

October 1, 2024

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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October Worship Service Info



Sunday, Oct 6—20th Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 8:1-9; Q+A—How Many Loaves Do You Have?

Sunday, Oct 13—21st Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 8:14-21; Q+A—Why Are You Talking About Having No Bread?

Sunday, Oct 20—22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 7:36-50; Q+A—Do You See This Woman?

Sunday, Oct 27—23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 9:33-37; Q+A—What Were We Arguing About?

If you will only heed His every commandment ... loving the LORD your God, and serving Him with all your heart and with all your soul — then He will give the rain for your land in its season ... and you will gather in your grain ... and He will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill.

from Deuteronomy 11:13-15

Friends,

There's a joke that starts with a scientist mocking God, saying "I don't need you! Using modern science, I can take a handful of dirt and create life myself!"

"Really?" God replied. "Show me."

"Fine!" said the scientist, scooping up a handful of dirt.

"No," God said. "Make your own dirt."

Once again, we've come to the season of the harvest. We're very thankful to all our farmers for all their hard work. But we sometimes forget that, with all the countless hours and dollars they put into their crops and flocks and herds, our farmers are only putting modern refinements on God's annual process of creation that has taken place since the beginning of the world.

The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake ... The LORD will make you abound in prosperity ... in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the LORD swore to your ancestors to give you.

from Deuteronomy 28:8, 11

Cattle ranchers can research genetics and plan breeding. But only God can knit calves together in their mothers' wombs. Meteorologists can use orbiting satellites and weather stations around the nation to let us know what the weather will be like. But only God can answer our prayers for sunshine or rain. Our farmers may spend thousands of dollars on just the right seeds for their fields. But only God can create the seeds themselves.

And all this comes from God's love for us. God knows all our needs, and provides all this so that we can all eat, and so that our farmers and our communities can prosper.

...the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater...

from Isaiah 55:10

This fall, as always, let us pray for our farmers' prosperity. But as we give thanks for all their hard work, let us first give thanks to God who created all this. All of us, including our farmers, are honored to witness and to take part in God's annual, eternal cycle of rebirth and growth. And at every meal, we will enjoy what comes from the simple yet essential things that God provides for us all. The seeds that grow. The sun that shines. The rain that falls. And yes, even the dirt.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....

- Oct. 6 Choir
- Oct. 13 Choir
- Oct. 20 Handbells
- Oct. 27 Choir

Tour of Steeples! First Presbyterian Church is participating in this first ever event - touring churches during the Advent/ Christmas season. All are decorated beautifully and it is a great way to share all our wonderful churches. On Saturday - December 7 - from 10 am - 2 pm, our church will be open for others to come in and visit. There are a total of 10 churches participating this year. Everyone can come and go as they want that day within each church. Each church can provide music and snacks, if they want. There is publicity planned -using social media and other formats. We are looking for any businesses to be sponsors, and donation amounts are up to your business. I have paperwork with further information, if you or if you know somebody to ask. Please reach out to me: mary.benton@lemarscsd.org

There will also be freewill donations accepted at each church and these will be donated to two charities in Sioux City. More details will be coming and watch for it on our Facebook and other social media formats.

Mary Benton, Director of Music

Our **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, "Bible 101 – The New Testament" is at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and 6:15 on Wednesday evenings in Vincent Lounge downstairs. We hope you'll join us!



PW will meet Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm at the church. Kathy Zebert will be bringing the dessert. We will continue with our book, Women of the Bible Speak, reading Chapter 4 about Deborah and Jael. Please let Kathy know if you will be attending so she can prepare enough dessert for all.



Our church has an opportunity to host an **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, hopefully by January 2025. They have provided a survey asking for people who might be willing to donate blood. That survey is at the back of our sanctuary. If you'd like to be a part of this important work, please fill out the survey by Sunday, October 13th. Thanks!

MY COMMITMENT TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR 2025

To be submitted to the church in person or by mail by October 31st, 2024

In grateful recognition that all my time, treasure, and ability come from God,

I gladly join with others in the support of Christ's church.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

I pledge \$ _____ for the worship, education, pastoral service, church upkeep, and mission of the church.

To be paid _____ Per Week _____ Per Month _____ Other _____

Income & Disbursement Summary Through August 31, 2024



2024
Per Capita
amount
is \$53.95.

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 226,437.00
Other operating income	\$ 9,828.58
Restricted donations	\$ 2,720.00
Per Capita	\$ 1,963.75
Total Income	\$ 240,949.33

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 12,421.01
Ministry*	\$ 80,946.36
Music	\$ 6,154.79
Christian Discipleship	\$ 288.03
Building & Grounds	\$ 76,268.24
Office and Admin	\$ 14,368.41
Assessment	\$ 9,688.51
Other**	\$ 24,899.82
Personnel Payroll	\$ 87,493.24
Total Disbursements	\$ 312,528.41

Gain or Loss **\$ (71,579.08)**

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

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



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Sept 1	38 in sanctuary
Sept 8	68 in sanctuary
Sept 15	61 in sanctuary
Sept 22	87 in sanctuary



Thank you to our crew that helped at the Soup Kitchen on Thursday, September 19th.



October birthdays

2nd - Damon Baier
6th - Sarah Benton
9th - Sya Lynn Bates
10th - Caroline Steill
15th - Carl Rarick
17th - Easton Boettcher
18th - Jeff Stanley

21st- Andrea Rohlena
23rd - Kim Stanley
24th - Sarah Steill
29th - Peter Macfarlane

October anniversaries

2nd - Tim & Amy Hynds
2nd - Chris & Mandy Ellis
10th - Ben & Brandi Erickson
17th - Craig & Barb Davis



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.



The family of Marvin Ahlquist purchased a bench in his honor to be placed next to the bench he purchased in honor of his wife.

Thank you so much Ahlquist family!

MEMBER CARE CORNER



Month of October

Sunday Coffee Fellowship* – Hosted by Member Care Committee & Kim & Jeff Stanley

Wednesday Night Meals* - hosted by Member Care & Personnel Committees

October 13th 1st Presbyterian's Treasures Brunch after service in dining room

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 November

Sunday Coffee Fellowship hosted by Finance & Administration Committee

Wednesday Night Meals-Hosts TBA

Lunch Bunch TBA

Joint Thanksgiving service with 4 Presbyterian Churches TBA

*Sunday Coffee Fellowships & Wednesday Night Meals are hosted by our Session Committees. Any 1st Presbyterian member is welcome to help these committees serve. Feel free to contact any session member to volunteer- It is greatly appreciated.

"It's that time of year to get your college student addresses to Heather Baier, so that the Deacons can prepare care packages to send during finals. You can email her at heather.baier@yahoo.com or text it to her at 712-251-9598."

Thanks so much!!



Member Care will be hosting our Treasurer's Luncheon in October. Please let us know if you are 80 or older so we can be sure to include you on this day and get an invitation sent out to you.



Acolytes:

Oct 6: Sage Pierson
Oct 13: Harper Rohlena
Oct 20: Oliver Horton
Oct 27: Julian Kimbell

Lectors:

Oct 6: Pat Anderson
Oct 13: Brenda Bradley
Oct 20: Randy Benton
Oct 27: Anne Cowley

Tellers:

Oct 6: Jeff Stanley & Lance Eybers
Oct 13: Sarah Steill & Brenda Bradley
Oct 20: Kathy Zebert & Curtis Burns
Oct 27: Jeff Stanley & Curtis Burns

Greeter/Usher:

Oct 6: Anne Cowley, Barb Davis, Lowell & Judy Vos
Oct 13: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family
Oct 20: Vicki Ackerman, Bob & Pat Anderson, Neva Pierce
Oct 27: Vicki Ackerman, Casey Morfitt, Chris Hunt & Juliana Mayne



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.

First Presbyterian Church

Sioux City, Iowa



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: *Your office staff will be at work Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm *Office closes each Friday at Noon.		1 6:30—PW in Vincent Lounge	2 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:00 Kids activities 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	3	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care 12:30 Presbytery meeting in Sheldon Jackson	7 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	8	9 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:00 Kids activities 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	10	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	14 5:30 Personnel	15 12:00—Endowment Committee Meeting	16 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:00 Kids activities 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir Piano tuned	17 7:00 Chamber Music	18	19
20 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Handbells 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission Luncheon 12:30 Treasurer's Luncheon	21 12:15 Admin/Fin	22 7:00 Session	23 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:00 Kids activities 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	24 4:30 Memorial	25 Karen at SHRM conference Newsletter Deadline	26
27 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons 2:00 Chamber Music Concert	28 5:00 Staff 5:30 Music & Worship	29 Print Newsletter	30 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:00 Kids activities 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	31 Halloween 		

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*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
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Thanks so much.



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