

March 1, 2025

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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March Worship Service Info



Sunday, Mar 2—Transfiguration of the Lord
Thessalonians 5:1-11; Thessalonica—the End is Near-ish
Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clocks one hour AHEAD Saturday night, March 8!

Sunday, Mar 9—1st Sunday in Lent
Acts 27:18-26; Healing Weak Knees
Sunday, Mar 16—2nd Sunday in Lent
Hebrews 10:35-39; Healing Stiff Necks
Sunday, Mar 23—3rd Sunday in Lent
James 3:5-12; Healing Burning Tongues
Sunday, Mar 30—4th Sunday in Lent
Acts 9:3-9; Healing Blind Eyes

Great crowds came to Jesus, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at His feet, and He cured them, so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

Matthew 15:30-31

Friends,

As a pastor, it has been my honor to be with people through many kinds of medical issues. These maladies have ranged from brief inconveniences to chronic illnesses, and from the mildly embarrassing to life-threatening. I've visited our parishioners in their homes, in hospitals, and during recovery. And in our prayers, we ask God to offer them comfort and healing.

We do all this because of our belief that God cares deeply about the condition of our bodies. In God's love for us, God does not want us to suffer in pain or discomfort. Jesus proved that by making healing such a big part of His ministry for so many people. So, in addition to placing ourselves in the hands of medical professionals, we also pray for the aid of the Great Physician who has made our bodies, and who can make us whole again.

Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress; He sent out His word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

Psalms 107:17-20

But we believe that God heals more than just the suffering of our physical bodies. Our spiritual lives can also suffer in ways that cannot be treated by doctors or cured by pills. During the season of Lent, we'll spend worship services talking about the other ailments in our lives. Stiff necks. Wobbly knees. Eyes that don't see and ears that fail to hear. And the deadliest condition of all: hardening of the heart.

The Lord loves us and doesn't want us to suffer from ANY kind of illness or injury, whether they are physical or spiritual. As we look to the field of medicine to give us physical healing in our bodies, we can put our faith in God to cure the deeper ailments that trouble us. As we travel through Lent, approaching the rugged cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter morning, we will all proclaim our faith in the one who, in His life, death and resurrection, has made us whole.

Surely He has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted Him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, and by His bruises we are healed.

Isaiah 53:4-5

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....

March 2 Choir

March 5 Ash Wednesday

No rehearsals/Noon service here in Chapel

7 pm Combined Presbyterian Service at Faith United Presbyterian

March 9 Choir - also Daylight Savings

March 16 Handbells

March 23 Choir

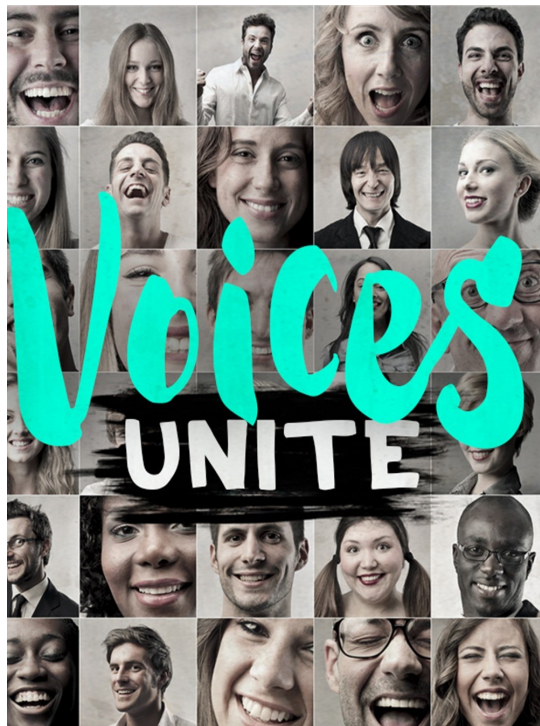
March 30 Choir

Mary Benton, Director of Music



Previous Months Worship Attendance

Dec 29th	56 in sanctuary
Jan 5th	48 in sanctuary
Jan 12th	72 in sanctuary
Jan 19th	62 in sanctuary
Jan 26th	65 in sanctuary
Feb 2	58 in sanctuary
Feb 9	59 in sanctuary
Feb 16	66 in sanctuary
Feb 23	65 in sanctuary



**PLAN TO ATTEND
APRIL 12, 2025**

**FREE CHORAL FESTIVAL
WITH GUEST DIRECTOR**

VICTOR C. JOHNSON

**9AM-3PM VOCAL FESTIVAL
4:00PM FREE CONCERT!
REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
SIOUX CITY, IA
WWW.VOICESUNITE.ORG**



Income & Disbursement Summary

Calling all graduates!!
 Who has a kindergartener graduating in May? An 8th grader? How about a senior in high school or even a college graduate? Member Care will be recognizing and celebrating all the graduates from First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 18th. Please call the office and let Karen know if you have one of these graduates in your household!

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 356,656.29
Other operating income	\$ 14,403.89
Restricted donations	\$ 2,840.00
Per Capita	\$ 2,614.80
Total Income	\$ 376,514.98

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 22,612.65
Ministry*	\$ 117,578.22
Music	\$ 10,072.80
Christian Discipleship	\$ 535.41
Building & Grounds	\$ 104,543.41
Office and Admin	\$ 18,872.95
Assessment	\$ 13,608.87
Other**	\$ 35,982.46
Personnel Payroll	\$ 129,884.99
Total Disbursements	\$ 453,691.76

Gain or Loss **\$ (77,176.48)**

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

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



Happy Valentine's Day!!

March birthdays

March anniversaries

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1st - Jane Hey | 15th - Steve Bradley |
| 2nd - Micah Rarick | 18th - Sage Pierson |
| 3rd - Chuck Warner | 22nd - Nikolina Johnson |
| 3rd - Kathy Asher | 22nd - Abby Berenstein |
| 6th - Alex Berenstein | 23rd- Karter Ellis |
| 8th - Pat Anderson | 23rd - Taylor Bradley |
| 9th - Kathryn Zebert | 26th - JJ Kimbell |
| 9th - Wyatt Uhl | 28th - Mary Floyd |
| 30th - Lance Moore | |

- 10th - Curtis & Mary Burns
 15th - Tim & Vikki Jacobs
 28th - Carlos & Pam Perez



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.

Income & Disbursement Summary Through January 31, 2025

Income

All pledges, non-pledged	use collection	\$	42,203.91
Other operating income		\$	779.10
Restricted donations		\$	
Per Capita		\$	794.90
Total Income		\$	43,777.91

Disbursements

Mission	\$	
Ministry*	\$	9,460.55
Music ***	\$	552.00
Christian Discipleship	\$	
Building & Grounds	\$	10,578.16
Office and Admin	\$	1,906.97
Assessment	\$	
Other**	\$	2,696.97
Personnel Payroll	\$	10,578.27
Total Disbursements	\$	35,772.92

Gain or Loss **\$ 8,004.99**

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

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

*** Includes organ work



Rick & I would like to thank all of you for your kindness and especially your patience while we were ill. I'm sorry there wasn't a February newsletter. I hope that I am never that sick again!

SHROVE TUESDAY



PANCAKE

SUPPER

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH

5:30—6:30 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH SIOUX CITY



Serving pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice and King Cake

\$5 donation suggested

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.

LENTEN SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friends, the season of Lent begins with our **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** at noon on March 5th in Calvin Chapel, including the imposition of the ashes.

In addition, Presbyterian Churches of Siouxland will host a joint service at 7 p.m. that evening at Faith United Presbyterian Church, at 4327 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, Iowa.

Presbyterian Churches of Siouxland will continue our tradition of **LENTEN LUNCHESS AND MEDITATIONS** in Sheldon Jackson Hall every week, Fridays at noon, from March 7th through April 11th.

Our church will host a joint **MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE** in our sanctuary at 7 p.m. on April 17th.

Presbyterian Churches of Siouxland will host a joint **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of South Sioux City, at 125 E 21st St, South Sioux City, Nebraska.

May God bless us all through this season of introspection and prayer.

On Ash Wednesday, March 5th, there will be **NO WEDNESDAY EVENT**. No dinner, handbell choir practice, children's events, Adult Bible Study, or choir practice.



MEMBER CARE CORNER

Month of March, 2025

Sunday Coffee Fellowship* – Hosted by Member Care Committee

Wednesday Night Meals* - Hosted by Finance & Admin Committee

March 4th- Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm-6:30pm

March - Lunch Bunch at Famous Dave's - contact Vicki Ackerman 712-490-3959 for a count to make reservation

Lenton Lunches -Friday's March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th in Sheldon Jackson at noon

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 April, 2025

Sunday Coffee Fellowship hosted by Deacons

Wednesday Night Meals-Hosted by Deacons

Lenton Lunches Friday at noon April 4th & 11th

Lunch Bunch April 13th Location 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.

LUNCH BUNCH



Member Care Committee has scheduled lunch Bunch for Sunday, March 9th at Famous Dave's 201 Pierce St after church. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy lunch, good conversation and some awesome food. Please contact Vicki Ackerman (712-490-3959-text or leave message) to know how many [in](#) your party will be coming so reservations can be made.



Pictures from our quarterly luncheon and the Installation of Elders and Deacons



You and your family are invited! The First Presbyterian Church Women's group is sponsoring an evening of fellowship as we build beds for Siouxland children. On April 10, from 6 to 8 pm, we will meet at Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 716 Market Street in Sioux City. To participate, you must sign up on their website at <https://x.gldn.io/e/GEc6L3Af9Qb>. For details, see the website when you register. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Perley at cperley@perley.us. We hope to see you there!

2025 Lenten Luncheon Schedule

March 7th – First Sioux City's deacons serve lunch / Mark Bedford leads the meditation.

March 14th – First South Sioux serves lunch / Beth Hamilton leads the meditation.

March 21st – Faith United serves lunch / Dave Koehler leads the meditation.

March 28th – Pastors serve lunch / Amgad Beblawi leads the meditation.

April 4th – First Sioux City's member care team serves lunch / Jan Christensen leads the meditation.

April 11th – Westminster serves lunch / Kevin Freese leads the meditation.



Renlee Kay Bradley was born to Trevor Bradley and Brittney Duerksen on January 7, 2025. She was also welcomed by sister Raelee Bradley, brother Rayden Bradley, grandparents Steve and Brenda Bradley, and the rest of the Bradley family.

Congratulations Bradleys'!



Acolytes:

Mar 2: Emmett Rohlena

Mar 9: Aidan Hunt

Mar 16: Julian Kimbell

Mar 23: Oliver Horton

Mar 30: Hazel Rohlena

Tellers:

Mar 2: Brenda Bradley & Suzan Stewart

Mar 9: Kathy Zebert & Russ Nagel

Mar 16: Sarah Steill & Curtis Burns

Mar 23: Brenda Bradley & Martha Krone

Mar 01: Jeff Stanley & Lance Eyberes

Lectors:

Mar 2: Juliana Mayne

Mar 9: Gerald Messersmith

Mar 16: Michael Rohlena

Mar 23: Chris Hunt

Mar 30: Linda Williams

Greeter/Usher:

Mar 2: Steve & Brenda Bradley, Neva Pierce & Anne Cowley

Mar 9: Steve & Brenda Bradley, Casey Morfitt & Juliana Mayne

Mar 16: Vicki Ackerman, Chris Hunt

Mar 23: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

Mar 30: Bob & Pat Anderson, Lowell & Judy Vos

Don't' forget to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday night, March 8th before you go to bed! You don't want to miss Sunday's service!!



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.

First Presbyterian Church

Sioux City, Iowa



2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	1 & 8
9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	5:30—6:30 Pancake Dinner	Ash Wednesday Noon—Worship in chapel 7:00 Faith United		Noon—Lenten Lunch	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daylight savings begins 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Lunch Bunch			5:00 Christian Discipleship 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	6:30 PW at church hosted by Neva Pierce	Noon—Lenten Lunch	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission	12:15 Admin/Fin 5:30 Personnel 		5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	7:00 Chamber Music Mtg.	Noon—Lenten Lunch Newsletter Deadline	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship	7:00 Session	5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir Print Newsletter	4:30 Memorial	Noon—Lenten Lunch	
30	31	<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> <p>* Childcare offered during Sunday worship & Wednesday evenings</p>				
9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 2:00 Chamber Music						

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.*

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am– 4:30 pm, Fri 9 am-Noon
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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.....Riyan 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.***