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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

December 17, 2025

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Out of the Blue

Advent 2025

Sunday, December 21 @10:00am

Series: Out of the Blue

Scriptures: Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: "At the Turning Point"

Throughout Advent, we've read the stories of God's invitation over and over again. God goes to Elizabeth and Zechariah and says, "You." God goes to Mary and says, "You." God goes to Joseph and says, "You." As the church prepares to remember Jesus' first advent in the past even as it anticipates his second in the future, this Sunday affords the opportunity to proclaim that God is actively inviting us to share in God's work in the present. God is coming to us now and saying, "You." You personally. You specifically. It is you whom God has been waiting for, you whom God is inviting into the turning points that, right now, only God can see.



Caroling THIS AFTERNOON!

Join us for Christmas caroling to our homebound on TODAY, December 17 from 3:00-5:00. We will meet at the church. Songbooks provided. No sign up is needed.

Church Birthdays

Dec. 17-Lynette Cline,
31-Jenny Connolly

Weather Notice:

Cancellations will be broadcast on KWWL, by email, Facebook, and a message on our voicemail.
Now, too, on KCRG.

Upcoming Events...

Wednesday, December 17
3:00-5:00 pm
Christmas Caroling

Friday, December 19
11:00 am
Richard Smith Funeral

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Worship
4:30 pm with the
Cedar Falls Mennonites

Tuesday, December 30
3:00 pm
**2025 Financial Giving
Deadline**
(Allow 5 days for Paypal)

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:

Videographer: Gary Clark

Computer Operator: Eric Braley

Fellowship: Sue Luck, Patti Humpal

Thanks You to everyone who helped and participated in our SHINE Advent Program.

Thank You

Thank you to the First Presbyterian Cedar Falls congregation for the recent donation. That money combined with gifts from other churches and individuals allowed Eye of the Needle to buy winter coats and Christmas gifts for more than 100 children.

Pat King at 'Eye of the Needle' Ministries

Financial Giving Deadline!

Financial giving for 2025 must be received by 3:00 pm on **Tuesday, December 30** in order for it to show on your 2025 giving statement for tax purposes. Allow 5 business days for any PayPal donations!!

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, December 17

3:00 pm Christmas Caroling (meet at church)

Thursday, December 18

1:00 pm Esther Social, dining room

Friday, December 19

11:00 am Richard Smith Funeral, sanctuary
-lunch following

Saturday, December 20

5:00 pm Audubon Soup Potluck, dining room

Sunday, December 21

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

Wednesday, December 24

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship, sanctuary

Thu & Fri, December 25 & 26

— office closed

In Sympathy

Condolences to the family of Richard Smith upon his passing December 13. A visitation will be at Richardson Funeral Home on Thursday, December 18, 4:00-7:00 pm. The funeral will be at the church Friday, December 19, 11:00 am. The family will be present at 10:00 am. A lunch will follow the service.



Thank You

Dear First Pres family,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED! The 2025 Cedar Valley CROP Hunger Walk was a huge success!!

18 churches and agencies participated!

100 walkers participated!

\$17,500 was raised! (\$4,375 for our NE Iowa Food Bank)

CROP Hunger Walk 2026 Co-Chairs:

Paul Greene 319-404-4940

Diane Highnam 319-240-2849

Upcoming Worship Services

Christmas Eve: candlelight worship service Wednesday, December 24, **4:30 pm** in the sanctuary with the CF Mennonites. A family-friendly space will be in the chapel. The service will also be live streamed on Facebook.

Sunday, December 28: Worship will be in the dining room at 10:00 am. Coffee and fresh cinnamon rolls will be available.



Year End Reports

Annual reports from our Ministry Teams are due into the office on Friday, January 9, 2026 by noon.

Please have reports in a Word or Excel format and email to: office@firstprescf.org. Thank you!

Poinsettias in the Sanctuary are



In memory of...

Robert L. Beach, Thorvald & Gladys Nelson, and Berdena J. Beach from Holly Beach

Donald & Dorothy Lantz and Bob & Alice Leeper from Neal & Kay Leeper

Olivia Alvarez from Malerie & Paul Braley

Ben from Dot Clausen and family

Alex Seeley by the Seeley Family

Eunice Mitchell by the Clausen and Seeley families

My Mom & Dad, Ed & Elsie Hoppe by Nancy Hoppe

In memory and in honor of...

Dennis, Mel, Vi and Jo from Jan Reimer

In memory of Don Friar, Galen & Marione Boller; in honor of Mary Lou Friar

In memory of Kirk's mom, Wanda Eastman;

In honor of Kirk's dad, Forest Eastman and Sue's parents, Bob & Jo Tefft

In honor of...

Our parents and family from Dave & Sue Luck

Our daughter Monica from Gary & Margaret Clark

In celebration of family and friends from Kevin & Janice Thedens

Family and friends past and present from Cyd Q. Grafft



The **Christmas Joy** Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us who have pointed us to God. 50% of your gifts assists current and retired church workers with critical financial need. The other 50% goes to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.