frame has been donated to our 16-year old in need. Thanks to all those who donated!

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:

Sign Up: Worship Leaders

Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Amy Wiles

Worship Leader/Time for Wonder: Carolyn Stephenson

Videographer: Gary Clark

Computer Operator: Rob Cline

Communion Preparer: Lynette Cline

Greeter: Mark Mortenson

Projector Replacement: Neal Leeper

Deacon on Call: Jane Seeley

Thank You

Friends,

Thank you for making Mark's Celebration of Life special! We appreciate your attention to every aspect, the cards and contributions to Mark's memorial. Blessings to each of you for years of caring and inclusion.

Also-thanks for the many birthday cards for my 90th!

With gratitude,
Mary McCalley

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, February 5

10:00 am Deacons Meeting, dining room

—- ***NO Choir Rehearsal due to weather***

Thursday, February 6

1:00 pm Esther Circle, Zoom

Saturday, February 8

9:30 am PEO Meeting, dining room

Sunday, February 9

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

-Shine breakout session

11:15 am Souperbowl Lunch, dining room

Tuesday, February 11

7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room

Wednesday, February 12

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Panel Discussion on Racial Justice Issues in the Cedar Valley

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

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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.

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 take place on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. We will have a time of contemplation, communion, and the imposition of ashes.