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First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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July *Worship Service Info*



Sunday, July 4—6th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 133; I Corinthians 12:12-27

Sunday, July 11—7th Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 24:17-22; James 1:17-27

Sunday, July 18—8th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 34:1-10; James 2:1-8

Sunday, July 25— 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 31:31-34; James 2:14-18

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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.....Heather Rubel
Office Admin/Finance Mgr.....Karen Heinemann
Cook Coordinator.....Adam Strong
Custodians.....Rick Heinemann & Donna Uhl
Childcare.....Emma Shoulders-Gomez, Kaitlyn 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)

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.

Friends,

My name is Mark Bedford, and I am the new pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Sioux City. By now I've met many of you in person. However, I know that I won't meet some of you until I have the opportunity to visit you in person. So before I have a chance to do that, I thought that an introduction was in order.

I was born in Corpus Christi, Texas and grew up near Hot Springs, Arkansas. I graduated from Arkansas College (now Lyon College) in Batesville, Arkansas. I spent years framing pictures for art galleries and framing shops. Later, I received my Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. In 2009 I was ordained to ministry at the Presbyterian Church of New Windsor, Illinois, which is about ½ hour south of the Quad Cities.

McCormick Theological Seminary is also where I met my wife, Beth Hamilton, who is also ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA). We have two daughters. Christina lives with her husband in Salt Lake City, Utah and is studying to become a nurse practitioner. Sloane lives with her boyfriend in Madison, Wisconsin and is a software developer. My father is a retired air traffic controller and my mother was a housewife. My father now lives with my sister and her family near Dallas, Texas. My mother suffers from Alzheimer's Disease and is living in a memory care facility a few blocks away from their home.

Now the fun stuff about me. My passions are movies and Legos. I have developed a Bible study called "Good vs. Evil – Movie Heroes and Villains and Biblical Ethics" that I have taught at several churches. This summer I'll be teaching this class again at Synod School in Storm Lake. And one of my proudest achievements is displaying my Lego creation, "The Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel" in 2018 at Brickworld, a Lego convention near Chicago. I'm currently working on a Klingon dreadnought, "The Sword of Kahless". And after I'm fully unpacked, you'll see some of my other science-fiction inspired kinetic Lego pieces in the church office.

I do have a few quirks. For some reason, I never developed a taste for coffee. My caffeine of choice is Pepsi Zero. I don't like nuts of any kind (insert "you're not gonna like our church!" joke here). I love milk chocolate, especially with caramel. I don't follow any organized sports team. I'm a Chicago Cubs fan.

Now you know a little bit about me. As you can imagine, it will take me a lot longer to learn about all of you. I hope I have the chance to get to know more about your families, your backgrounds and your careers; your likes, your dislikes, and your passions. If you'd like to arrange a visit with me, you'll find my contact information below. I'm honored to have this opportunity, and I pray that God will make my ministry for this church fruitful and joyful.

In Christ,

Rev. Mark Bedford
712-255-8919 church
pastor@1stpresby.com



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 30	63 in sanctuary
Jun 6	54 in sanctuary
Jun 13	62 in sanctuary
Jun 20	78 in sanctuary
Jun 27	75 in sanctuary



Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....

July 4 - Be sure to come to worship for communion as well as the youth sharing with us during the opening hymn and at the anthem time. They are excited and ready to share their new choir robes!

July 11

July 18

July 25

August 1 Luke Benton - euphonium

August 8

August 15

August 22

August 29 John Mayne - cello

September 5

As you can tell, we still need some volunteers to share their talents! If you would like or know someone you would like me to ask - please share.

mary.benton@lemarscsd.org

712-540-4549 text or call

Anne and I had a wonderful time at the Montreat Music and Worship Conference in Montreat, North Carolina. We wore masks and still followed their state guidelines, but it was great to interact and hopefully we have new things to share at our worship services this coming program year. There were not quite as many at the camp as usual, due to covid, but it still was wonderful with those who were there, to participate together in daily worship, reflection, classes, handbells, organ classes, bible study and so much more!

Choir and Handbell Rehearsals will start up Wednesday - August 25. The usual time and usual place, and childcare will be provided.

6-7 Bells

7-8 Adult Choir

All rehearse in the Sanctuary.

All are welcome and bring a friend along too!

Mary Benton, Director of Music

Income & Disbursement Summary Through May 31, 2021

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

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

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 138,752.48
Other operating income	\$ 5,045.99
Restricted donations	\$ 8,500.00
Per Capita	\$ 1,633.40
Total Income	\$ 153,931.87

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 10,958.40
Ministry*	\$ 7,612.62
Music	\$ 5,068.27
Christian Discipleship	\$ 75.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 42,300.98
Office and Admin	\$ 3,920.76
Assessment	\$ 6,407.80
Other**	\$ 19,843.70
Personnel Payroll	\$ 58,587.39
Total Disbursements	\$ 154,774.92

Gain or Loss	\$ (843.05)
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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.



Yes, it's happening this year!

And, this is your personal invitation to our annual fireworks party!

When: Friday, July 2nd

Time: 7 PM

Where: Rarick's Home
45925 Timber Road
Vermillion, SD

Bring:

- * Fireworks to shoot off (if you want to)
- * Lawn chair(s)
- * Snacks & drinks (s'mores will be provided)

Please email or text ***BY noon on July 2nd*** if you plan to join our event. We request this, in case there are any last minute changes due to weather or other circumstances, so we can inform the attendees of any updates/changes.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,

Jeff & Patty Rarick* patty.rarick@gmail.com * 605-670-2707

July birthdays

1st - Lowell Vos	17th - Olivia Baier
3rd - Lauren Messersmith	18th - Terry Beaumont
5th - Trevor Bradley	19th - Grayson Haak
7th - Linda Williams	23rd - Bruce Elliott
11th - Ella Erickson	



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.

July anniversaries

13th - Lowell & Judy Vos
 19th - Adam & Jen Preston
 28th - Bruce & Jane Elliott
 30th - John & Vicki Ackerman



NEW MISSION PROJECT



Nick O'Brien (grandson of Lew & Renee Weinberg) is one of the residential managers of the Residential Treatment Facility here in Sioux City for the Third Judicial District Iowa Department of Correctional Services.

They house individuals returning to the community following an incarceration in prison. These individuals are deemed to need a gradual release back to the community by the Iowa Board of Parole for a variety of reasons. Often times, residents have little to no family support and are in need of a structured placement to assist in gaining stability with treatment, employment and allowing for accountability in hopes of getting established on parole in the community. Some of the barriers residents face are having clothing items (socks, underwear, jeans, winter coats, hats, gloves etc...) to meet their needs. It takes these items to start a job to have money to pay for them and slowly accumulate what they need as they transition back to the community. Work boots are also an item that is tough for residents to obtain up front prior to working but are often required to start a job in the line of work they are in. Our goal is to successfully transition this population back to the community while addressing risk and reducing further victimization. Stability factors such as employment and being established in a healthy residence helps with this goal. We realize it takes Faith and partnerships within the community to assist with this need.

Nick is a manager of the men's section but there are women too. The women would also need hygiene items. We will have two clothes baskets, one for men and one for women, in the foyer by the church office for any and all donations. Thank you for your generosity!

A message from Member Care

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.

In times of turmoil, God is the source of all comfort and peace.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 28-30

If you have joined our service recently, we thank you and hope that you found something to rest your soul. If you have questions and seek answers, we hope you will come back. If you have not been able to join us recently, know that we pray for you and will welcome you back with open arms when next we see you.

God's grace and peace,

Member Care Committee

Anne Cowley, Barb Davis, Heather Rubel, Judy Vos, Julie Eybers,

Kathy Zebert, Patty Rarick, Ron Rohlena & Tim Hynds

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NEW CDC GUIDELINES

The CDC's new guideline is if you are fully vaccinated you can resume activities as you did prior to the pandemic.

If you have not been vaccinated we recommend you get vaccinated and wear a mask and practice social distancing.

We are no longer requiring masks.

Thank you for your consideration and participation.





**Coming up
in August!**



Installation



Pastor Mark's installation will be coming up soon—watch your email for the upcoming date.

Pastor Mark's regular office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. To get in touch with Pastor Mark or to arrange an appointment at another time, please contact him at 712-255-8919, ext. 14, or at: pasor@1stpresby.com.

Thank you, and may God bless us all.



Sunday, June 20th was Pastor Bedford's first worship service. After the service the congregation was invited to come down into the cafeteria and have cake and coffee to visit with and welcome Pastor Bedford and his wife Beth.

If you were unable to be here to meet them, be sure and introduce yourself to them next time you are in church or stop into the church office and say hello!

Be our Guest!

First Presbyterian Church recently hosted a Youth Mission Team—heading to a "work camp" on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

It started with a phone call from the Pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church from Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He explained that they would be passing through our fair town and were hoping to overnight in our building. Arriving Saturday the 19th and leaving early the next morning.

We were delighted to offer them hospitality—and they absolutely loved the comfy couches in the Youth Room. They also enjoyed lots of fun and games in the Youth Game Room. In all, there were 11 people, five of them under 18.

This Youth Group will be busy repairing homes for residents. Once in Rosebud, this Team will join forces with Youth Groups from 20 different Churches. Should be quite a memorable, exhausting week of service. We ask that you lift this team up in prayer for a productive week and safety traveling home, once this "work camp" is complete.





Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

On hiatus

Wednesday Night Meal Hosts:

On hiatus

Lectors:

Jul 4: Randy Benton
Jul 11: Pat Anderson
Jul 18: Anne Cowley
Jul 25: Paul Johnson

Tellers:

Jul 6: Ellen Jacobi & Carol Smith
Jul 12: Vicki Jacobs & Jeff Stanley
Jul 19: Carol Smith & Brenda Bradley
Jul 26: Carol Smith & Vicki Jacobs



Acolytes:

Jul 4: Suriana & Gabrielle Uhl
Jul 11: Emmett Rohlena & Sya Bates
Jul 18: Nathan & Nicolas Hynds
Jul 25: Nola & Pierce Rubel

Bible Carriers:

Jul 4: Pierce Rubel
Jul 11: Harper Rohlena
Jul 18: Emmett Rohlena
Jul 25: Gabrielle Uhl

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.

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2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: <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 & Wednesday evenings</i>				1	2 <i>Rarick's 4th of July Party</i>	3
4 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	5 <i>Office closed</i>	6	7	8	9	10 10:00 Genealogy
11 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	12	13 12:00 Member Care	14 5:30 Personnel	15	16	17
18 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	19 12:15 Admin/Fin	20	21	22 4:00 Memorial	23	24
25 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	26 <i>Newsletter Dead-line</i>	27	28 <i>Print Newsletter</i>	29	30	



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