

## ANNOUNCEMENTS • DECEMBER 7, 2025

December 7 - December 13

### Sunday

9 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (Preschool-5th grade)  
9 a.m. - "Over the Coffee" meets downstairs  
10 a.m. - Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. - Session, Deacons & New Officers Meeting in Fellowship Hall with lunch

### Monday

10 a.m. - Pastors' Cohort

### Tuesday

12:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting

### Wednesday

#### Noon - Bulletin Deadline

6-7:30 p.m. - Children/Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal with Meal

### Thursday

9:30 a.m. - Women's Book Group

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Advent  
10 a.m. - Worship Service ~ Children & Youth Program

**WN@CH** is a family dinner around the table in Fellowship Hall from 6-6:30 p.m. On the upcoming dates in December, we will have rehearsals for the **children and youth-led Christmas service that will be held on December 14**. Rehearsals are:

- **Wednesday, December 10**, meal at 6 p.m., rehearsal following
- **Sunday, December 14**, 9 a.m. full run through, with program at 10 a.m.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** - (Preschool-5th grades)  
We meet in the room across from the nursery at 9 a.m.

**WORSHIP EXPLORERS!** After the children's message and during the sermon, children **Preschool-5th grades** can follow a Worship Explorers leader to a classroom. This program is designed to help children grow as worshipers and to equip them to participate in worship. The children will be out of worship only during the sermon. 6th grade and up should stay in the sanctuary to listen to the sermon.

**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.

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**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.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE** who has submitted their pledge for 2026. We are currently at 79% of our goal. For those who have not yet turned in their pledge, we request you do so as soon as possible. We will be following up soon with those we do not hear from. Again, thank you all for your generosity. *The Stewardship Committee*

**THANK YOU** to all who donated to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank food drive. Over 1,800 lbs. of food was collected (area wide) and \$1,005 (from CHCPC). Thank you for your support!

**THANK YOU** for the many thoughts and prayers before and after surgery. The cards, emails, and messages have been very much appreciated, as well as those that have taken Owen under their wings on Wednesday nights during my recovery! We are very blessed with our church family! *Missy Hepler*

**PLEASE JOIN US** for coffee and treats in the commons following the service during the winter months. *The Membership & Growth Committee*

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** will meet Thursday, December 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Brinkerhoff. We will be discussing "How to Age Disgracefully" by Clare Pooley.

**ANGEL TREE – Helping Others** The Angel Tree collection will be from **Sunday, November 23 through Wednesday, December 10**. Outreach is supporting the following members of our community with your donations:

- Students in need in the Waterloo & Cedar Falls Schools - gift cards will be given to each district equally.
- NEIFB (Northeast Iowa Food Bank) - food for Sunday Supper is mostly obtained there weekly. NEIFB and Sunday Supper clients continue to increase.

**Please contribute by donating in the offering on Sundays or sending to the church office clearly marked for the Angel Tree.** *THANK YOU for your generous support. The Outreach Committee - Laurel, Martha, Greg, Derreck, Sue and Barb*

**OLD OR BROKEN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** - In order to keep unused Christmas lights out of the landfill, we are requesting that you place them in the box located in the Commons, and they will be taken to be recycled. Final date for collection is December 15. Thank you for your kindness. *Happy Holidays from the Green Iowa team at the Center for Energy & Environmental Education at UNI.*

**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.

**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!



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Presbyterian Church

**A place for everyone.**

**DECEMBER 7, 2025 - 10:00 AM**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**



## "What Do You Expect ... Righteousness"

Matthew 3:1-12

Isaiah 11:1-10

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 Dr. Dave Kivett

Gathering Music "Come, Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace" Frederick Frahm  
Sanctuary Choir

Lighting of Advent Wreath Schultz Family

One: The story of Christ's birth is clear about God's plan for us:  
Peace on earth and goodwill toward our neighbors.  
Today, as we light the candle of peace,  
we wait for the Prince of Peace to come--  
But are called now to begin building the peaceable kingdom on earth.

**All: As we light our second Advent candle,  
we remember "Blessed are the peacemakers."  
Protect those under threat of violence, O God,  
and show us your peace that surpasses understanding.**

Advent Scripture and Prayer

\*Opening Hymn - 88 v. 1-2, 6-7 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Faithful God, your promise is forever true, your care for us is sure.  
We confess that we have often believed we will have to take care  
of ourselves, forgetting your promise and your call.  
We look at the world, and we choose fear rather than hope,  
peace, joy, and love.  
When it seems life is unraveling, we look for ways to defend ourselves  
and ensure our security and our desire, rather than following your way.  
Forgive us, Lord, and give us courage to follow you in the face  
of uncertainty. [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

New Testament Lesson Matthew 3:1-12

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Message for Children *[and children at heart]* Judy Klepfer  
*[Preschool-5th grades are welcome to go to Worship Explorers following the message]*

Anthem "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Arr. Hugo Distle  
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon "What Do You Expect ... Righteousness" Dr. Dave Kivett

\*Hymn of Reflection - 384 "Soon and Very Soon"

Sharing of Prayer Concerns Rev. Johnny Janssen

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 Jordyn Beranek

\*Response - Hymn 606 "Doxology"

\*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

*Congregation will be invited to proceed down the center aisle and return  
to their pew via the outer aisles. Please wait to partake of the elements  
until everyone has been served so we can celebrate together.  
All bread served is gluten free.*

Prayer after Communion

\*Communion Hymn - 519 [sing 2x] "You Are My All in All"

\*Blessing and Sending

\*Sending Music "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" - Arr. Hayes Hugh Brown

\*Please Rise, in Body or in Spirit

**Greeters & Ushers**

Beth Kivett  
Gary & Karen Needham

**Camera & Soundboard**

Randy Darst

**PowerPoint**

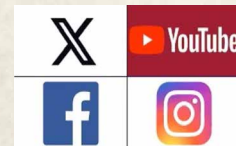
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Lakes & Prairies**



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**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:

\_\_\_\_\_