

February 1, 2021

## First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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## *February Worship Service Info*



**Sunday, Feb 7—5th Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Isaiah 40:21-31; Mark 1:29-39**

**Sunday, Feb 14—Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**2 Kings 2:12; Mark 9:2-9**

**Wednesday, Feb 17—Ash Wednesday**  
**Joel 2:12-17; Matthew 6:16-21**

**Sunday, Feb 21—1st Sunday in Lent**  
**Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-22**

**Sunday, Feb 28—2nd Sunday in Lent**  
**Genesis 17:1-7; Mark 8:31-38**

## 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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Be sure to check our new Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/902340006496216/>.

### Church Staff:

Pastor.....Pulpit Supply  
Music Director & Organist..... Mary Kay Benton  
Adult Choir Director..... Rachael Wragge  
Hand Bell Director..... Anne Cowley  
Children's Music Director..... Rachael Wragge  
Sound Sexton..... Luke Benton  
Sunday School Director..... Heather Rubel  
Office Admin/Finance Mgr..... Karen Heinemann  
Cook Coordinator..... Adam Strong  
Custodians..... Rick Heinemann & Donna Uhl  
Childcare..... Emma Shoulders-Gomez, Felisa Skatges & Kelsi Skatges

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:finance@1stpresby.com).

Thanks so much.

## Income & Disbursement Summary Through December 31, 2020

### Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 360,686.12
Other operating income	\$ 18,297.59
Restricted donations	\$ 72,477.00
Per Capita	\$ 2,046.51
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 453,507.22</b>

### Disbursements

Mission	\$ 31,760.71
Ministry*	\$ 77,179.77
Music	\$ 4,441.53
Christian Discipleship	\$ 505.86
Building & Grounds	\$ 72,941.10
Office and Admin	\$ 16,328.63
Assessment	\$ 19,988.28
Other**	\$ 40,771.18
Personnel Payroll	\$ 137,821.27
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 367,911.21</b>

<b>Gain or Loss</b>	<b>\$ 51,768.89</b>
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\* 'Ministry' includes: Pastors salary, worship, outreach, deacon and member care expenses.

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

***Please be  
sure and  
pay your  
Per Capita  
this year.***

**2021  
Per Capita  
amount  
is \$42.48**



Our Ash Wednesday worship service is scheduled on February 17, at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. There will be imposition of Ashes and Communion. Pastor Del Olivier will be leading the service.

Please come join us; it will be a great start to your Lenten season.

This is Dave Koehler from Faith United PC and on behalf of the Presbytery I would like to ask if any one from First Presbyterian might have an interest in being a part of a Presbytery Mission Committee? I know that First Pres has been actively engaged in the mission of the church over the years.

At this point the details are not well defined. This group would work with the new Executive Presbyter for Mission to develop our mission focus as a Presbytery, and coordinate mission activities throughout the Presbytery, helping congregations partner with one another for shared mission projects, create new mission opportunities, and educate the Presbytery as a whole on what "mission" really is all about. Since we have not had a Presbytery Mission Committee for a number of years, this group, working with the EP for Mission, would be free, at least in part, to put together their own understandings of how the Presbytery approaches mission, locally, nationally, and globally. They would not necessarily be the ones to do all the work, but they would put together ideas and share them with the congregations, and they would help congregations who are doing certain mission work toward other congregations who might also be doing this, so they might do it together. They may also look into a Presbytery-sponsored Mission Trip to a place in the country or region that has been hit by a disaster or has a great need for help. If you are interested, please contact Patrice Johnson.

## A Message from you Stewardship Committee

### Stewardship Campaign Report

The Stewardship Campaign for 2021 resulted in total pledges of \$298,269.24. We had a total of 63 pledges.

As you can see, a review of the pledging totals show they have decreased yearly since 2017. The biggest drop was between 2018 and 2019 when pledges were \$60,000 less. Last year they increased slightly to \$323,000. Resuming the decrease this year, there has been a \$25,000 less pledged.

Of the 63 pledges, a total of 21 pledges increased, 20 pledges stayed the same, 9 pledges decreased and there are 5 new pledges. So far there are 15 pledges from last year that have not renewed.

The pledge ranges demonstrate how the pledges vary. It should be noted that the top four pledges accounted for \$116,000 of our total. If you include those donations of \$15,000 and higher it accounts for \$161,000 of the total. Thus, more than half (54%) is given by the top 7 givers. This underscores how dependent we are on a few people in the congregation and how the loss of one of them would affect the total.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee and the church we would like to thank everyone who pledged for next year. Your pledges are what gives First Presbyterian Church to do all that it does. Please see the next page for the breakdown.

Paul Johnson & Pat Anderson

## STEWARDSHIP

2021 pledge goal is \$467,810.

As of 1/29/21 we have received pledges totaling \$298,269 or 64% of our goal amount.

If you have not yet sent in your pledge, please prayerfully consider all God has given you and what you can give back to Him.

Pledge Cards may still be returned to the church office.



2021  
Executive Summary as  
of

1/27/2021 15:08

Description	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Regular Pledgers	143,340.00	182,290.00	191,415.00	200,587.00	224,707.00	230,384.00
Prepays	154,929.24	140,950.00	126,248.00	176,665.98	175,218.75	150,004.75
Total Pledges	298,269.24	323,240.00	317,663.00	377,252.98	399,925.75	380,388.75
Total Pledges						
Pledges Increased	21	28	23	34	47	
Pledges Remained the same	28	21	28	36	30	
Pledges Decreased	9	12	19	9	9	
New Pledges	5	5	8	5	9	
Total	63	66	78	84	95	
Pledges not renewed	15	13				
Pledge Ranges						
0 - 500	9	8	13	12	15	
501-1,000	6	7	10	10	16	
1,001 - 1,500	14	13	13	14	14	
1,501 - 2,000	3	3	6	9	8	
2,001 - 2,500	6	4	4	2	3	
2,501 - 3,000	3	5	7	5	7	
3,001 - 4,000	4	4	4	6	7	
4,001 - 5,000	3	5	4	7	5	
5,001 - 6,000	3	4	3	3	2	
6,001 - 7,000		2		1	1	
7,001 - 8,000	3	2	5	4	4	
8,001 - 9,000	2	2	1	2	2	
9,001 - 10,000			3	2	1	
10,001 - 15,000	3	3	1	2	5	
15,001 - 20,000	2		1			
20,001 - 25,000		2	1	1	2	
25,001 - 30,000	1	2	2	4	3	
above \$30,001	1					
	63	66	78	84	95	

**Lent begins February 17th; are you considering “giving something up” as part of your Lenten obligation? Here is a list of 18 items that are something everyone could consider. They are even great to do forever!**

**Here are 18 things you might consider giving up this Lent and beyond:**

1. Fear: God is on my side. In Him I am more than a conqueror. (See Romans 98)
2. The need to please everyone: I can't please everyone anyway. There is only one I need to strive to please.
3. Envy: I am blessed. My value is not found in my possessions, but in my relationship with my Heavenly Father.
4. Impatience: God's timing is the perfect timing.
5. Sense of entitlement: The world does not owe me anything. God does not owe me anything. I live in humility and grace.
6. Bitterness and Resentment: The only person I am hurting by holding onto these is myself.
7. Blame: I am not going to pass the buck. I will take responsibility for my actions.
8. Gossip and Negativity: I will put the best construction on everything when it comes to other people. I will also minimize my contact with people who are negative and toxic and bring other people down.
9. Comparison: I have my own unique contribution to make and there is no one else like me.
10. Fear of failure: You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just make sure you fall forward.
11. A spirit of poverty: Believe with God that there is always more than enough and never a lack.
12. Feelings of unworthiness: You are fearfully and wonderfully made by your creator. (see Psalm 139)
13. Doubt: Believe God has a plan for you that is beyond anything you could imagine. The future is brighter than you could ever realize.
14. Self-pity: God comforts us in our sorrow so that we can comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.
15. Excuses: A wise man once said, if you need an excuse, any excuse will do.
16. Lack of counsel: Wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum.
17. Pride: Blessed are the humble.
18. Worry: God is in control and worrying will not help.

## Per Capita - A brief history

The earliest mention of something like a per capita apportionment dates back to the 1700s.

In the mid-1800s, a “plan of mileage” was adopted by the General Assembly to defray the expenses of commissioners attending General Assembly meetings so that everyone could be present to participate regardless of distance or financial resources. Over time, per capita has been used to fund “ecclesiastical and administrative” functions that are shared by the whole church. In 1995, the following definition was developed.

*Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of the Presbyterian church through the governing bodies to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while at the same time strengthening the sense of community among all Presbyterians (GA Minutes, Part I, 1995).*

Per capita for the year 2021 is \$42.48 per member.



In the event of heavy snow and the church will need to be closed we do follow the Sioux City School District's schedule. If there is no

school then the church office will also be closed. I will also put the information up on our Facebook page. If the school closes early the office will remain open and should we need to leave due to the weather—I will also put that information on the Facebook page. Spring is only 48 days away!

Have you ever wondered the purpose of the Memorial Committee? Have you ever pondered how they determine what items to purchase with the memorial funds the church has received? If so—then this article is for you!

The Memorial Committee looks to the congregation to let them know what items the church needs and then purchases these items as a memorial from past members.

If there is an item that you feel the church needs or would benefit from please contact Patrice Johnson at (605)235-1857 with your suggestions.



**February 7, 2021 is Souper Bowl Sunday**, when each of us can help serve up hope for Sioux City's hungry!

To participate, all you have to do is simply drop a canned food item (or even a dollar) into the soup pot as you leave worship.

All donations will be taken to the Food Bank of Siouxland.



## *Mary's Music Notes—*



Great work to our Handbell Members, Choir Members and youth who continue to be willing to share in our worship. Your time and talents are GREATLY appreciated! We will continue to worship as safely as we can. I know everyone has their own viewpoints and there is division about things - but the most important thing is to continue in whatever way works for you - the worship of God and prayers for all.

Looking ahead:

February 7 Choir

February 14 Choir

February 17 Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 and no music rehearsals

February 21 Handbells

February 28 Choir

***Mary Benton, Director of Music***



### **Previous Month Worship Attendance Report**

#### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Jan 3rd	40 in sanctuary	8 virtual
Jan 10th	57 in sanctuary	8 virtual
Jan 17th	41 in sanctuary	8 virtual
Jan 24th	45 in sanctuary	10 virtual

### **Holy Week Schedule**

April 1 - Maundy Thursday: 6:30 pm service in the Sanctuary with Communion and a small drama script using a few members, and the choir or a soloist will share special music.

April 2 - Good Friday - Noon service in the Chapel - short reflection time

April 2 - Good Friday - 6:30 p.m.. service in the Sanctuary and the choir will share - other churches in our area will be invited and their choir members who would like to share will be invited to combine

Once again a small drama script will be used.



## *February birthdays*

3rd - Shirley Dykstra      17th - Simon Denney  
6th - Rett Smith      18th - Gary Wenell  
14th - Katie Haak      21st - Kade Preston  
24th - Mary Burns



*Pssst!*

*If we do not have your birthday or anniversary information...  
please call or send it to Karen in the church office at*



The Le Mars Jazz One travelled to Orange City on January 25. They had a great performance and earned a Division I rating. Luke was one of the soloists. Congrats! We are so proud of you Luke!

Julie Berenstein's Mother was called home to meet her Savior on 1-6-2021. A private family service was held on 1-10-21. Please keep Julie and her family in your prayers.



**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:***On hiatus***Wednesday Night Meal Hosts:***On hiatus***Lectors:**

Feb 7: John Mayne

Feb 14: Paul Johnson

Feb 21: Michael Rohlena

Feb 28: Barb Davis

**Tellers:**

Feb 1: Ellen Jacobi &amp; Kathy Zebert

Feb 8: Brenda Bradley &amp; Suzan Stewart

Feb 16: Vicki Jacobs &amp; Kathy Zebert

Feb 22: Carol Smith &amp; Jeff Stanley

**Acolytes:**

Feb 7: Suriana Uhl &amp; Aidan Hunt

Feb 14: Nola Rubel &amp; Harper Rohlena

Feb 21: Nathan Hynds &amp; Karter Ellis

Feb 28: Dylan Baier &amp; Sya Bates

**Bible Carriers:**

Feb 7: Gabrielle Uhl

Feb 14: Emmett Rohlena

Feb 21: Nicholas Hynds

Feb 28: Olivia Baier

In case of an emergency in the First Presbyterian Family please contact the church office so we can make arrangements for a pastor to be available for you and your family during your time of crisis.

**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



# 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 5:30 Bldg & Grnds	<b>2</b> 11:30 Shepherd's Garden	<b>3</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 12:00 Member Care	<b>10</b> 5:30 Personnel 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>11</b> 12:00 Endowment Committee	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 Genealogy
<b>14</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission	<b>15</b> 12:15 Admin/Fin	<b>16</b> 7:00 Session	<b>17</b> 6:30 Worship/Ashes	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Handbells 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Christian Discipleship	<b>22</b> 5:30 Music & Worship  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir  <i>Print Newsletter</i>	<b>25</b> 4:00 Memorial	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	<b>Notes:</b> <i>*Your office staff will be at work Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm</i> <i>*Office closes each Friday at Noon.</i> <i>* Childcare offered during Sunday worship &amp; Wednesday evenings</i>					



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