



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

February 15, 2023

10:30 am  
Sunday Worship  
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**Worship for Sunday,  
February 19: "Transfigured"**  
**Scripture:** Exodus 24:12-18;  
Matthew 17:1-9

**Prayer of Preparation**  
Holy God, transfigure us. So  
that we might be more like  
Jesus, our light.

Sunday, February 19, 2023



**Church Birthdays**

Feb. 19-Michael Boller,  
Daniel Humpal, 21-Jan  
Reimer

**For Your Prayers...**  
Mary McCalley i

**Lenten Worship Series - SEEKING: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith**

Each Sunday we will learn about folks in scripture who are seeking a new beginning, a different life, a deeper faith. Often, an unveiling occurs—assumptions are disrupted, a new perspective is revealed, mystery grows. We also seek many things: clarity, connection, wonder, justice, balance. Throughout this season, we will continually ask: what am I seeking? What is God seeking? What should we seek for our community?

**Ash Wednesday 'Drop-in' Pancake Supper – February 22 starting at 5:30pm**

It's back! Our beloved tradition of gathering for a pancake supper before our Ash Wednesday service has returned for the first time since 2020. Drop in when you can after 5:30pm and fill up on pancakes and all the fixin's before proceeding to the sanctuary for a meaningful service of holy communion and imposition of ashes.

**Ash Wednesday Evening Service – February 22 at 6:30pm**

We will gather in the sanctuary with our Mennonite siblings in Christ for a service of holy communion and imposition of ashes. As we practice seeking this Lent, how will we live our faith? The service will also be streamed on Facebook.

*More Lenten events listed on page 2...*

**Coming Soon...**

*Sunday, February 26*  
12:00-1:30 pm Working  
for Justice Video Series  
begins

*Wednesday, March 1*  
5:30 pm Light Supper &  
Lenten Reflection  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Sign up anytime online:**

**Worship Leader Sign Up:**  
[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

*Or sign up in the narthex!*

**Sunday Supper Helpers**

sign up online:  
[Sunday Supper  
Volunteer Signup](#)

**Lenten Hospitality**

If you arrive 10-15 minutes before worship and no one is standing at the door, you may be a presence and greet familiar faces as well as new ones.

No need to sign up or wear a name tag. It's ok to be a spontaneous greeter. Ash Wednesday greeters would be most appreciated.

## March Lenten Reflections with Simple Soup Supper – I’ve Been Meaning to Ask...

March 1, 8, 22 & 29 —5:30pm-6:30pm in the Dining Room

Our Wednesday Lenten reflection series invites us to tell our stories and dream about a new way forward together over steaming bowls of nourishing soup. What could be better? Through vulnerability and authenticity, may our courageous conversations lead us deeper into courage and connection. Join us for an hour of good questions and a good food!

\*Note: There won’t be a Lenten Reflection meal on Wednesday, March 15.

**Wednesday, March 1. . . where are you from?** Meal hosted by: Corporate Ministries Team  
In order to build connection and trust, we need to listen to each other’s stories and experiences to learn who and what has shaped us. Where are you from? How has that shaped who you are?

**Wednesday, March 8. . . where does it hurt?** Meal hosted by: Deacons  
Everyone carries hurt and has the capacity to acknowledge the pain of others. God draws close to us in every moment of suffering. What would you say if someone stopped to ask you, 'Where does it hurt?'

**Wednesday, March 22. . . what do you need?** Meal hosted by: Choir & Presbyterian Women  
Everyone has needs, but each of us needs different things at different times. God calls us to care for one another—in seasons of joy, transition, and hardship. What would you say if someone stopped to ask you, 'What do you need?'

**Wednesday, March 29. . . where do we go from here?** Meal hosted by: Community Ministries & CYF  
Courageous conversations have the power to change and transform us. God bridges connections in unexpected ways— let’s commit to continuing the conversation. Where do we go from here?

### Upcoming schedule

#### Wednesday, February 15

- 10:00 am Working for Justice: BB, Zoom
- 5:30 pm Confirmation class, classroom
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

#### Sunday, February 19

- 10:30 am Worship, sanctuary
- Shine breakout sessions

#### Monday, February 20

- 6:30 pm Worship Team, Zoom

#### Tuesday, February 21

- 4:00 pm Community Ministries, Zoom
- 6:30 pm CYF Team, Zoom

#### Ash Wednesday, February 22

- 5:30 pm Pancake Supper, dining room
- 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service, sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, choir room

### Thanks for serving last week:

**Worship Leader:** Connie Herbon

**Computer Operator:** Kevin Thedens

**Videographer:** Gary Clark

**Caring Fellowship Treats:** Dot Clausen

**Souperbowl of Caring:** Children, Youth & Families



**Thanks** to everyone who donated food and noisy offering cash for the Souperbowl of Caring. We raised \$235.58 in coin and cash for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.