

April 1, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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April Worship Service Info



Sunday, Apr 7—2nd Sunday of Easter
Matthew 12:38-42; The Nameless Queen

Sunday, Apr 14—3rd Sunday of Easter
Matthew 14:1-12; Nameless Villains

Sunday, Apr 21—4th Sunday of Easter
Luke 7:11-13; Nameless Widows

Sunday, Apr 28—5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:16-19; Nameless Witches

Friends,

Sometimes in my ministry some people have told me that they didn't understand the amount of time we spend in worship on the scriptures of the Bible. They asked why we read the scriptures, only to have me repeat the scriptures during the sermon. Why do I often cross-reference the Bible, introducing even MORE scriptures during the sermon? Why do the words of our liturgy, our hymns and our prayers during worship all need to reflect those scriptures?

Well, the first, most obvious answer is that it's my job. A big part of my calling as a pastor is the reading and interpretation of the word of God that we find in the Bible. With this in mind, I try to arrange worship services around the scriptures we read; the scriptures I base my sermons on. Everything we do in worship, from the hymns to the children's message to the benediction, should all reinforce the message of those scriptures and how we can live that message in our lives.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...

2 Timothy 3:16

Another reason that scripture is central to our services is that otherwise, I'm not a pastor. I could stand in front of the congregation and spout off what I think is wise or inspirational or just good advice. That would only make me a motivational speaker. But I'm all too aware of how insufficient my own wisdom can be. If my sermons, and every other element of our worship services, are to be the blessing that God promises they can be, they cannot rely on my own wisdom or righteousness. Our worship must be based on words that are wiser and truer than anything I have to offer. Everything we do in worship has to be founded not on my words, but on the word of God.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

So when we worship together, please think about the scriptures we read and emphasize in every element of our worship. What message are these words trying to tell you, and how will that message influence your life? How is that message restated in the children's message and the verses of our hymns? And most of all, remember that these scriptures come from someone who is wiser and more righteous than any of us; who loves us and wants what's best for us. God's promise is that these words (not mine) are wise, righteous, and true, and that they will bless our lives forever.

The sum of your word is truth; and every one of your righteous ordinances endures forever.

Psalms 119:160

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



MEMBER CARE CORNER

Month of April

Sunday Coffee Fellowship –Deacons Committee

Wednesday Night Dinners*** - Deacons Committee

Lunch Bunch: Sunday, April 14th at Chili's contact Patty Rarick at 605-670-2707 if you would like to attend so reservations can be made.

Rick Heinemann's Retirement coffee April 28th 10:00am

Prayer Shawls: Anyone who would like to volunteer to crochet or knit a shawl, a group will be meeting once a month at First Pres. Please contact Anne Cowley for further details. Ron Rohlena has donated yarn for this project. A pattern is also available.

Month of May:

Sunday Fellowship Coffee - Personnel Committee

Wednesday Night Dinners*** - Personnel Committee (May 15th last meal served til Rally Sunday in September)

May 19th Congregation's Quarterly Potluck

A – G Desserts

H – N Main Dish

O-Z Vegetable or Salad

***The session committees that are hosting the Sunday coffee and Wednesday dinners and will gladly take assistance from anyone in the congregation that would like to volunteer to help with a meal. If you are interested, please contact a committee member that will be serving for the month. ***

Mary's Music Note



Great job for all the sharing of choir, handbells, youth/children and brass for the past two months. We are now looking ahead to Summer Special Music - if you want to volunteer, let me or Rachael know. May 26 - September 1.

Looking ahead to April:

- April 7 - Choir
- April 14 - Choir
- April 21 - Handbells
- April 28 - Choir
- May 5 - Choir/Youth
- May 12 - Choir
- May 19 - Handbells
- May 26 - September 1 - Special Music

Reminder that all are welcome to join us for choir and handbells - might be a good time to try us out and then you would know for next program year in the fall, if you want to participate fully.

Wednesdays - 6-7 Bells 7-8 Choir.

Mary Benton, Director of Music



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Mar 3	60 in sanctuary
Mar 10	74 in sanctuary
Mar 17	91 in sanctuary
Mar 24	68 in sanctuary



Prayer Shawl knitters will be gathering in Vincent Lounge the first Thursday of the month, April 4, at 10:00 am for a time of fellowship and knitting. Even if you don't know how to knit a prayer shawl, the directions are easy and Marti Ebner will be there to get you started. Please let her know (712-490-9358) if you are interested. She can help you find out the best place to buy the yarn and get you started. The church gives prayer shawls to members and friends who have experienced some heartbreak in their lives. We also give these shawls to brides of our church.

Income & Disbursement Summary Through February 29, 2024



2024
Per Capita
amount
is \$53.95.

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 74,372.30
Other operating income	\$ 2,285.15
Restricted donations	\$ 392.00
Per Capita	\$ 934.40
Total Income	\$ 78,283.85

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 2,601.06
Ministry*	\$ 20,629.28
Music	\$ 1,712.79
Christian Discipleship	\$
Building & Grounds	\$ 18,468.50
Office and Admin	\$ 4,526.32
Assessment	\$ 3,192.04
Other**	\$ 4,742.71
Personnel Payroll	\$ 21,140.88
Total Disbursements	\$ 77,013.58

Gain or Loss	\$ 1,270.27
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* 'Ministry' includes: Pastors salary, worship, outreach, deacon and member care expenses.

** 'Other' includes: Payroll taxes, health insurance, pension and workers compensation insurance.

SYNOD SCHOOL is a week of learning, worship, fellowship and fun! It's one of the best intergenerational ministries I've ever experienced, with opportunities for children, youth and adults. It will be at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa from July 21-26. Online registration should begin by April 1st. Just Google "Synod School". Scholarships are available for first-timers. Pastor Mark will be teaching "The Meaning of Religious Humor". I hope to see you there!



* Everyone is welcome to join the Lunch Bunch on Sunday, April 14th after church at Chili's.

Please contact Patty Rarick before Thursday, April 11th if you'd like to be added to the count. Her contact information is below.

Thanks,
Patty.Rarick@gmail.com
C 605-670-2707

April birthdays

1st - Jason Cowley	13th - Bob Anderson
5th - Rayden Lee Bradley	21st - Kole Preston
6th - Randy Benton	21st- Nathan Hynds
7th - Jill Ferraro	26th - Hank Mozak
8th - Justin Bradley	27th - Ron Hall
8th - Bill Brinck	28th - Noah Behrens
12th - Chris Hunt	29th - Jackson Moore
12th - Sergio Carlos Perez	
12th - Keaton Ellis	



April anniversaries

18th - Bob & Pat Anderson
 21st - Peter & Carla Macfarlane
 22nd - Sam & Jill Ferraro



Pssst!
 If we do not have your birthday
 or anniversary information...
 please call or send it to Karen in the
 church office at 712-255-8919 or
 finance@1stpresby.com.



April Women's Group

Tuesday, April 2 @ 6:30 pm

4725 Brookshire Place in Morningside

Come Enjoy fun and fellowship while we plant marigolds and zinnias to take home.

You are invited to bring a simple snack or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.

Carpooling is recommended.



Please join us on Sunday, April 28th at the Coffee Fellowship to say “Good-Bye” and “Best Wishes” to Rick.

Rick is retiring and his last day will be May 1st.

He kicks off his retirement doing what he loves, a NASCAR race and our camper at Kansas Speedway!

Enjoy! You deserve it and we'll miss you. Don't be a stranger!



Lectors:

- Apr 7: Brenda Bradley
- Apr 14: Barb Davis
- Apr 21: Randy Benton
- Apr 28: Pat Anderson

Acolytes:

- Apr 7: Harper Rohlena
- Apr 14: Sage Pierson
- Apr 21: Aidan Hunt
- Apr 28: Emmett Rohlena

Greeter/Usher:

- Apr 7: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family
- Apr 14: Vicki Ackerman, Steve & Brenda Bradley, Neva Pierce
- Apr 21: Bob & Pat Anderson, Butch & Mary Floyd
- Apr 28: Lowell & Judy Vos, Kathleen Morfitt, Juliana Mayne

Tellers:

- Apr 7: Sarah Steill & Brenda Bradley
- Apr 14: Kathy Zebert & Lance Eybers
- Apr 21: Brenda Bradley & Curtis Burns
- Apr 28: Jeff Stanley & Lance Eybers

Reminder!

Your church office will be closed on Monday, April 1st. The office will be open on Tuesday, April 2nd. Rick & Karen are out the remainder of the week on vacation.



April Showers
Bring May Flowers

In case of an emergency in the First Presbyterian Family please contact Pastor Mark at 3909-644-0794.

Volunteers — If you are unavailable on your scheduled date, please arrange for a substitute and advise the office. Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

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2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i> 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	2 6:30 FPW <i>Rick & Karen Out</i>	3 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir <i>Rick & Karen Out</i>	4 10:00 Prayer Shawl meeting <i>Rick & Karen Out</i>	5 <i>Rick & Karen Out</i>	6
7 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	8 5:30 Personnel	9	10 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	11	12	13
14 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	15 12:15 Admin/Fin	16	17 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	18 <i>Rick & Karen Out</i>	19 <i>Rick & Karen Out</i>	20
21 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission 12:30 Chamber Music	22 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship <i>Rick & Karen Out</i>	23 7:00 Session	24 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	25 4:30 Memorial	26	27
28 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	29 <i>Print Newsletter</i>	30	<p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p><i>*Your office staff will be at work Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm</i></p> <p><i>*Office closes each Friday at Noon.</i></p>			

First Presbyterian Church



*This is our mission:
to shine the light
of Christ's love —
through our life together,
with our gifts,
and in our daily lives —
from the heart of Sioux City,
for the sake of God's kingdom
in the world.*

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Office Administrator finance@1stpresby.com

Be sure to check our new Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/902340006496216/>.

Church Staff:

Pastor.....Mark Bedford
Music Director & Organist..... Mary Kay Benton
Adult Choir Director.....Rachael Wragge
Hand Bell Director.....Anne Cowley
Children's Music Director.....Rachael Wragge
Sound Sexton.....Dylan Baier
Sunday School Director.....Sarah Brown
Office Admin/Finance Mgr.....Karen Heinemann
Custodians.....Rick Heinemann & Ryan Thomas

Deadline Dates for Publications

Weekly Worship Bulletin - each Tuesday at Noon.

Newsletter - one week prior to publication
(goal is to publish one day prior to the last work day of the month, so the deadline is one week prior to that.)

... included on the monthly calendar, but please call the office if you are uncertain.

Information received after deadline will be held for the next publication if still applicable.

Thank you all for your consideration; we appreciate your efforts to respect these deadlines, making it easier for us to complete our work timely and efficiently.

**The Light, our church newsletter,
is your monthly publication of
need-to-know information and events.**

It is available on-line at
(www.1stpresby.com)

And by mail.

To add your name to the mailing list,
please call the church office

712-255-8919

or email

finance@1stpresby.com

Or you can subscribe on the new website!

Got news? ...births, weddings, graduations,
awards, job promotions,
or other news you'd like to share?



Send it to:
finance@1stpresby.com.
We'll be glad to share it for you.

Have you moved?

New... Street address?

....Email address?

....Phone number?

God knows where you are,
but we don't know unless you tell us.

If you have new contact information,
please let us know

so we can update our records —

Please contact the Church Office
at 712-255-8919 or e-mail us at
finance@1stpresby.com.

Thanks so much.



***Welcome to First Presbyterian Church.
We hope you'll join us for worship
every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.***