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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN **November 11, 2026**

Sunday Worship
10:00 am
firstprescf.org

Sunday, November 15 @ 10:00 am

Pastor: Rev. David Feltman
Worship Leader: Carolyn Stephenson
Texts: Psalm 90:1-12, Matthew 16:13-20
1 Corinthians 12:12-27 *selected verses*
Sermon: "Living while the church is under reconstruction"

Stewardship Message - Mission

First Presbyterian Church is very much a mission-oriented church. While we focus on our three primary mission projects, Eye of the Needle, Family Literacy, and ThreeHouse campus ministry, we also provide very strong support (both financial and item donations) to a multitude of other places. In the past year, we have supported the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Love INC, Sunday Suppers, Lakeshore Center at Okoboji, Presbyterian Theological Education, HiSET testing fee assistance for HS Equivalency students, transportation assistance for HS Equivalency and English Language Learning students at Hawkeye's Adult Learning Center, CROP Walk, feminine hygiene products for Waterloo Schools students, Christmas Adopt-a-Family, and our church neighborhood pantry box. Something new this year - we also provided U.S. citizenship textbooks for adult learners in citizenship test prep classes.

First Presbyterian Church does hands-on mission by assembling personal hygiene kits and family literacy kits each year, as well as providing food and help for the ThreeHouse block party, Thanksgiving dinner, and Finals Week breakfasts. We strongly support PCUSA offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing, World Communion, and Christmas Joy and now our own Pentecost offering to support our local missions.

The Community Ministries team sincerely thanks the congregation for your faithfulness, your heart for service, and your commitment to being a vital part of our community.

Church Birthdays

Nov. 12-Ned Ratekin

Upcoming Events…

Thursday, November 19
Women's Gathering
Sarah's Espresso,
305 Main Street, CF
All women welcome
(parking in back)

Sunday, November 22
Hanging of the Greens

November 26 & 27
Office closed

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up
Sign Up: Worship Leader
Or sign up in the narthex!

Sunday Supper Sign Up:
Jean_seeland@vccv.org

Thanks for serving last week:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Tom Wiles

Worship Leader: Nancy Hoppe

Time for Wonder: Margaret Clark

Computer Operator: Scott Connolly

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Thanks to the Deacons for hosting the Friendsgiving Potluck.

Hanging of the Greens

Anyone who can stay after worship on Sunday, November 22, and help put up Advent & Christmas decorations would be appreciated.

Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian,

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and support of Hawkeye Community College. Your gift of $2400 to the Adult Education and Literacy Emergency Fund and the Goodwin HiSET Fund directly impacts our ability to meet the educational needs of our students.

Warmest regards,
Heather Bremer
Executive Director of Institutional Advancement

$1200 to HiSet and $1200 to transportation was from our local mission budget.

Upcoming Schedule

Wednesday, November 11
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, November 15
10:00 am Worship
Shine Kids Breakout Session

Monday, November 16
6:30 pm Worship Team, Zoom

Tuesday, November 17
4:00 pm Community Ministries, library

Wednesday, November 18
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Thursday, November 19
1:00 pm Women's Gathering, Sarah's Espresso

2027 Pledge Update

The 2027 pledge campaign response has been very good. Thank you to all who have turned in their pledges.

Number of 2027 pledges received so far is 35% of the total 2026 pledges. 2027 pledged dollar amount so far is 52% of the total amount pledged for 2026.

Every pledge is important. For those that have not yet turned in a 2027 pledge, please do so as soon as possible so that we can start finalizing our programs and budget for 2027.

Kevin Thedens
Stewardship Committee

Cleaning at ThreeHouse

Company is coming… and we've got some work to do!

We're inviting YOU to join us for a morning of cleaning, organizing, fixing things up, and showing some love to our ThreeHouse space!

Saturday, November 21 starting at 9:00 AM

There will be **jobs for everyone!** Whether you enjoy organizing, cleaning, tackling projects, or simply lending an extra set of hands, there's something for you to do.

Breakfast goodies and drinks from our Coffee House will be provided!

Pick a project or just show up! A sign-up sheet with specific projects and tasks will be coming soon. This is a come-and-go event, so stay as long as you're able.

International Student Thanksgiving Meal

ThreeHouse is having a Thanksgiving dinner for International College Students. The meal will be Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6:00 PM, and we would 'relish' your support!

It will be at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2410 Melrose Dr. While ThreeHouse will provide the turkey, we would appreciate a contribution of homemade side dishes.

Here's the link to sign up: Meal-Appeal

OR to sign up call 319-266-266-4071 / email ross@threehouse.org

ADOPT – A - FAMILY

***You do not need to create an online account in Sign-Up Genius or enter in any payment information! You are only signing up to bring a gift.**

One of our congregation's traditions is to provide a Christmas cheer to a needy family. We have blessed many families over the years and will continue that tradition once again. The list has arrived and put us in the Christmas spirit! This year we will be shopping for a family from Waterloo whose children go to Cunningham Elementary. We will be shopping for a single mother with three children. **The sizes you will see listed are correct.**

To choose a gift or two of your liking please click on the link below.

Click the 'sign up' button on the right by the item/s you wish to shop for, then click "save and continue' at the bottom of the screen.

You'll be directed to the next page; enter in your name, email and phone number, then click 'sign up now' at the bottom. Your information is confidential and only the church office will see it. You will then receive a confirmation email.

If you prefer to donate money toward the gift giving that is great. You may send a check to First Presbyterian Church and put Adopt-A-Family in the memo. We would be happy to do your shopping for you.

After you have shopped for your gift, please wrap it and put a tag on the gift that tells who it is for and what it is. We will change the tag to the name only before we deliver the gift. Please leave your wrapped gifts in the library downstairs. The deadline to return gifts is Sunday, December 13.

Happy Shopping!! If you have any questions please contact Julie Rokes, Jan Thedens, or Sue Weinberg.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY – Click the link(s)

Teenage boy: Adopt-a-Family teenager

Upper Elementary girl: Adopt-a-Family girl

Upper Elementary girl: Adopt-a-Family girl

Household: Adopt-a-Family Household