



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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April 15, 2026

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Eastertide Series: Closer & Closer

Sunday, April 19 @10:00am

“Walking with Jesus”

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

New Series – Closer and Closer



After Jesus’ resurrection he returns in the flesh to be close once again with his friends and to bring them closer to one another. We’ll explore how we can share our stories in relationships close and safe so that we will be equipped to boldly share the story of Jesus in the world.

This Sunday we walk with Jesus and his friends on the road to Emmaus even as his friends don’t recognize him for who he is. It is not until they are all at the familiar table and bread is broken that glimmers of recognition dawn on those gathered. In what ways are we prevented from recognizing Jesus in our midst? How can we stay open to recognizing the holy in our own lives?

Art: *Risen Christ on the Road to Emmaus*. Tapestry from the Bose Monastic Community in Magnano, Italy. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58582>

Reminder for our Church Leadership:

For all current and incoming Elders and Deacons!
Our annual, 3-hour officer retreat is Sunday, April 26,
following our worship service.
A lunch of subs and sides will be provided.

Church Birthdays

Apr 18-Carolyn Stephenson, 19-John Koontz, Jeverna Mulligan, 23-Nancy Hoppe, 24-Viola Polk

For Your Prayers...

Prayers for the family of Sue Eastman’s cousin, Mary, who passed away following major complications from surgery.

Lori Abernathy upon the death of her sister, Rene Johns.

Upcoming Events...

Thursday, April 16

1:00 pm -Women’s Social
@ Jorgensen Plaza

Saturday, April 18

5:00 – Parents’ Night Out

Sunday, May 3

Teacher Appreciation
CVJC Spring Gathering
- St. John’s Lutheran

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: Jan Reimer

Worship Participants: Rev. Dave Glenn-Burns
and students from ThreeHouse

Computer Operator: Gary Clark

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Recognition Sunday, May 3

Join us Sunday, May 3 as we recognize our SHINE teachers & workers.



After worship the entire congregation is invited to a **potluck** down in the dining room. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. A meat dish will be provided.

Dobson Organ Concert 🎵

This Sunday, April 19, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2410 Melrose Dr., Cedar Falls, will host a concert in celebration of the 40th anniversary of their Dobson pipe organ. The concert begins at 3:00 pm and will last about an hour. The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, April 15

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Spending Anon Group, dining room

Thursday, April 16

- 1:00 pm Women's Social, The Market at Jorgensen Plaza, 5307 Caraway Ln

Saturday, April 18

- 5:00 pm Parents Night Out/Kids' Meal

Sunday, April 19

- 10:00 am Worship, sanctuary
Shine Kids breakout session
- 3:00 pm Organ Concert, St. Luke's Church-CF

Tuesday, April 21

- 9:30 am Personnel Team, library
- 6:30 pm CYF Team, Zoom

Wednesday, April 22

- 10:00 am Finance Process Audit, classroom
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Spending Anon Group, dining room

Women's Social Tomorrow!

The 3rd Thursday women's social is scheduled for April 16, 1:00 p.m. at The Market, Jorgensen Plaza, 5307 Caraway Lane, CF (Western Home.) All women are invited to attend!



Congratulations Graduates:

If someone in your family is graduating from high school or college, we'd love to recognize them. Please contact the church office with the information.

Parents' Night Out/Kids' Dinner

Saturday, April 18, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. will be a Parent's Night Out/Kids Dinner and activities at church event! This should be fun for the parents to have time together, and the kids of all ages time for fellowship and fun at church with Sue, Patti, and Alexa!



Lawn Mowers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to sign up to help mow the church lawn this season. Two self propelled mowers are available.

For those unable to mow but would like to help, contact Rhonda Braley.

Please sign up for the week(s) you can help in the narthex.



Church Camp News

Please help us send our Shine kids and families to camp. Make checks to the church with 'camp' on the memo. We have collected \$2235 toward church camp, and the Deacons will match that with an additional \$1000. We are close to our \$3600 goal! Any amount is welcome.

From Community Ministries

ThreeHouse Collaborative Campus Ministries

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.

Spring 2026 Gathering

Come hear exciting news about our new partnership! Many opportunities for all to participate!

Sunday, May 3, 2:00 -4:00 PM

St. John Lutheran Church
715 College Street, Cedar Falls

Presentation by AMOS staff, Des Moines

Hear how organized power can bring real change to issues you care about

Learn how YOU can help us grow this new AMOS partnership in the Cedar Valley.



You're Invited---

Come Support our Choir Section Leader!

Aygul Garryyeva, one of our choir section leaders, will be giving her graduate voice recital on Friday, April 17 at Davis Hall in the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center from 8:00-9:00 PM. The event is free to the public. Please consider attending and sharing church family support with Aygul for her important event.

You're Invited!

Retirement Celebrations
for ThreeHouse Pastor,

Rev. David Glenn-Burns,

Open House Dates:

May 1, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

May 3, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

To be held at: ThreeHouse
2422 College Street, Cedar Falls

NEIA Food Bank - 2X MATCH CHALLENGE

Make double the impact on your donation this spring.

Throughout the months of March and April, anonymous donors match up to \$40,000 for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

Every \$1 donated can now provide up to 5 meals to northeast Iowans facing food insecurity.

Donate before the end of April to double your reach!

Coming Soon!

New Local 2026 Pentecost Offering

100% of this offering will stay local and be used to support our church's local mission work.

Watch for more information. Pentecost is Sunday, May 24.

