



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

October 8, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Sunday, October 12 @10:00am

Stewardship Series: What We *Can* Do

Sermon: "Gratitude > Obedience"

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

In our current political and social climate it often feels as if there is nothing we can do to make the world better. This Sunday we start our Stewardship Series: What We *Can* Do. We'll explore the Lukan lectionary passages and the ways they can show us how we can impact our world for good.

Our fourth text of the series is Luke 17:11-19. It is the story of ten leprosy men getting the attention of Jesus and asking for mercy. Jesus sees the men and responds to them with a healing word. The ten then follow Jesus' direction, but just one comes back to express his thanksgiving. Stewardship isn't merely about following the rules; it's a gratitude-saturated way of being in the world. How can our gratitude change the world around us?

Why A Clear Welcome Matters

As we prepare to affirm our position as inclusive and open to all by a vote to change our bylaws on November 9, some are asking why such a statement is necessary. After all, isn't everyone already welcome here?

It's true, we are a warm and welcoming congregation. Many of us feel safe and at home here. But there are also stories we may not hear. Visitors that come once and never return. Longtime members who keep parts of themselves hidden. People who wonder, silently, "Would I still be welcome if they *really* knew me?"

Many folks who are looking for a worshipping community have been hurt by a church in the past. Not necessarily by direct action, but by silence, unintentional exclusion, or unfounded assumptions. In order to combat the harms folks have encountered in churches, we need to clearly and lovingly say: Yes, you are welcome as you are. Yes, you belong. Yes, this table is for you.

Here is the bylaws change proposed by Session:

"First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls is an inclusive, open, and affirming faith community where diverse perspectives may live together in the Spirit of Christ. All persons are children of God. We welcome all without exception, regardless of ability, age, ethnicity, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression."

Have questions about this process? Submit them through the anonymous online form here: <https://forms.gle/zcGHYZHBaEdytTKa7>

Church Birthdays

Oct 9-Jim Zimmer, 11-
Vanda McRoberts, 13-
Steven Brown, Lori Abernathy, Hope Goering

Membership Anniversaries

Denise Brown
Mitch Weinberg
10/27/1985-40 yrs

It's Not Too Late to Give!

You can still give to the PCUSA Peace and Global Witness special offering.

Upcoming Events...

Tuesday, October 14
10:00 am Navigating Life Transitions-Final Arrangements, dining room

Thursday, October 16
1:00 pm Women's Social at LookOut Park

Sunday, October 26
UNICEF Sunday and Noisy Offering (kids can wear their costumes!)

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Sunday Supper Sign Up:

jean_seeland@vccv.org

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Connie Herbon

Videographer: Gary Clark

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Lawn Mowing 10/5 - available

Lawn Mowing: 10/12 – available

CROP Walk Coordinator: Jenny Allen

Office Help: Nancy Hoppe

Women's Social Gathering

The 3rd Thursday Women's Social on October 16th, 1:00 pm is tentatively scheduled for Lookout Park. If the weather cooperates, bring a chair and beverage if desired and join in the fun!

Hymn Sing Invitation

Dave and Sue Feltman are having a Hymn Sing at their home on Sunday, October 19, 4:00 pm. All are invited, both singers and listeners. If you have access to the Presbyterian hymnal "Glory to God", please bring it. We will have a few extras for use. Please bring a lawn chair and, if you wish, a few cookies to share.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, October 8

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, October 12

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary
SHINE breakout session

11:15 am Church Potluck, dining room

Monday, October 13

9:00 am Properties Team, library
1:00 pm DAR Meeting, classroom
7:00 pm PEO, dining room

Tuesday, October 14

10:00 am Final Arrangements, dining rm
6:00 pm Session Meeting, library
7:00 pm Audubon Society, dining room

Wednesday, October 15

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, October 16

1:00 pm Women's Social, Lookout Park

Church Potluck - THIS SUNDAY!

Our monthly congregational potluck will be after worship this Sunday, October 12.

Main meat dish, desserts, beverages and table service will be provided. Please **bring a side dish** to share.



CROP Walk Update

Thank you to all who supported this year's CROP Walk.

A total of \$457.25 was raised by our church for CROP!

Front row, l-r: Pastor Julie, Tom & Jeverna Mulligan, Andrew Hagee. Back row: Dick Goering, Jill Mortenson, Hope Goering, Brad & Rhonda Braley.



Navigating Life Transitions

Hosted by the Board of Deacons
Tuesday, October 14, 10:00 am, dining room

Part Two - Final Arrangements

Speaker: Paul Van Gorp, Funeral Director
This presentation aims to empower attendees with tools and resources, emphasizing thoughtful preparation to honor loved ones' wishes and ease the emotional burden on families.



Feminine Hygiene Drive for Teen Girls

The Community Ministry Team is sponsoring a feminine hygiene collection drive during the month of October. The products will be going to a family support coordinator who works with students at Hoover and Bunger middle schools.

Please leave donations in the marked baskets in the Entryway. Our drive was very successful last year and the schools were very thankful, these products cannot be purchased with food stamps and are rarely available at the food bank.

Documentary Film Viewing

"Pushout- The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools."

- Waterloo Public Library, 415 Commercial St, Waterloo
- Sunday, October 12, 2:00 pm

A discussion will follow the documentary, 3:15-3:45 pm.

LeChristopher's Southern Cuisine meal will be available that day at 12:00-3:00 pm, Jubilee UMC, 1621 E 4th St, Waterloo.

The meal is \$20 per person payable at the door.