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First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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May Worship Service Info

Rev. Mark Bedford



**Sunday, May 5—6th Sunday of Easter
Mark 1:29-34; Nameless Hosts**

**Sunday, May 12—7th Sunday of Easter
Matthew 15:21-28; Nameless Mothers**

**Sunday, May 19—Pentecost
Confirmation and Graduation
Sunday, May 26—Trinity Sunday
TBA**

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.*

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101

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

Church Staff:

Pastor.....Rev. 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
Custodian.....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.

The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.

Proverbs 16:9

Friends,

Sunday, May 19th will feature a special worship service in the life of our church. In addition to receiving our confirmation students as members, we will also be honoring the graduates in our congregation. We are overjoyed to be able to celebrate these young people's accomplishments with them. As usual around this time of year, many other families will have similar celebrations for their children and grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins as they pass their own milestones.

These achievements are important in their lives, as they have been in many of ours. But they shouldn't be their FINAL achievements. While their steps across a stage to receive their diplomas are memorable, these young people will continue to take momentous steps throughout their lives. We hope that, as they continue to learn and grow, these people's steps will take them onto college campuses, into new worksites or offices, down a church aisle to be married, and into delivery rooms to welcome children of their own.

I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered; and if you run, you will not stumble.

Proverbs 4:11-12

In addition to gift cards and expensive pens, there is another gift we can offer these young people. We hope to pass on the assurance that God has guided their steps to this point in their lives, and that God can continue to be with them as they journey through life. Of course, many of these graduates, once they are out from under their parents' thumbs, may not pay as much attention to their spiritual lives as they had. I've already said that, if it weren't for a librarian at my college offering me a ride to the Bible study that she led, I might very well have skipped church throughout college! When we finally get old enough to choose our own paths, sometimes our steps don't take us where we should be.

When I thought, 'My foot is slipping', Your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.

Psalms 94:18

But we hope that these young adults will, sooner or later, remember how meaningful their spiritual upbringing has been for them, and how much they desire that meaning in their new, more independent, complex, and responsible lives.

We'll be praying for all of these graduates as they take the next steps of their lives' journeys. We hope that whatever those steps may be, they will be guided by the loving hand of the One who has brought them this far. May God continue to guide them in paths of wisdom and righteousness, for their own good and for God's glory.

Our steps are made firm by the LORD, when He delights in our way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the LORD holds us by the hand.

Psalms 37:23-24

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Income & Disbursement Summary Through March 31, 2024

***Please be
sure and
pay your
Per Capita
this year.***

**2024
Per Capita
amount
is \$53.95**

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 91,475.98
Other operating income	\$ 4,785.50
Restricted donations	\$
Per Capita	\$ 1,096.25
Total Income	\$ 97,357.73

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 4,737.71
Ministry*	\$ 31,313.17
Music***	\$ 1,877.62
Christian Discipleship	\$ -
Building & Grounds	\$ 35,234.87
Office and Admin	\$ 5,328.84
Assessment	\$ 4,788.06
Other**	\$ 11,732.46
Personnel Payroll	\$ 32,855.25
Total Disbursements	\$ 127,867.98

Gain or Loss **\$ (30,510.25)**

* 'Ministry' includes: Pastors salary, worship, outreach, deacon and member care expenses.

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

***Music includes Organ repair

Our Presbyterian Women's Group

Previous Month Worship Attendance



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 31st (Easter)	150
April 7 th	70
April 14 th	81
April 21st	68
April 28th	56



Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.—

May 1 - Handbells/Last practice for choir

May 5 - Choir

May 8 - No music practices

May 12 - Choir

May 15 - No Choir/Last practice for handbells

May 19 - Handbells

May 26 - September 1: Special Summer Music - if you would like to volunteer, please contact Mary or Rachael or Anne

MANY THANKS for all our musicians who have shared their time and talents this past program year!! You add wonderful blessings to our worship. All of you are GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Mary Benton, Director of Music

2024 Graduates

Aidan Hunt - 8th Grade graduate

Dylan Baier—North High School grad

Eric Johnson—College graduate of UNL. Continuing on at Creighton this fall for his Masters.

Luke Johnson - Graduated from Creighton with his Masters.

Congratulations!



The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th to observe the Memorial Day holiday.



We will be recognizing all of our graduates on Sunday, May 19th. We will also be having confirmation on Sunday, May 19th. Please join us to celebrate our confirmands and our graduates. We will be having a congregation meal following our worship service.



Our Lunch Bunch crew at Famous Dave's .

The next meeting of "Presbyterian Women" is May 7th. Please mark your calendars and join us....we love newcomers! All are invited to participate in this Presbyterian Women's Circle.

The meeting will be a two-fer, of sorts. For the first half hour, we are going to spiff up the church and pews a bit. If you would like to pitch in, please come at 6:30 pm. Then at 7 o'clock, we will shift gears and dig into the second chapter of our book study. All are welcome to join in. We are reading "The Women of the Bible Speak" authored by Shannon Bream. Copies are available all around town, so pick one up and get ready to discuss Chapter Two. Feel free to join us on May 7th.

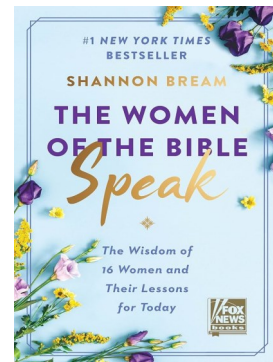
Questions? Call Patrice Johnson at 712.251.5183



We said good-bye to Rick which means we must have a new custodian. Say hello to Ryan Thomas. Ryan started working for First Pres in March. When you see him around the church, please say hello and introduce yourself.

Are you needing transportation to and from church services? Please contact Karen and/or Kathy (224-636-6150) to let them know. Deacons will be working to find people who can help with getting members to and from church as Wheels to Worship is no longer in service.

If you are a member who is willing to drive someone to and from church, please let Karen and/or Kathy know!



May birthdays

- 7th - Craig Bainbridge
- 8th - Rick Wagner, Jr.
- 11th - Bradley Wagner
- 24th - Pam Woolridge-Perez
- 24th - Kierson Kimbell
- 24th - Sandy Gunnink
- 25th - Sam Stodden



Pssst!
 If we do not have your birthday or anniversary information...
 please call or send it to Karen in the church office at

May anniversaries

- 23rd - Pete & Tammi Johnson



MEMBER CARE CORNER

Month of May

Sunday Coffee Fellowship – Personnel Committee

Wednesday Night Dinners*** - Personnel Committee

Sunday, May 19th: 10:00 am - Join our confirmands & graduates for a cake & coffee reception

Sunday May 19th: Congregational quarterly potluck after service in cafeteria

Please bring the following food to enhance our meal if your last name begins with:

A – G Dessert O - N Main Dish O – Z Vegetable or Salad

Prayer Shawls: Anyone interested in crocheting or knitting a prayer shawl, there will be a group meeting at First Pres. Contact Anne Cowley or Mary Burns for more information. Ron Rohleana has donated yarn for this project. A pattern for the shawls is available.

Month of June:

Lunch Bunch 2nd Sunday, 9, 2024 location TBA

Watch for Explorers baseball game announcement



Greeters/Ushers:

May 5 Vicki Ackerman, Barb Davis, Steve & Brenda Bradley

May 12 Anne Cowley, Kathleen Morfitt & Chris Hunt

May 19 Butch & Mary Floyd, Lowell & Judy Vos

May 26 Mike & Andrea Rohlena family

Acolytes:

May 5 Sage Pierson

May 12 Aidan Hunt

May 19 Hazel Rohlena

May 26 Harper Rohlena

Lectors:

May 5 Anne Cowley

May 12 Paul Johnson

May 19 Andrea Rohlena

May 26 John Mayne

Tellers:

May 5 Jeff Stanley & Brenda Bradley

May 12 Sarah Steill & Lance Eybers

May 19 Jeff Stanley & Kathy Zebert

May 26 Lance Eybers & Curtis Burns



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

In case of an emergency in the First Presbyterian Family please contact Pastor Mark at 309-644-0794.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>*Your office staff will be at work Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm</p> <p>*Office closes each Friday at Noon.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir—last one</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bldg. rented 4-8</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 Bldg. & Grounds Karen out</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 FPW</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study No Music</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 Personnel</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells—last one 6:15 Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship/ Graduation/ Confirmation 11:30 Congregational Meal Bldg. rented 1-5</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:15 Admin/ Finance 5:00 All staff mtg 5:30 Music & Worship</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:30 Memorial</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed Memorial Day</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 Session</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Print Newsletter</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	



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