

July 1, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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July Worship Service Info



Sunday, July 7—7th Sunday after Pentecost
Ephesians 1:15-23; David—Do We Really Need a King?

Sunday, July 14—8th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Peter 3:13-17; David—No Good Deed

Sunday, July 21—9th Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 7:29-35; David—What Will the Neighbors Think?

Sunday, July 28—10th Sunday after Pentecost
Pulpit Supply—Rev. Tom Wiladsen

Friends,

On September 7th 1924 in Washington D. C., Episcopal Bishop G. Ashton Oldham delivered a sermon entitled “America First”. An excerpt from his sermon has been crafted into the following prayer.

America First

Not merely in matters material, but in things of the spirit.

Not merely in science, inventions, motors, and skyscrapers, but also in ideals, principles, character.

Not merely in the calm assertion of rights, but in the glad assumption of duties.

Not flaunting her strength as a giant, but bending in helpfulness over a sick and wounded world like a Good Samaritan.

Not in splendid isolation, but in courageous cooperation.

Not in pride, arrogance, and disdain of other races and peoples, but in sympathy, love, and understanding.

Not in treading again the old, worn, bloody pathway which ends inevitably in chaos and disaster, but in blazing a new trail, along which, please God, other nations will follow, into the new Jerusalem where wars shall be no more.

Some day some nation must take that path -- unless we are to lapse once again into utter barbarism -- and that honor I covet for my beloved America.

And so, in that spirit and with these hopes, I say with all my heart and soul, "AMERICA FIRST."

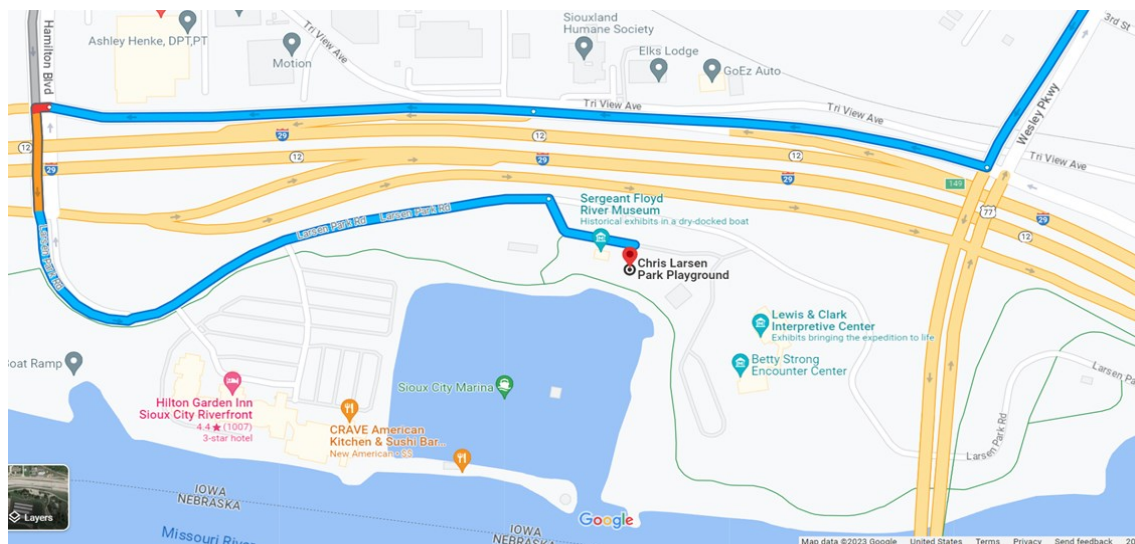
Amen.

As we celebrate the anniversary of our nation’s founding this month, let us remember Bishop Oldham’s faithful meditation on that phrase, “America First” from a century ago. With God’s help, may our country come to be first and foremost in all these ways.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Friends, please join us for a very special 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.

Watch for more details to come!



Mary's Music Notes—



Music Notes.....

Looking ahead for your summer music enjoyment.....

Summer Special Music - here is what you can look forward to and still have a couple of openings.....

July 7 Could be you!!!

July 14 Antonio Ferraro

July 21

July 28 Landyn and Bradyn Anderson

August 4 Joint service outside

August 11 Men's Quartet

August 18

August 25 Anne Cowley/Alejandro Anguiano

August 28 Handbells and Choir start rehearsals

Ice Cream Social between the two rehearsals

Mary Benton, Director of Music

Your staff would like to wish you a safe and fun 4th of July!



William Marvin Berenstein was welcomed into this world on June 13 to Alex and Kali Berenstein. William's grandparents are Julie and Craig Berenstein. Congratulations to the Berenstein family on their new addition!



LUNCH BUNCH – JULY 14TH

Member Care Committee will be hosting the July Lunch Bunch at Sarg's Philly Time 4006 Morningside Ave (the corner where Transit Ave, S St Aubin & Morningside Ave all meet) after service on Sunday. Breakfast & lunch menus are available. Please contact Vicki Ackerman at 712-490-3959 or email vicsportsmom@aol.com for a count by Friday, July 12th.



Income & Disbursement Summary Through May 31, 2024

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 149,744.30
Other operating income	\$ 7,419.59
Restricted donations	\$ 30.00
Per Capita	\$ 1,474.00
Total Income	\$ 158,667.89

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 7,071.03
Ministry*	\$ 51,596.22
Music	\$ 2,477.62
Christian Discipleship	\$ 0.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 58,779.76
Office and Admin	\$ 8,238.97
Assessment	\$ 6,748.24
Other**	\$ 19,006.19
Personnel Payroll	\$ 56,237.14
Total Disbursements	\$ 210,155.17

Gain or Loss **\$ (51,487.28)**

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

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



2024
Per Capita
amount
is \$53.95



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

June 2	51 in sanctuary
June 9	56 in sanctuary
June 16	58 in sanctuary
June 23	71 in sanctuary

In honor of **INDEPENDENCE DAY**, our offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 4th and 5th. We hope you enjoy a safe holiday!



Pastor Mark will be out of town from Saturday through Friday, June 29th - July 5th, and from Monday through Sunday, July 22nd - 28th. If you need pastoral assistance then, please contact Rev. Beth Hamilton at 309-644-0729 or Rev. David Koehler at 712-730-4478.

On Sunday, July 28th, we will welcome Rev. Tom Willadsen to our pulpit.

July birthdays



1st - Lowell Vos
 3rd - Lauren Messersmith
 5th - Trevor Bradley
 7th - Linda Williams
 11th - Ella Erickson

17th - Olivia Baier
 18th - Terry Beaumont

July anniversaries



13th - Lowell & Judy Vos
 19th - Adam & Jen Preston
 30th - John & Vicki Ackerman

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.



We're Goin' on a PRAYER HUNT !!! VBS will again be a joint effort between First Presbyterian Sioux City and Westminster.

We will be Goin' on a Prayer Hunt Sat., July 20th from 9 am – 2 pm.

Children will be hearing 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.

Our day will be filled with loads of Games, Crafts and So Much More.

We have space and supplies for 40 kids so – sign up those students as quickly as you can using the form below.

Pre-Registration in this way is not necessarily a requirement but helps greatly with our planning and preparation.

Any questions - call the church – 712-276-1034 or Jean at 712-276-1034

MEMBER CARE CORNER



Month of July

- Sunday Coffee Fellowship – volunteers each Sunday.
- Lunch Bunch – July 14th -will be held at Sarge's Philly Time 4006 Morningside Ave (breakfast & lunch served) contact Vicki Ackerman at 712-490-3959 text or email at vicsportsmom@aol.com by Friday, July 20th to advise reservation.
- Reminder: VBS Saturday, July 20th 9am-2pm lunch served.
- Wednesday Night Meals-**Will resume in September**
- 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 Rohlena has donated yarn for this project. A pattern for the shawl is available.

Month of August:

- August 4th Sunday in the Park-Joint service with Faith, Westminster & First Presbyterian South Sioux City & Sioux City at Chris Larson Park (near Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center).
- Sunday Coffee Fellowship-volunteers each Sunday
- Wednesday Night Meals-**Will resume in September**



Our CE/Sunday School will be having a
Rummage & Bake Sale Sat., July 13th from 9 – 1.
Westminster Presbyterian Church 2915 Glenn Ave

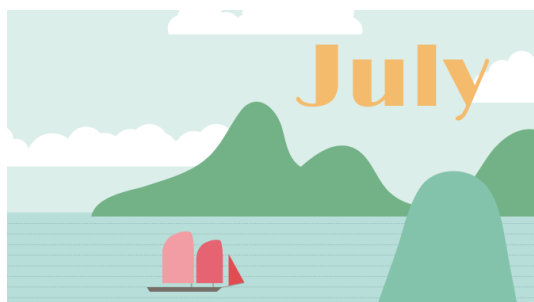
All items will be sold by donation and all proceeds will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund developed to assist those impacted by the recent Nebraska and Iowa tornadoes.

So – bring over anything you want to donate for us to sell ... Baked items are also welcome to add to the sale.

Then grab your friends and come over that day to see what goodies you might want for yourself. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

Let's all join hands and work together as God's Hands to help those needing our help right here - right now. -

If you have questions feel free to leave a message at the church – 712-276-3613 or call Jean Turner 712-276-1034



Acolytes:

- July 7: Harper Rohlena
- July 14: Hazel Rohlena
- July 21: Emmett Rohlena
- July 28: Sage Pierson

Greeter/Usher:

- July 7: Steve & Brenda Bradley, Vicki Ackerman & Barb Davis
- July 14: Bob & Pat Anderson, Butch & Mary Floyd
- July 21: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family
- July 28: Lowell & Judy Vos, Casey Morfitt & Neva Pierce

Lectors:

- July 7: Pat Anderson
- July 14: Randy Benton
- July 21: Brenda Bradley
- July 28: Gerald Messersmith

Tellers:

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

In case of a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Mark Bedford at 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
	1	2	3	4 <i>Office closed</i>	5 <i>Office closed</i>	6
7 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Lunch Bunch	15 12:15 Admin/Fin	16	17	18	19	20 VBS 9-2 @ Westminster
21 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	22	23	24	25 <i>Newsletter Dead- line</i>	26	27
28 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	29 <i>Print Newsletter</i>	30	31	<p><u>Notes:</u> *Your office staff will be at work Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm *Office closes each Friday at Noon.</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..... Kierson Kimbell
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.***