



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

May 15, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



May 19, 2024 – Pentecost Sunday

Scripture: Acts 2:1-18

Reflection: "Happy Birthday, Church"

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:1-2

On this Pentecost Sunday, we are joining Christians all around the world to celebrate the formation of the church when the Holy Spirit called people into community as Christ's body and blessed them with universal understanding of languages.

Some theologians describe Pentecost as the Church's birthday. Others describe it as a "big bang" that brought the Church into being, for just as God's Spirit came rushing into the world over the waters of creation, in the very beginning of Acts, God's Spirit rushes into the world to gather and transform God's people.

So where does that leave us? If we are willing to be amazed, Pentecost is one of the most awe-inspiring days in our Christian calendar. If we are willing to be transformed, it is an opportunity to be renewed in energy and faithfulness toward the work of God's kingdom on earth when all people will experience true liberation and boundless love. So may we be willing to be amazed. May we be open to being transformed.

You are invited to wear **RED** this Sunday for Pentecost!

Church Birthdays

May 20-Collin Braley, 22-Marlys Folkers, 23-Ryder Connolly, 25-Mitch Weinberg, Atlas Braley

For Your Prayers...

Louann Flaherty

Vera Brunskill

Notice...

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Sunday
Remember to wear **RED** to worship.
Installation of Officers

Coming soon...

Thursday, June 13

9:00 am kitchen cleaning

Lost/Found...

A black Columbia coat is in the narthex. If unclaimed by May 31 it will be donated.

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Preacher: Rev. Sara Sutter

Worship Leader: Nancy Hoppe

Computer Operator: Steve Moon

Videographer: Gary Clark

Lawn Mowing: Paul Braley

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Thank You

Dear Members of 1st Presbyterian-Cedar Falls,
Thank you for the years you supported me as I played your wonderful pipe organ.

Last July I had 3 surgeries; 3 weeks in Allen hospital and 2 more weeks in rehab.

I had resigned all of my music lessons and playing and am slowly recovering.

Please continue your wonderful music programs and ministries in the community.

In Christ,

Louann Flaherty

Now is the time to sign up for camp!!

Look over the **brochure** attached to this email for the camp offerings.

Go to Lakeshore Center's website to sign up: [Camp Sign Up](#). Choose the 'Church Pays' option.

If campers **sign up by MONDAY, MAY 20** our church will pay 100% of your fee! After the 20th, the church pays 90% and the camper pays the other 10%. Lakeshore Center does have some camp scholarships available.

⇒ Contact Patti Humpal with questions.

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, May 15

10:00 am Working for Justice, dining room
(last until Fall)

Sunday, May 19

10:00 am Pentecost Worship, sanctuary

Monday, May 20

10:00 am Deacons Meeting, dining room

Sunday, May 26

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

Monday, May 27

— office closed, holiday

Community Ministries Updates

We are conducting a food drive beginning now through early June for the Sunday Suppers held at First Presbyterian, Waterloo. **There are labeled tubs in the entry-way for donations.** Products needed include:

- Canned fruit
- Chicken broth
- Mayo
- Ketchup & Mustard
- Kool-aid or lemonade (powder)
- Coffee (ground)
- Napkins



Coming Soon: *Two more opportunities to help!*

- ⇒ We will be collecting personal hygiene products again this year for Eye of the Needle; the collection will begin in June and run through mid-July.
- ⇒ We are planning another Family Literacy book kit assembly event in early fall.

Stay tuned throughout the coming months for more specifics on these important mission projects.

Newcomer Update

Since arriving in Iowa, our newcomer family from Venezuela is slowly adapting to their new lives. They are comfortable in their two bedroom apartment and now they have an internet connection to enjoy television and to communicate with their families back home.

The boys are happily attending Waterloo Schools. The 15 year old attends Bunker Middle School in Evansdale and the younger one attends Lou Henry Elementary. Fortunately buses pick them up and drop them off in front of their apartment building.

Last Sunday the family attended the Queen of Peace Catholic Church Spanish service. It was a comfort for them to worship with many other Hispanic individuals. Once the mother recovers from some needed dental work, we will start pursuing job opportunities for her.

Pentecost Offering

Each year we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. Presbyterians mark this celebration by receiving the Pentecost Offering, which nurtures the faith of children, youth and young adults. **40% of the Pentecost offering from our church goes to our Soles for Souls shoe/clothing project for children and youth.** The Pentecost Offering helps young people begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

