



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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January 21, 2026

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Sunday, January 25@10:00am

Series: Gifts That Keep on Giving

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon: "The Gift of Bold Action"

Our Epiphany series is about recognizing the often-surprising gifts that are extended to humanity and are ours to receive if we are bold and loving enough to accept them. This Sunday we will contemplate the gospel of Matthew's call story of Andrew and Peter. Jesus called them to bold action—to fish for people and they made the bold choice to follow. There will come a time in everyone's life when bold choices need to be made. From deeply personal actions like publicly calling out sexism, racism, or ableism in our daily conversations, to more global actions like how we engage in our political system, there will be a time when we need to answer the words, "Follow me."

What ordinary people have you seen make bold choices despite the risk they faced? How might we discern what it means to follow Christ as a community?

Church Birthdays

Jan. 26-Brad Braley, 27-
Tom Mulligan, Duane
Dean, Liz Warriner, 30-
Donna Henn, 31-Louann
Flaherty

For Your Prayers

Lynette Cline's nephew,
Ian McClune, recovering
from neck surgery.

Upcoming Events...

Wednesday, January 21
Choir Rehearsal **CANCELED**
due to the weather.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25

9:00 am Adult Forum on
Annual Report (30 min)

10:00 am

The Annual Meeting of the
Congregation and Corpora-
tion during worship.

2:00 pm

Cedar Valley Justice Coali-
tion at Jubilee UMC
Church, Waterloo

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Sunday Supper Sign Up:

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Office Notes

Lynette will be on vacation January 26-30. A volunteer will be in the office from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm that week.

Pastor Julie will be away from February 1-13. The Deacon on call will be Jan Reimer.

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Lynette Cline

Videographer: Gary Clark

Computer Operator: Rob Cline

Fellowship: Jill Mortenson, Jan Reimer

Snow Removal: Kirk Eastman, Jim Seeley,
Gary Sabey, Gary and Margaret Clark

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be Sunday, **January 25**, 10:00 am.

A forum on the Annual Report will be that day, **9:00-9:30 am** in the dining room.

Copies of the 2025 Annual Report are in the narthex.

Presbytery News

Recently, the Presbyteries of North Central Iowa, Prospect Hill and Des Moines have voted to begin a time of prayer and discussion to discern whether God may be leading us toward a new structure: a single, joined presbytery serving Iowa together.

To that end, we have created a video to explain our next steps and how we will discern this journey together. Please click one of the links below to view in either widescreen or vertical format.

[View video \(widescreen\)](#)

[View video \(vertical\)](#)

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, January 21

— Choir Rehearsal **CANCELED** due to weather

Friday, January 23

1:00 pm CVJC Steering Cte, library

Sunday, January 25

9:00 am Adult Forum, dining room

10:00 am Worship/Annual Meeting, sanctuary

2:00 pm CVJC Gathering, Jubilee UMC-Waterloo

Wednesday, January 28

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

CV Social Justice Winter Gathering

Make Connections - Make a Difference

Sunday, January 25, 2026

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Jubilee United Methodist Church

1621 East 4th Street, Waterloo

Guest speaker Abraham Funchess, Waterloo Human Rights Commission.

Those wishing to share rides to the meeting, please meet in the church parking lot at 1:15.

Connect with Cedar Valley advocacy and direct service groups-and sign up to help!



Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet 2026

Members of the Cedar Valley Social Justice Coalition attended the 47th annual MLK Banquet at the Waterloo Convention Center on Sunday, January 18, 2026. Pictured are Pastor Julie, Neal Leeper, Kay Leeper, Dot Clausen, Sandy Jensen, Brad Jensen, Barb Sanders, Kathryn East, and Cheryl Cook. Banquet keynote speaker was the Rev. Abraham Funchess, Director of the Waterloo Human Rights Commission. Benediction for the evening was given by Rev. Dr. Dave Kivett, Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church.



Coming Soon...

Shrove Sunday Worship and Pancake Brunch

Sunday, February 15

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 in the dining room with the Cedar Falls Mennonites. Everything will be provided: pancakes, toppings, sausage and beverages.