

## ANNOUNCEMENTS • DECEMBER 28, 2025

December 28 - January 3

### Sunday

9 a.m. - "Over the Coffee" meets downstairs  
10 a.m. - Worship Service

### Tuesday

12:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting

### Thursday

Happy New Year!

### Friday

Office Closed

### LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY

Second Sunday of Christmas  
Communion Sunday  
10 a.m. - Worship Service

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN** and Worship Explorers will return on Sunday, January 11.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT CEDAR HEIGHTS** will return on Wednesday, January 14.

**OVER THE COFFEE** - Join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. This group, while showing its "grey," welcomes all ages for intergenerational discussions and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

**SUNDAY SUPPER** - Starting the first Sunday in December and every month the Gift of Life Church, which shares the building with First Presbyterian in Waterloo, will be the host church for Sunday Supper having experience working with the food bank at their previous site. Therefore, the Presbyterian churches will only be staffing and cooking the 2nd through the 5th Sundays. See the sign-up board in the Commons for open times to volunteer. Please help if you can.

**RAISE THE ROOF!** Did you know that our roof over the Christian Education wing is over 30 years old? Our insurance company will no longer give us coverage for the roof because of its age. Therefore, we need to replace it in the next three to five years. A new roof will cost \$65,000. **As of December 1, we have raised \$53,175.**

- Do you know someone who deserves a thank you for what they have done for the church? **Make a Tribute Contribution to the "Roof Fund".**
- Have you lost a loved one? **Make a Memorial Contribution to the "Roof Fund".**
- Maybe you need an end of year tax deduction? **Make an undesignated gift to the "Roof Fund".**

Make your check out to CHCPC and put **Roof Fund in the memo.** The Tribute, Memorial and Endowment Committee has allocated \$10,000 to the roof replacement.

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Alto Section Leader

**Mason Sealock**  
Tenor Section Leader

**Aidan Leahy**  
Bass Section Leader

**Tiffany Mensing**  
Guitarist

**At Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church, we believe in the centrality and power of prayer. You may put a request on our prayer list by emailing the church office at [office@cedarheightspres.org](mailto:office@cedarheightspres.org). If you would like your name removed from the list, please inform the church office.**

**PRAYERS FOR** the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Bihembe, Rwanda & Makantakita, Nicaragua; for those currently serving in the military; and for all facing surgery, difficulty, or times of great challenges.

**REMINDER** - All 2025 contributions MUST be dated in 2025 and received in the church office no later than tomorrow, December 29, in order to be posted to this year.

**ANGEL TREE 2025 DONATIONS** - Your gifts to the Angel Tree totaled \$1,175 this year. These donations made it possible to supply \$600 in gift cards, divided evenly between Waterloo Elementary Schools and Cedar Falls Schools (specifically North Cedar Elementary and Cedar Heights Elementary). We asked that these gift cards be distributed by the school social worker to help children with special needs in their school. The remainder of the donations will be sent to Northeast Iowa Food Bank, along with a recent \$1,000 donation to the church for NEIFB. The Outreach Committee thanks you so very much for participating in this long church tradition this year! Blessings for the generosity you bestowed on people in need.

**DEAR CHCPC** - On behalf of the Waterloo Community School District, I want to extend a sincere thank you for your incredibly generous donation of gift cards. These contributions provide much-needed support to our families during challenging times. Thank you again for your generous donation. *Best regards, Susan P.*

**FOOD BANK DONATIONS** - Our congregation had a tradition in the past to bring food items monthly for the NEIFB or associated Food Bank locations. This tradition lapsed several years ago. Beginning this month, there will be a monthly reminder prior to Communion Sunday to bring an item or two as you are able, and leave it in the Food Bank box inside the front doors. Communion Sunday is a day to realize that we can help others in need, even in the small things we do. If you could bring: a few cans of fruit or vegetables, a box of cereal, pasta, personal hygiene items, etc. on Communion Sunday, we can make it possible. No items packed in glass or previously opened items please. We hope your family can make this a tradition again, involving all ages. *Your Outreach Committee thanks you! Sue, Greg, Kim, Laurel, Derreck, Martha, Barb*

**2026 MLK BANQUET** - On Sunday, January 18, 2026, Rev. Abraham Funchess of Jubilee United Methodist Church will be the keynote speaker at the 2026 MLK Banquet. It would be nice for CHCPC to have a table or two. The cost is \$50 per person. A table seats 8. We already have 6 people committed to go including our guests, Sheriff Nate Neff and his wife Amanda. If you are interested in attending or contributing, please contact Pastor Dave.

**2026 PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE TRIP** - The Presbytery of North Central Iowa invites you to join us for our 2026 disaster relief trip to Canton, NC. On September 27, 2024, Hurricane Helene devastated the mountains of Western North Carolina and other areas in the American southeast, forever changing families, lives, landscapes, and memories. The town of Canton sustained massive damage and flooding, including a portion of the downtown that had just finished rebuilding after flooding from Tropical Storm Fred in 2021. Work will primarily be in the Canton and Asheville area. Lodging will be at Canton Presbyterian Church, arriving Sunday, February 1, and departing Saturday, February 7. For those who do not wish to stay in a dormitory-style setting, there are several hotels in Canton within 10 minutes of the church. If you have questions or need more information, contact Greg Dietz at [gregdietz54@hotmail.com](mailto:gregdietz54@hotmail.com).

**SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED!** The B&G Committee needs volunteers to help with light snow removal at the entrance & sidewalk on Sunday mornings and some weekdays. Please sign up in the Commons. Thank You!



Cedar Heights Community  
Presbyterian Church

A place for everyone.

DECEMBER 28, 2025 - 10:00 AM  
First Sunday of Christmas



## "Jesus Crosses the Border"

Isaiah 63:7-9  
Matthew 2:13-23

Dr. Dave Kivett

# WELCOME

Child care is provided in our nursery at the end of the hall on the second floor. The nursery is for infants and children through four years old. Brinkerhoff Lounge is also open for parents with children.



Welcome and Announcements Rev. Johnny Janssen

Gathering Music Hugh Brown

Call to Worship [From Hymn - 159 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"]

One: O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.

**All: The light that shone on Bethlehem fills the world today. Of Jesus birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.**

One: O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay, of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.

**All: For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.**

\*Opening Hymn - 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness.**

**We confess we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good.**

**We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst expecting little and hoping for less.**

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and follow Jesus wherever and however he may lead us.**

*[Silent confession] Amen.*

God's Forgiveness

\*Response to Pardon - 113 [Refrain] "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

\*Sharing God's Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 63:7-9

New Testament Lesson Matthew 2:13-23

Message for Children *[and children at heart]* Rev. Johnny Janssen

Special Music Mason Sealock

Sermon "Jesus Crosses the Border" Dr. Dave Kivett

\*Hymn - 154 "Jesus Entered Egypt"

Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Call to Prayer - Hymn 347 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

A Time of Silence

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering Ourselves to God

Offering in Song

\*Response - Hymn 606 "Doxology"

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn - 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

\*Blessing and Sending

\*Sending Music

*\*Please Rise, in Body or in Spirit*

**Greeters & Ushers**  
Andy & Joan Ackerman

**Camera & Soundboard**  
Randy Darst

**PowerPoint**  
Darst Family



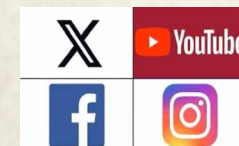
**Synod of Lakes & Prairies**



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**A place for everyone.**

**We are so glad you chose to worship with us!**

If this is your first visit, we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. Please be sure to sign in on this Bulletin Stub and leave your contact information so we can welcome you! ***[Please tear off this stub and place in offering plate.]*** We can also add you to our weekly eNEWS list so you know what is coming up in worship and in the life of the church.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Guest  Return Guest  Member

Regular Attendee [Non-member]

Here for Special Occasion Only

This is a change in my contact information

I'd like to receive the weekly eNewsletter

**I heard about CHCPC from:**

Driving by  Friend/Family  New Resident

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish...**

I were a member

A Pastor would call on me

I was on the e-mail list

We'd sing hymn # \_\_\_\_\_

or the song \_\_\_\_\_

A Pastor would call on...

(name) \_\_\_\_\_

who is  ill,  a prospective member,  other

Pastor/congregation would pray for:

\_\_\_\_\_