



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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April 1, 2026

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5 @10:00am

Series: Tell Me Something Good

Scriptures: Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: "The Good News Is...Alive in the World"

Meet Me In Galilee

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10

18x18" Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with paper lace overlay

The good news is alive in the world. Do not be afraid. Go back to Galilee. Go back to Galilee where it all started. Go back to Galilee and celebrate like we did at the beginning when we were not afraid, when these words of liberation had not yet drawn the trappings of imperial execution.

Here in this artwork, the crowd is celebrating. Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the empty cross. The cross here is mirroring the traditional, four-petaled, stained-glass window design element, which has long represented the cross in European architecture.

The crowd dancing within the cross celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, fearlessly awaiting his arrival in Galilee. The Roman weapon of oppression, the cross, inflicts but a pause in the steadfast and abiding ministry of revolutionary love offered by Jesus in his public ministry. It is fitting then that we should go back to the place it began, when fear was not such a lethal factor. God has overcome death. Hallelujah!

Around the dancing figures in Galilee, patterns of doves disperse outward. The good news, the *euaggelion*, is alive in the world. Do you remember? The cross is empty, yet full. Overcome. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors. —**Hannah Garrity**



[CLICK HERE](#) for the of the "Tell Me Something Good" devotional online.
Hard copies are in the narthex.

Church Birthdays

Apr 2-Ray Burfeind, 3-Joyce Wellhouse, 4-Brad Jensen, 12-Saskia Jacobson, 13-Julie Erkel Hagee

For Your Prayers

Neal & Kay Leeper's son, Bill, "rang the bell" at the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Office Note: Lynette will be out of the office Thursday & Friday, April 2 & 3. A volunteer will be available 9:00 am-noon.

Upcoming Events...

Mauudy Thursday, 4/2

1:00 pm Esther Circle
6:00 pm First Presbyterian
902 Main, Cedar Falls

Good Friday, 4/3

6:00 pm First Presbyterian
505 Franklin St, Waterloo

Easter Sunday, 4/5

9:00 am- Treats\ Egg Hunt
10:00am- Worship Service

Monday, April 6
Office closed-Easter

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

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Videographer: Rob Cline & Gary Clark

Hygiene Kit Delivery: Hope Goering

Mouse Wranglers: Jim Seeley, Andrew Hagee

Church Camp News

Please help us send our Shine kids and families to camp. Make checks to the church with 'camp' on the memo.

Donation Challenge!! Good news! We have collected \$1,485 toward church camp, and the Deacons will match that with an additional \$1000.

We'd like to challenge the entire congregation to grow that amount to meet our \$3600 goal! Any amount is welcome.

One Great Hour of Sharing supports 3 programs -

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Presbyterian Hunger Program
- Self-Development of People

- all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Checks may be made payable to the church with "One Great Hour" on the memo.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, April 1

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, April 2

1:00 pm Esther Circle, dining room

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Svc, sanctuary

Friday, April 3

6:00 pm Good Friday Svc, 1st Pres., Waterloo

Sunday, April 5

9:00 am Refreshments & Egg Hunt, dining rm

10:00 am Easter Sunday Worship, sanctuary

11:15 am Private Party, dining room

Monday, April 6

— closed, Easter observance

Wednesday, April 8

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

7:00 pm Spending Anon Group, dining room

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HOLY WEEK with Cedar Valley Presbyterians, PC(USA)

- **Maundy Thursday** - April 2, 6:00 pm
at First Presbyterian, 902 Main St, Cedar Falls.
Join us for a service of contemplation. All are welcome to partake in communion. Livestream: <https://www.facebook.com/firstprescf>
- **Good Friday** - April 3 - 6:00 pm
at First Presbyterian, 505 Franklin St, Waterloo.
This service will feature a joint choir that blends together voices from our churches. Livestream: <http://www.bit.ly/firstpreswaterloo>

Easter Sunday, April 5

9:00 am Refreshments in the dining room

Egg Hunt and Children's Activities

10:00 am Worship with Communion in the sanctuary

Presbytery News

The Presbyteries of North Central Iowa, Prospect Hill and Des Moines have voted to discern if God is leading us toward a single, joined presbytery.

A link to the video explaining our next steps is below.

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

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

Make plans to attend one of the Listening Sessions:

- **Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 pm – Zoom meeting**
[click here for the Zoom link](#)
Meeting ID: 815 7835 1941 Passcode: 362140
- **Tuesday, April 14, 2:00 pm - IN PERSON**
Westminster Pres, 1301 Kimball Ave, Waterloo

Scholarships - Time is Running Out!!

The **Dorothy Horn Scholarship** provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa.

The **First Presbyterian Church Scholarship** provides financial assistance to students seeking post-high school educational opportunities. Applicants must have a direct connection to First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls to qualify.

Applications can be requested by calling 319-277-3930 or by email: office@firstprescf.org.

All applications must be returned by **Wednesday, April 15.**

Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary are

In memory of...

Eunice & John Mitchell by the Seeley and Clausen families
Ben from Dot Clausen and family
Donald & Dorothy Lantz and Bob & Alice Leeper from Kay & Neal Leeper
Our parents, John, A.J. from Jim & Jane Seeley
Denny Reimer, Mel & Vi Reimer, Joanne Reimer Butler from Jan Reimer
My parents and grandparents from Patti Humpal
Evelyn & Wally Erkel from the Erkel Hagee family
Dick Smith from Debbie Smith

In memory and in honor of...

In memory of Richard Lynch and in honor of Delores Lynch from Mitch & Sue Weinberg
In memory of Galen & Marione Boller, Don Friar and in honor of Mary Lou Friar from Jean Boller
In memory of Kirk's mom, Wanda Eastman; In honor of Kirk's dad, Forest Eastman and Sue's parents, Bob & Jo Tefft
In memory of Ed & Elsie Hoppe, my parents, and in honor of my sister Joy Steigerwald from Nancy Hoppe

In honor of...

All our family and friends from Brad & Rhonda Braley
Monica Clark, our daughter from Gary & Margaret Clark
Friends and family past and present from Cyd Q. Grafft
Our parents and family from David & Sue Luck

You are invited to take a plant home (live plant only not the white silk lilies) after the Easter service, whether you donated or not.

ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries

Dave Glenn-Burns Retirement Celebrations: April 30-May 3.

For anyone who would like to help with those open houses: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a55DMBq_Mey4amrKg76HgNLK2daV08CLLzinjU8wBf4/edit?usp=sharing

Finals Week Breakfast at ThreeHouse

A free meal for UNI Students Monday - Thursday, May 11-14.

Each day:

8:30 am: Grab'n-Go Breakfast available

9:00-11:30 am: Hot breakfast -something different every day

To volunteer or donate: sign up here: [Breakfast Sign Up](#)

Please drop off items by 4:00 pm Friday prior or for Sunday/Monday.

Call 319-331-7541 or email ross@threehouse.org to make drop-off arrangements.

Community Ministries Hygiene Kit Drive

We concluded our Eye of the Needle hygiene products drive on Palm Sunday, March 29. On behalf of the Community Ministries team thank you to the entire congregation for your continued support of this important mission project. Many thanks to all who generously donated products and to those who helped assemble the kits following worship on Sunday. Special thanks to our youth and their SHINE teachers for sorting the many donated products and helping prepare for packing the kits.

We delivered 112 complete hygiene kits along with extra bar soap, toothbrushes and deodorant to Minister Patricia King. She will distribute the kits along with other school supplies including shoes and backpacks to Cedar Valley students and families in need. Minister King wanted the whole congregation of First Presbyterian to know how much she appreciates our generous donations and overwhelming support for Eye of the Needle.

