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First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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August Worship Service Info



Sunday, Aug 4—11th Sunday after Pentecost
Joint Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, Aug 11—12th Sunday after Pentecost
Pulpit Supply

Sunday, Aug 18—13th Sunday after Pentecost
Ephesians 2:11-22; David - Ask Not What You Can Do

Sunday, Aug 25—14th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 25:31-33; David - Living After God's Own Heart

Friends,

By now, many of you will have witnessed the first week of the Olympic Games in Paris. On television, we'll have seen athletes compete to win medals, set records, and gain glory for themselves. The apostle Paul used a lot of athletic imagery in his letters, comparing our spiritual struggles as Christians to running races and winning fights. And with good reason! Like athletic events, being a Christian takes hard work, strength, training, courage, endurance, sacrifice and discipline.

“Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air...”

1 Corinthians 9:24-26

And yet many of these images seem to contradict what we've learned about our faith. If we want to live as Jesus lived, we are called to be humble servants, not grandstanding heroes. We are called to glorify God, not ourselves.

As the Olympic Games proceed, television announcers will tell the stories of some of the competitors. Some of these athletes may be competing not for their own pride, but to hold up their nation in the eyes of the world, or to raise awareness of some cause they believe in. Others have struggled against overwhelming odds in their lives to get where they are, setting an inspiring example for everyone who might be enduring similar trials. Many of these athletes compete not for their own glory, but for something greater.

As Christians, it should be the same for us. If we take part in any spiritual struggle, we should do so not for our own glory, but for the glory of God. If we run, we run on behalf of Jesus who runs with us. If we fight, we fight for Christ, who even fought sin and death on our behalf, and won!

“... let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,^{} and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of^{*} the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

from Hebrews 12:1-2

As we run the course of our lives as Christians, our victories also become God's victories. God wins a constant relationship with us, God's beloved creations. And as we fight this good fight, we glorify God in the eyes of everyone who sees our lives blessed by our faith. The race we run is God's race, and our prize is God's prize.

“...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly^{} call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

from Philippians 3:13-14

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mary's Music Notes—

Looking ahead.....



Many thanks to all who have shared music this summer! You are greatly appreciated - we have had a variety of instruments and vocals, as well as a variety of ages. All are welcome!!! Looking ahead.....

August 4 - Joint Presbyterian Churches Outdoor Worship

August 11 - Men's Quartet (Gerald Messersmith/Lance Eybers/Randy Benton/Michael Rohlena)

August 18 - still open, some individuals are considering, but still available

August 25 - Cello Duet (Anne Cowley/Alejandro Angiano)

September 1 - still open - this could be your opportunity!

COME BE A PART OF MUSIC AT FIRST PRES - praising our Lord and sharing our talents and time.....

August 28 - music rehearsals begin - come give us a try!

6-6:45 Handbells

6:45-7:15 Ice Cream Social welcoming all back

7:15-8:00 Choir

Practices are traditionally each Wednesday: 6-7 Handbells/7-8 Choir

Questions, please reach out to us.....

Anne Cowley - handbell director

Rachael Wragge - choir director/children's music director

Mary Kay Benton - organist/choir accompanist/Director of Music

Music has many purposes in Christian worship services, some are:

- Teaching: Hymns and spiritual songs can teach the gospel and make faith memorable.
 - Connecting: Music can help people feel a connection with God and express their love to him. Singing, playing and listening can help people feel united to the church and to each other.
 - Involving: Music can invite people to participate through singing, clapping, playing and moving.
 - Emotive: Music can touch people's emotions and help them feel their communication with God.
 - Icebreaker: Familiar hymns or Christian songs can help visitors feel at home.
- Signaling: Music can signal when the service is about to start, when the sermon is about to end, and more.

Mary Benton, Director of Music

Income & Disbursement Summary Through June 30, 2024



2024
Per Capita
amount
is \$53.95

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 172,637.89
Other operating income	\$ 7,787.44
Restricted donations	\$ 60.00
Per Capita	\$ 1,474.00
Total Income	\$ 181,959.33

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 9,329.63
Ministry*	\$ 61,418.01
Music ***	\$ 2,687.62
Christian Discipleship	\$ 223.95
Building & Grounds	\$ 66,551.01
Office and Admin	\$ 9,731.60
Assessment	\$ 7,728.33
Other**	\$ 20,207.40
Personnel Payroll	\$ 66,454.63
Total Disbursements	\$ 246,013.72
	\$ (64,054.39)

Gain or Loss

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

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

*** Organ repairs included



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

June 30	70 in sanctuary
July 7	51 in sanctuary
July 14	61 in sanctuary
July 21	61 in sanctuary
July 28	54 in sanctuary



Welcome back to the FPC congregation , Steven Macfarlane.

August birthdays



- 2nd - Annika Johnson
- 2nd - Carol Smith
- 5th - Amy Denney
- 6th - Cruz Bradley
- 6th - Owen Mozak
- 6th - Galen Gunnink
- 7th - Luke Benton
- 8th - Ben Erickson
- 9th - Brenda Bradley
- 10th - Carol Beaumont
- 11th - Gary Smith
- 12th - Katherine Christensen
- 16th - Jeff Rarick
- 17th - Duane Behrens
- 21st- Della Nicolaisen
- 24th - Lona Hood
- 24th - Patty Rarick
- 24th - Charlotte Nagel
- 26th - Suzan Stewart
- 27th - Tiffany Hunt
- 29th - Samantha Sonier
- 30th - Sandy Bainbridge

August anniversaries

- 14th - Ryan & Amy Denney
- 19th - Ron & Robbie Rohlena
- 24th - Tim & Sabrina Stodden
- 25th - Steve & Brenda Bradley
- 31st - Paul & Patrice Johnson



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.



WOW! I am so humbled. Thank you for the cake and gifts! It truly has been such a blessing working here. I tell everyone I meet how much I love my job and my First Presbyterian Church family. I am so Blessed. Thank you all again! Here's to the next 10 years!

Karen



Please consider picking a Sunday or two to buy our chancel flowers. You are welcome to bring them, have Karen order them, or you can order them.

You are able to keep them, send them to one of our shut-ins, or leave them for the office.

We do ask that you return the vases to the church to minimize the cost of our flowers.

Interested? Call Kim Stanley 484-678-2828.



Have you seen our new sign??
Thank you Memorial Committee!



VBS

On July 20th children heard Bible Stories relating Prayers of Praise – Prayers of Thanks and Prayers of Confession Noah had a lot to be thankful for - Jonah had a lot to confess and no one sang Praises like David.

Their day was filled with loads of Games, Crafts and So Much More. Everyone had fun you can tell by their smiles on the pictures!



Dear Friends of Lakeshore at First Presbyterian,
I hope this finds you well and that your ministry is going well.

As a board member, I am writing for Lakeshore Center. We know the “Adopt-A-Cabin” program has been around a long time. We are grateful for all the churches which have participated. According to our records First, Sioux City “adopted” Black Oak years ago.

We have scheduled a lunch in the lodge on August 21st at 11 a.m. to say **thank you** to all the churches which adopted a cabin and assess if there is still a willingness and the ability for the churches to move forward.

Would it be possible to have representation from First, Sioux City attend the gathering? Please forward this to the appropriate committee or team and to those who are or have been close to the camp.

Please kindly reply to Lakeshore. I am willing to field any questions – 319 231 3570.

Blessings,
Dave



Pastor Mark will be on vacation from Monday through Sunday, August 5th through 11th. If you have need of a pastor then, please contact Rev. David Koehler at 712-730-4478

Do you love music? Would you like to take a more active role in our worship services? **JOIN OUR CHOIR OR HANDBELL CHOIR!** Both groups begin practicing on Wednesday evening, August 28th. The Handbell Choir will practice from 6:00-6:45 and the Choir will practice from 7:15-8:00. There will be an ice cream social in between practices for everyone taking part!

Friends, please join us for a very special **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE** at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 4th. We'll be joining our other local Presbyterian churches for an outdoor communion service at Chris Larsen Park. We'll meet at the pavilion on Larsen Park Road, between the Sergeant Floyd River Museum and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. There are plenty of picnic tables available, but you're welcome to bring your own seating.

This service will be followed by a potluck lunch. The menu will be divided by congregation.

Faith United – meats and entrees

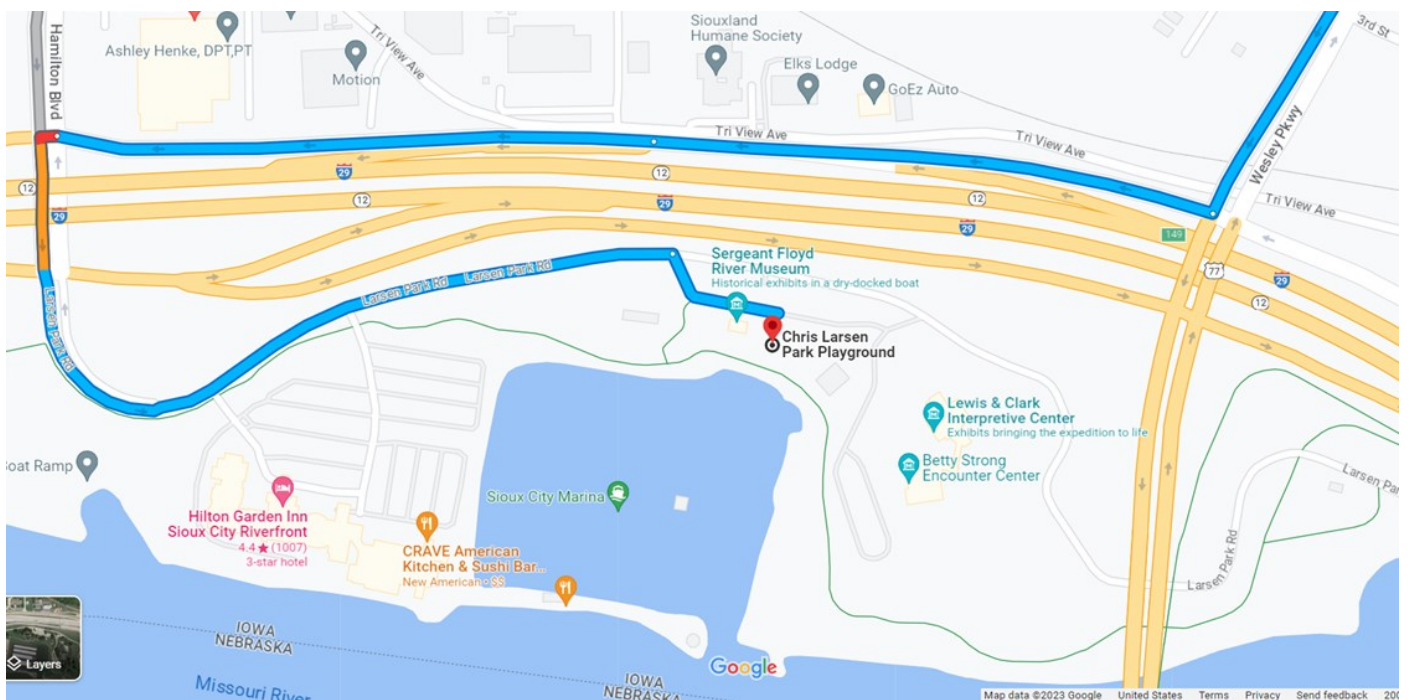
First Sioux City – side dishes

First South Sioux – vegetables and salads

Westminster – desserts

(In case of severe weather or morning temperatures over 90 degrees, First Presbyterian Church of Sioux City will be our backup location.)

We hope you'll join us!





**Rarick's annual 4th of July fun
First Presbyterian family style!**





Wednesday Night Meal Hosts:

On Hiatus

Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

On Hiatus

Lectors:

- Aug 4: Anne Cowley
- Aug 11: Barb Davis
- Aug 18: Paul Johnson
- Aug 25: Andrea Rohlena

Tellers:

- Aug 4: Sarah Steill & Curtis Burns
- Aug 11: Jeff Stanley & Lance Eybers
- Aug 18: Kathy Zebert & Brenda Bradley
- Aug 25: Jeff Stanley & Curtis Burns

Acolyte:

- Aug 4: Oliver Horton
- Aug 11: Harper Rohlena
- Aug 18: Emmett Rohlena
- Aug 25: Sage Pierson

Greeter/Usher:

- Aug 4: Bob & Pat Anderson, Steve & Brenda Bradley
- Aug 11: Butch & Mary Floyd, Lowell & Judy Vos
- Aug 18: Vicki Ackerman, Barb Davis, Anne Cowley and Casey Morfitt
- Aug 25: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

If you have taken Communion doilies home to launder, please return them to the church. We seem to be missing some and would appreciate their return.

In case of a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Mark. His phone number after hours is 309-644-0794.

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
<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>				1	2	3
4 10:30 Joint Worship service	5 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	24
25 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	26 5:00 Staff 5:30 Music & Worship	27 7:00 Session <i>Print Newsletter</i>	28 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir <i>Ice Cream social for music start up</i>	29	30	31

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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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.....Kierson Kimball
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.



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