

January 1, 2025

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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January Worship Service Info



Sunday, Jan 5—2nd Sunday after Christmas

Welcome Rev. Dr. Cambra Kaltwasser

Sunday, Jan 12—Baptism of the Lord

Matthew 3:13-17; Because God Said So

Sunday, Jan 19—2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Romans 3:21-26; Rome—The Basics

Sunday, Jan 26—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Corinthians 11:17-22; Corinth—How NOT to Do It

Friends,

The apostle Paul spent years of his adult life founding churches all around the Mediterranean Sea. And he spent a lot of that time staying in touch with them by writing letters to them. Those letters make up a big part of the New Testament.

We'll spend our worship services during the "ordinary time" between Christmas and Lent studying those letters. We'll find out what Paul had to say to these new congregations, and why. Some of these letters could seem like dry theological lectures. But remember, these fledgling Christians were hearing the fundamentals of our faith for the first time! Other letters were marked by Paul's love for these churches and his passionate desire for their success.

Sometimes Paul was delighted by their progress. The communities of Christian love that they were creating gave him hope that this new faith could not only survive, but thrive!

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world ... I am longing to see you ... so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. – from Romans 1:8-12

In other letters, Paul sounded like a congregation's disappointed father. After Paul left some churches, they had been visited by false apostles who had tried to corrupt the gospel of Jesus Christ into something different. Meanwhile, the congregation in Corinth had separated into cliques and factions. And their communion services had turned into drunken parties where some members went away hungry!

What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you! – 1 Corinthians 11:22

And through it all, Paul was trying to unite congregations that already seemed hopelessly divided, by background, race, culture, and economic class. Some churches even had slaves and free people worshipping side by side!

We are separated from these churches by two thousand years and thousands of miles. But the words of Paul's letters have echoed throughout our history. Maybe we've experienced some of the problems that plagued these early congregations. But when we read Paul's letters, we can also learn from their trials. These letters help us understand what we believe as Christians. They guide us in our relationships, not only in our churches, but in our families and our workplaces. They speak to how we offer our talents and our money. But they also teach us how to live in peace with the Christians around us, knowing that, even when we disagree, we have still been brought together by God.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. – Galatians 3:28

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mary's Music Notes—



Music Notes.....

Many thanks to all who shared music.....at Tour of Steeples, Handbell Choir with the Symphony, Youth and Adult Choir and many more!! You are all GREATLY appreciated. Have a blessed 2025!!

Looking ahead.....

January 5 TBD

***SPECIAL - Our handbell choir will be part of the 12th Night Ring Handbell Festival

4:30 pm at Epley Auditorium at Morningside University

January 8 Wednesday practices will start up again

January 12 Choir

January 19 Handbells

January 26 Choir

2025 - It's a new year and some make resolutions - if you have - reminder that you can always join choir and/or handbells, or even become part of the Music and Worship Committee - just talk to me!!!

Mary Benton, Director of Music

Our handbell choir Bell-issimo ,
and our choir and the youth choir
at Christmas Eve



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Dec 1	79 in sanctuary
Dec 8	73 in sanctuary
Dec 15	76 n sanctuary
Dec 22	68 in sanctuary
Dec 24—Early	138
Dec 24—Late	55



Income & Disbursement Summary Through November 30, 2024



2025
Per Capita
amount
is \$55.70.

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 304,796.12
Other operating income	\$ 13,248.94
Restricted donations	\$ 2,810.00
Per Capita	\$ 2,017.70
Total Income	\$ 322,872.76

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 21,445.99
Ministry*	\$ 106,165.41
Music	\$ 9,679.55
Christian Discipleship	\$ 362.13
Building & Grounds	\$ 97,098.40
Office and Admin	\$ 17,870.99
Assessment	\$ 12,628.78
Other**	\$ 33,369.20
Personnel Payroll	\$ 119,534.22
Total Disbursements	\$ 418,154.67

Gain or Loss **\$ (95,281.91)**

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted	\$469,766.00
2024 Pledges	\$347,125.00
% to budget	74%
Pledges received	49
 Still Needed	 \$122,641.00

12th Night Ring Handbell Festival is at Eppley Auditorium on the Morningside College Campus on January 5th at 4:30 pm. Our handbell choir will be combining with others, as well as sharing a solo selection. Be sure to mark your calendar and come support our handbell choir.



January birthdays

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2nd - Donna Uhl | 13th - Rose Warner |
| 5th - Jared Messersmith | 21st - Dacia Bolton Bates |
| 6th - Cameron Bradley | 24th - Casey Morfitt |
| 10th - Raelee Bradley | 29th - Daniel Joseph Matthew |
| 10th - Mary Kay Benton | 30th - Martie Ebner |
| 10th - Curtis Burns | 30th - Aidan Hunt |
| 13th - Ashley Mozak | 31st - Mandy Ellis |
| 31st - Adam Preston | |



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.

Julie Eyber's father was called home by his Savior, Friday, December 13th. Please add Julie and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.



Children's sermon
 12/15/24

Be sure to mark your calendars for Presbyterian Women's Group's next meeting. They will be meeting on Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 at the church. They will be down in the cafeteria. Dessert will be served. Kathy Zebert will be the host for the January meeting.

December Lunch Bunch at Famous Dave's

Many thanks need to be given to Greg Parham. Greg makes sure our organ humidifier is always serviced and working like it should!

Thanks, Greg!!





Advent & Christmas Eve 2024





These are two prayer shawls that Martie Ebner made. One pattern has the cross knitted in and the other has rows of three each of purl and knit to denote the Trinity.

She will bring the finished one to the church office and when the striped one is done, she will have it in the office for anyone to look at or give to a church member or family member when they are in need of Christ's comfort.

If you have interest in knitting or crocheting a shawl, or questions, please call Martie Ebner or Anne Cowley.

NOTICE

PASTOR MARK'S OFFICE HOURS will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a break for lunch, Mondays through Wednesdays. Or just call to arrange an appointment.

Friends, there will be **NO WEDNESDAY EVENTS** on January 1st. No dinner, hand-bell choir practice, Adult Bible Study, or choir practice. Enjoy New Year's Day with your families!

Pastor Mark will be out of the state from December 30th through January 5th. For pastoral needs, please contact Rev. David Koehler at Faith United Presbyterian Church. You can reach him at 712-730-4478.

On January 5th, Rev. Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser will lead our communion service.

COME AND ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND GOOD COMPANY AT OUR QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025 AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE.



Fellowship Meal

The Member Care Committee will provide coffee, lemonade and water. We are asking for the following donations of dishes to complete our meal. Please bring based on your last name:

- A—G Salad or vegetable
- H—N Dessert
- O—Z Main dish



CORNER

Month of January, 2025

Sunday Coffee Fellowship* – Hosted by Building & Grounds Committee

Wednesday Night Meals* - Hosted by Building & Grounds Committee

January 19th – Congregation Potluck Dinner after service. To complete our meal please

Bring a dish to complement our meal by your last name:

A – G Vegetable or salad H – N Desserts 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 February

Sunday Coffee Fellowship hosted by Memorial Committee

Wednesday Night Meals-Hosted by Memorial Committee

Lunch Bunch 9th Location TB A

*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.

Altar Flower Schedule

People sign up for altar flowers for many reasons. Some like it in honor of children, grandchildren, etc. Others want it in memory of parents, grandparents, or friends. We at First Presbyterian have altar flowers available to purchase for \$35 for each bouquet. Some people have Karen order them or they bring them in themselves.

This sign up is on a first come first served basis. I reach out to many members who have given in the past to see if they would like to give again. If there is a special Sunday that you have in mind, please feel free to reach out to me and I will add you to the list if that Sunday is available. You can reach me by phone 484-678-2828 or by email kijemime22@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks for making our sanctuary look colorful and bright during the year.

Kim Stanley

Deacon Flower Chair



Acolyte:

- Jan 5: Harper Rohlena
- Jan 12: Hazel Rohlena
- Jan 19: Emmett Rohlena
- Jan 26: Aidan Hunt

Lectors:

- Jan 5: Pat Anderson
- Jan 12: Brenda Bradley
- Jan 19: Randy Benton
- Jan 26: Anne Cowley

Tellers:

- Jan 5: Brenda Bradley & Russ Nagel
- Jan 12: Jeff Stanley & Kathy Zebert
- Jan 19: Sarah Steill & Suzan Stewart
- Jan 26: Martha Krone & Lance Eybers

Greeter/Usher:

- Jan 5: Vicki Ackerman, Steve & Brenda Bradley & Barb Davis
- Jan 12: Bob & Pat Anderson, Anne Cowley & Neva Pierce
- Jan 19: Lowell & Judy Vos, Casey Morfitt & Chris Hunt
- Jan 26: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

Happy New Year to you and your family from your Church Staff! Ryan & I thank you for thinking of us during the holiday season. Here's to 2024!

In case of an emergency in the First Presbyterian Family please contact Pastor Mark 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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2025

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. * Childcare offered during Sunday worship & Wednesday evenings			1 <i>Office closed</i>	2 <i>Mark Out</i>	3 <i>Mark Out</i>	4 1—3 pm Handbells
5 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care 4:30 @ Eppley— 12th Night Handbells	6 Blood Drive 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	7	8 5:30 Meal 6:00 Kids Activities 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	9 6:30 PW Meeting	10	11
12 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	13	14 5:30 Personnel	15 5:30 Meal 6:00 Kids Activities 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	16	17	18
19 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission 11:30 Potluck	20 12:15 Admin/Fin	21	22 5:30 Meal 6:00 Kids Activities 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	23 4:30 Memorial	24 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	25
26 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	27 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship	28 7:00 Session <i>Print Newsletter</i>	29 5:30 Meal 6:00 Kids Activities 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	30	31	

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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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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.***