

September 1, 2024

First Presbyterian Church



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September Worship Service Info



Sunday, Sept 1—15th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Timothy 1:3-7; David—The Legacy We Leave

Sunday, Sept 8—16th Sunday after Pentecost
John 1:35-42; Q + A—What Are You Looking For?

Sunday, Sept 15—17th Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 12:22-31; Q + A—Why Do You Worry?

Sunday, Sept 22—18th Sunday after Pentecost
**Luke 18:35-43; Q + A—What Do You Want Me To Do
For You?**

Sunday, Sept 29—19th Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 10:17-22; Q + A—Why Do You Call Me Good?

An old joke goes like this. A Jewish student approaches a rabbi and asks him, “Rabbi, why do you always answer a question with a question?” The rabbi replies, “So what’s wrong with a question?”

All humor aside, that rabbi was taking part in a style of teaching that goes all the way back to ancient Greece. “The Socratic Method” was popularized by the philosopher Socrates. Rather than the teacher simply giving the student correct answers to memorize, the Socratic Method takes the form of a dialogue between the teacher and the student. The teacher asks the student questions designed to challenge assumptions and refute contradictions in their beliefs. Through this method, both the teacher and the student could come away with a deeper understanding of truth.

This method of teaching was already well established 400 years before Jesus began his ministry. But any casual reading of the gospels will show how seriously Jesus took questions. Biblical scholars can point out dozens of questions that Jesus asked. Maybe even more surprising, Jesus rarely offered easy answers. Instead, Jesus used these moments to engage His disciples in their faith, while also challenging those who spoke against Him. Jesus’ questions were opportunities for people to examine their own beliefs, and come to a deeper understanding of the new way in which Jesus was calling them to live.

From our Rally Day on September 8th all the way up to Advent, our worship services will focus on the questions that Jesus asked. Some questions can seem innocuous; as simple as “What are you looking for?” (John 1:38). Yet that question encouraged at least two people to become His disciples. Other questions seem like very practical, problem-solving questions, like “How many loaves do you have?” (Mark 8:5). However, that question led His disciples to take part in one of Jesus’ most famous miracles. Some of Jesus’ questions were meant to offer comfort and peace to the people around Him, like “Why do you worry?” (Matthew 6:28). But other questions were designed to convict Jesus’ listeners. When Jesus asked the people around Him “What were you arguing about?” (Mark 9:33), “Do you see this woman?” (Luke 7:44), or “Does this offend you?” (John 6:61), He meant for them to realize where they might have gone wrong, and how they might need to align themselves more closely with Jesus’ teachings.

Like any good rabbi, Jesus knew the value of a good question. But every one of these questions, no matter why He asked them in the first place, can all help us find our own answers for the most important question that Jesus ever asked; “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15). It’s a deep, complex question that can lead to countless different answers, depending on who we are and where we are in our own faith journeys. But as we explore all of Jesus’ other questions, we can find bits and pieces of the true answer for us all.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

ADULT BIBLE STUDY starts again at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 8th and 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11th. We’ll continue “Bible 101 – The Basics” by starting the New Testament! Learn everything you always wanted to know about the gospels, Paul’s letters, and everything else that came after the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, right up to the Book of Revelation (yes, there’s only ONE)! As usual, both classes will meet in Vincent Lounge downstairs. We hope you’ll join us!



Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....

September 1 - Special Music (TBD)

September 8 - Choir

September 15 - Choir

September 22 - Handbells

September 29 - Choir

REMINDER that all are welcome and invited to join us and give handbells and/or choir a try.

6-7 Handbells (subs are also needed, if you can't always be there; please talk to Anne Cowley - handbell director)

7-8 Choir (questions, please check with Rachael Wragge - choir director; she also works with our youth on music)

Music adds and enhances our worship at First Presbyterian Church.

Mary Benton, Director of Music



Baptism of Sistine Freed, August 25th.



Income & Disbursement Summary Through July 31, 2024



2024
Per Capita
amount
is \$53.95

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 202,479.98
Other operating income	\$ 9,431.33
Restricted donations	\$ 2,090.00
Per Capita	\$ 1,635.85
Total Income	\$ 215,637.16

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 10,654.35
Ministry*	\$ 71,798.09
Music	\$ 5,147.21
Christian Discipleship	\$ 223.95
Building & Grounds	\$ 68,889.36
Office and Admin	\$ 13,098.96
Assessment	\$ 8,708.42
Other**	\$ 22,560.92
Personnel Payroll	\$ 77,069.33
Total Disbursements	\$ 278,150.59

Gain or Loss **\$ (62,513.43)**

* '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

Aug 4	98 Joint service
Aug 11	46 in sanctuary
Aug 18	54 in sanctuary
Aug 25	73 in sanctuary

The next gathering of Presbyterian Women will be a fun Fall event! Mark your calendars for September 10th at 6:30 pm. We're gathering at Minerva's for dinner (Dutch treat) then digging into Chapter 3 of our book study. Please join us for some food and fellowship. Give Anne Cowley a shout if you can make it...she's taking care of reservations. Her cell is 712.204.5182. Email at : AMusicwest@aol.com.

Join us and let's get reconnected! Everyone is welcome.



September birthdays

1st - Barb Davis
 1st - Nicholas Hynds
 5th - Peg Brinck
 10th - Quinn Kimbell
 10th - Colton McClellan
 10th - Russ Nagel
 13th - Luke Johnson
 16th - Heather Baier
 17th - Abby Steill
 17th - Allison Stodden
 17th - Butch Floyd

19th - Brandi Erickson
 21st - Ryan Denney
 22nd - Kathrine Johnson
 23rd - Amy Hynds
 26th - Isabele Raveling
 26th - Robbie Rohlena
 28th - Oliver Denney
 30th - John Ackerman

September anniversaries

6th - William & Katie Pierson
 9th - Bill & Peg Brinck
 27th - Chris & Tiffany Hunt



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.

RALLY SUNDAY is coming on September 8th.

Donate just \$1 to Member Care for a chance to win this seasonal wall hanging, approx 22" square. You do not need to be present to win. Proceeds will be used to sponsor pizza for a Wednesday Supper. Contact Barb Davis at church or 402-679-6640 for tickets.



New Church Directory

The newest update to the church directory has been sent out via email. A few printed copies are available in the sanctuary. Not on the list? Please reach out to Karen to be added to her email distribution.

Contact Barb Davis at church or at 402-679-6640 for changes.



Concert

Triumphant Sound Quartet

Sunday, September 15, 2024 @ 4:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church of South Sioux City
21st & 'A' Street, South Sioux City, NE

Free will offering to benefit local charity.
Food and fellowship to follow.
Please RSVP at 402-494-1868



MEMBER CARE CORNER

Month of September

- Sunday Coffee Fellowship* – Hosted by Member Care Committee
- Wednesday Night Meals*-Beginning September 11th hosted by Member Care Committee for the month of September
- September 8th Congregation Potluck Dinner after service in the dining hall. Please bring the following food to enhance our meal with the listing below by letter that your last name begins:
A-G Vegetable or Salad H-N Dessert O-Z Main Dish
- 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 shawl is available.

Month of October

- October 18th First Treasures Brunch
- Blessing of Pets TBA
- Sunday Coffee Fellowship- Hosts TBA
- Wednesday Night Meals-Hosts 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Beginning September 11 @ 5:30 pm

ALL are welcome to join us for a light supper and fellowship. Free-will offering accepted.

Bring your favorite board or card game and play with friends. Visit with those you only see on Sunday. Stay for Handbell (6:00) or Choir Practice (7:00). Enjoy the Children's program with Kierson at 6:00. Dive into Bible Study with Pastor Mark at 6:15. We guarantee you will have a good time in fellowship with like-minded friends and family.

P.S. Contact Vicki Ackerman if you'd like to host a Wednesday Night Supper.





Rally Sunday is September 8th. Mark your calendars and be sure to come and start the new school year.



Pictures from the joint worship service luncheon and from the fellowship dinner at the home of Jeff & Patty Rarick to welcome Rev. Tom Willadsen.

The one below with Rev. Tom & Barb is demonstrating a new handshake they learned at Synod School.



**Lectors:**

Sept 1: Linda Williams

Sept 8: Lowell Vos

Sept 15: Michael Rohlena

Sept 22: Chris Hunt

Sept 29: Judy Vos

Greeter/Usher:

Sept 1: Bob & Pat Anderson, Neva Pierce & Casey Morfitt

Sept 8: Steve & Brenda Bradley, Butch & Mary Floyd

Sept 15: Vicki Ackerman, Anne Cowley, Lowell & Judy Vos

Sept 22: Barb Davis, Neva Pierce, Casey Morfitt, Chris Hunt

Sept 29: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

Acolytes:

Sept 1: Hazel Rohlena

Sept 8: Sage Pierson

Sept 15: Emmett Rohlena

Sept 24: Aidan Hunt

Sept 29: Julian Kimbell

Tellers:

Sept 1: Lance Eybers & Curtis Burns

Sept 8: Jeff Stanley & Sarah Steill

Sept 15: Kathy Zebert & Brenda Bradley

Sept 22: Noone is available—count Monday

Sept 29: Sarah Steill & Curtis Burns



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
1 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	2 <i>Office Closed for Labor Day</i>	3	4 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	5	6	7
8 RALLY SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Potluck	9 5:30 Building & Grounds 5:30 Personnel	10 6:30—PW @ Minerva's	11 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:00 Kids activities 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	12	13	14
15 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission	16 12:15 Admin/Fin	17	18 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:00 Kids activities 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	19	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21
22 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	23 5:00 Staff 5:30 Music & Worship	24 7:00 Session <i>Print Newsletter</i>	25 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:00 Kids activities 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	26 <i>Karen out</i>	27 <i>Karen out</i>	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	30 <i>Karen out</i>	<p><u>Notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Your office staff will be at work Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm *Office closes each Friday at Noon. * Childcare offered during Sunday worship & Wednesday evenings 				

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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 Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am– 4:30 pm, Fri 9 am-Noon
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[Twitter@1stChurchSCIA](https://twitter.com/1stChurchSCIA)

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
Custodians.....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.***