

August 1, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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August Worship Service Info



Sunday, Aug 1—10th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 51:1-5; Ephesians 4:1-16

Sunday, Aug 8—11th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 52:1-4; James 3:1-12

Sunday, Aug 15—12th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 3:13-18; James 3:13-18

Sunday, Aug 22—13th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 98:1-9; James 5:7-11

Sunday, Aug 29—14th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 91:9-16; James 5:13-18

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.....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,

The letters of the apostle Paul make up about a quarter of the New Testament. Paul spends a lot of those letters diving into the theology of our Christian faith. He writes about the complex nature of a God who cares deeply about sin and justice, and how that is balanced by God's love and mercy for us all. He writes about what God offers us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and about the gifts God's Holy Spirit gives us.

And then there's James.

The book of James, while based firmly in Christian theology, talks a lot more about what I would call PRACTICAL Christianity. James takes these abstract, sometimes confusing beliefs and crystallizes them into concrete acts of faith.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

James 1:22-25

In our worship services through the month of August, we'll continue looking at what James has to say about not just believing, but DOING. Not only does James tell us that we should be inspired to acts of charity, he also points out who should be the recipients of our compassion (James 1:27). He talks about how we should welcome people to our services (James 2:1-4). James touches on such fundamental aspects of our Christian lives as how to be wise (James 3:13-17), how to be patient (James 5:7-8), how to pray (James 5:13-16) and my personal favorite, why we should keep our big mouths shut (James 3:5-10). I often need to be reminded about those verses myself!

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

James 2:14

Yes, it's important to know what we believe. It's so important that we affirm our beliefs after the sermon during every worship service. But James reminds us about how our theology should inspire us to live our lives. Our Christian faith shouldn't just live in words in the Bible or in thoughts in our heads. James tells us that our faith should be lived out through the words of our mouths and the actions of our hands. This is how the ideas of our faith become tangible and real. It's how our beliefs become blessings to us, and to the world.

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

James 2:17-18

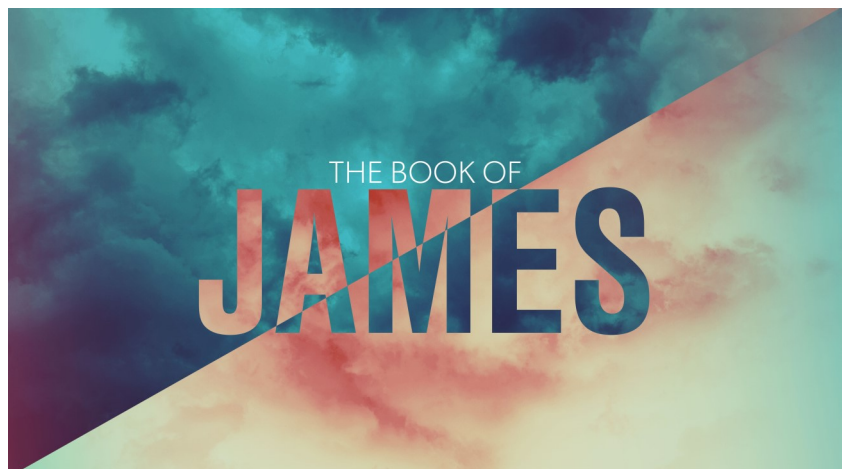
In Christ,
Rev. Mark Bedford



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 4	62 in sanctuary
July 11	67 in sanctuary
July 18	79 in sanctuary
July 25	86 in sanctuary



Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....

August 1 Handbell Quartet - Anne Cowley, Michael & Andrea Rohlena & ???

August 8 This could be you.....

August 15 VBS Youth

August 22 Vocal Soloist or Small Ensemble

August 29 John Mayne - cello

September 5 Men's Quartet (Lance Eybers/Chic Jacobi/Michael Rohlena/Randy Benton)

Let me know if you would like to share or have someone to ask.....

mary.benton@lemarscsd.org

712-540-4549 (easier to text, I don't usually have the ringer turned up)

We are planning to start up the fall normal, so if interested, please plan on giving your music talents a try:

August 25 Handbells 6-6:45

ICE CREAM SOCIAL 6:45 - 7:15

Choir 7:15 - 8:00

September 1 and the following Wednesday nights.....

Handbells 6-7 pm

Choir 7-8 pm

CHILDCARE will be provided. If you need this, please let me know to get it set up.

Wednesday night activities/meals will start up at some point in September.

The more people we have involved, the easier it is on others to be gone on Sundays. And we are doing the work of our Lord! Share your time and talents - give us a try!!!

Mary Benton, Director of Music

Income & Disbursement Summary Through June 30, 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	\$ 187,908.04
Other operating income	\$ 5,665.99
Restricted donations	\$ 8,500.00
Per Capita	\$ 1,675.88
Total Income	\$ 203,749.91

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 17,600.08
Ministry*	\$ 16,470.46
Music	\$ 5,960.51
Christian Discipleship	\$ 462.83
Building & Grounds	\$ 50,537.40
Office and Admin	\$ 6,153.35
Assessment	\$ 7,689.36
Other**	\$ 23,748.66
Personnel Payroll	\$ 70,453.98
Total Disbursements	\$ 199,076.63

Gain or Loss	\$ 4,673.28
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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 raise up Holly Macfarlane and family in prayer. Jeff Macfarlane was called home to his Lord and Savior on July 22, 2021 surrounded by his family.

Jeff's service was held Friday, July 30th in Stone State Park.

May Jeff and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.



Pastor Mark's installation will be August 22nd at 3:00 P.M.

Member Care is planning an Ice Cream Social after the service.

Please make note on your calendar and plan on attending.

August birthdays



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.

1st - Chic Jacobi	16th - Jeff Rarick
2nd - Annika Johnson	17th - Duane Behrens
2nd - Carol Smith	21st - Della Nicolaisen
5th - Amy Denney	24th - Lona Hood
6th - Cruz Bradley	24th - Patty Rarick
6th - Galen Gunnink	26th - Suzan Stewart
7th - Luke Benton	27th - Tiffany Hunt
8th - Ben Erickson	29th - Samantha Sonier
9th - Brenda Bradley	29th - Scott McCormick
10th - Carol Beaumont	30th - Kim McCormick
11th - Gary Smith	30th - Sandy Bainbridge
12th - Katy Christensen	30th - Enoch Graitm

August anniversaries

14th - Ryan & Amy Denney
19th - Ron & Robbie Rohlena
24th - Tim & Sabrina Stodden
25th - Steve & Brenda Bradley
31st - Paul & Patrice Johnson



Attention Knitters & Crocheters! Member Care is looking for people to share their talent by knitting prayer shawls. We are giving them to those who could find comfort in feeling surrounded by the warmth of our congregation and God's love.

Instructions for making the shawls can be picked up from the church office and completed shawls may be returned there as well. With many thanks and blessings.

Thanks! Kathy



4th of July Fun at the Rarick's



Come join us!



Come join us for VBS this year! Our theme is Elements of GOD!

Friday, August 13th 5:30—6:30 with a meal at 5:30

Saturday, August 14th 9:00—11:30 with a snack at 10:00

Sunday, August 15th 9:00—10:00

We will have a presentation during our Worship Service sharing what the children have learned!

Please e-mail Heather Rubel to register your children @ heather.rubel@gmail.com.

If you would like to help volunteer with this year's VBS please email Heather.



Elements of GOD!



Sunday, July 25th



Congratulations to Lauren Messersmith and Audrey Raveling!

Lauren & Audrey have been studying with other students from Faith United Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church for their confirmation.

It was decided by everyone involved to wait for Pastor Mark to arrive so he could preside over their confirmation.

The girls were confirmed on Sunday, July 25th during our worship service. Everyone was invited down to the cafeteria to congratulate the confirmands and to enjoy some cake and fellowship.

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

Aug 1: Judy Vos

Aug 8: Andrea Rohlena

Aug 15: Linda Williams

Aug 22: Heather Rubel

Aug 29: Pat Anderson

Tellers:

Aug 2: Ellen Jacobi & Jeff Stanley

Aug 9: Brenda Bradley & Suzan Stewart

Aug 16: Vicki Jacobs & Kathy Zebert

Aug 23: Carol Smith & Ellen Jacobi

Aug 30: Suzan Stewart & Jeff Stanley

Acolytes:

Aug 1: Harper & Hazel Rohlena

Aug 8: Nathan & Nicolas Hynds

Aug 15: Nola & Pierce Rubel

Aug 22: Suriana & Gabrielle Uhl

Aug 29: Harper Rohlena & Sya Bates

Bible Carriers:

Aug 1: Emmett Rohlena

Aug 8: Emmett Rohlena

Aug 15: Gabrielle Uhl

Aug 22: Harper Rohlena

Aug 29: Pierce Rubel

In case of an emergency in the First Presbyterian Family please contact the church office. If after hours please contact Karen at 712-251-2589 and she will notify Pastor Mark.

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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Sioux City, Iowa



2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission	9	10 12:00 Member Care	11 5:30 Personnel	12 <i>Karen Out</i>	13 <i>Karen Out</i>	14 10:00 Genealogy
15 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Christian Discipleship	16 12:15 Admin/Fin 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	17 <i>Pastor Mark out</i>	18 <i>Pastor Mark out</i>	19 <i>Pastor Mark out</i>	20	21
22 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons 3:00 Installation with Ice Cream Social to follow	23 5:30 Music & Worship	24 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 7:00 Session	25 6:00 Handbells 6:45 Music Ice Cream Social 7:15 Choir	26 4:00 Memorial <i>Print Newsletter</i>	27	28
29 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	30	31	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			



AUGUST

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church.

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