



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

October 14, 2026

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



Sunday, October 18 @10:00am

Pastor: Leah Elrod

Worship Leader: Dot Clausen

Scripture: Old Testament: Genesis 28: 10-22

New Testament: Luke 28: 13-21, 25-31

Sermon: Living the Dream

Giving in a Time of Uncertainty

We as a congregation have entered a time when we have many questions about what our future is and what God's plan is for us as we go forward. It would be easy to think that now is a time pull back until we know a clear path for our future. We need to understand that God has had a plan for First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls and continues to have a plan for us while we are learning what our new future is going to be. We have much to feel good about and be grateful for. We have a church family who worship and learn together and who support one another through times of challenge and celebration. We have mission projects and giving that help our community and the world. Our local mission partners have shared with us that our support is something they use as an example for discussions with others. We are demonstrating our commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive congregation. We continue to be one of the driving forces in the Cedar Valley Social Justice Coalition. We have a great building that facilitates us doing all of these things.

The needs for support of each other and for the community do not stop as we determine what our future holds. While we are all interested in getting to our new future expeditiously, it is going to take time to discern and implement our new path. In the meantime, we need to plan how to keep maximizing our vitality, impact, and praise of God. This includes continuing to pledge and give so we can continue to have an impact now and so we know what resources we will have available for our future path. Please prayerfully consider what your contribution to our good work should be as you provide your pledge for the coming year.

Kevin Thedens

Stewardship Committee

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - immediately following worship

An informational meeting for the congregation will be held in the dining room.

This will be an update on the interviews with Session regarding the future direction of the church and an opportunity for the congregation to ask questions.

Church Birthdays

Oct 18-Neal Leeper, 20-Jill Mortenson, 24-Marsha Flater

For Your Prayers

Ryder Connolly

Office Note:

Lynette will be out of the office this Friday afternoon and Monday, Oct 19

Upcoming Events...

Sunday, October 25
UNICEF Sunday

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Sunday

After worship: an informational meeting on the direction of the church interviews.

Sunday, November 8
Friendsgiving Potluck with the CF Mennonites

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:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Edward Ludt

Worship Leader: Jan Thedens

Time for Wonder: Carolyn Stephenson

Computer Operator: Paul Braley

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Lawn Trimming: Jim Seeley

Lawn Mowing in October: Muchie Dzika

Celebrating the Life of Steve Brown

Saturday, October 17, 4:00-7:00 pm

Pheasant Ridge Clubhouse

3205 W 12th St, CF

- Meal and memory sharing
- Program at 5:00 pm
- You are invited to wear your favorite sports team gear

Third Thursday Women's Social

All women of the church are invited to our monthly social tomorrow, Thursday, October 15th at 1:00. The back tables at Sarah's Espresso, 305 Main Street have been reserved for us.

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, November 8 after worship will be our **Friendsgiving Potluck** with the Cedar Falls Mennonites. The Bluegrass Boys will provide the entertainment. More details soon!



Wednesday, October 14

4:00 pm Community Ministries, library

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, October 15

1:00 pm Women's Social, Sarah's Espresso

Sunday, October 18

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

-Shine Kids breakout sessions

Tuesday, October 20

9:30 am Personnel Team, library

Wednesday, October 21

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

UNICEF Sunday and Noisy Offering in Worship

Bring your coins (folding money works too!) for our Noisy Offering for UNICEF on **Sunday, October 25**.



Children & Youth: you may wear your Halloween costume to church that day to help with the Noisy Offering.

Esther Circle will host a time of Fellowship after worship.

ThreeHouse Community Meal

Rhonda Braley has signed up to serve the Sunday Community Supper for ThreeHouse's students on November 1. The meal begins at 5:30 pm at ThreeHouse. Anyone interested in assisting her with the meal and/or serving should contact Rhonda for more details.

Organ Recital

Sunday, November 1, 4:00 pm

United Church of Christ, 608 W 4th St, Waterloo

Theme: America's 250th Anniversary

The event is free to the public. A freewill offering will be received to support the education of future organists.

Phil Batchelder will be performing.

Feminine Hygiene Drive

Welcome Fall! It's time for our annual feminine hygiene drive to support students in need in the Waterloo School District. Products are expensive and not often available at the Food Bank and not allowed on the SNAP program.



Making sure nurses or family liaison workers have some available sometimes is the difference between being at school or having to stay home.

Please: no panty liners!

Items will be collected during the month of October and can be placed in the marked tubs in the entryway.

Thank you for your support of young women!

- Community Ministries