

September 1, 2021

## First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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## August Worship Service Info



**Sunday, Sept 5—15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Philemon 4-17; From Slave to Brother**

**Sunday, Sept 12—16th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Matthew 18:3-4, 10:13-15; Kingdom of Children**

**Sunday, Sept 19—17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**John 3:1-16; Kingdom of Babies**

**Sunday, Sept 26— 18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Luke 9:a60-62; The Jealous Kingdom**

## 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

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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](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.

*The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.*

Psalm 93:1-2

Friends, we know what a kingdom is. It's a country that's ruled by a king or queen. We've understood what kingdoms are like since we first heard about them in fairy tales about rulers wearing their royal crowns, sitting on royal thrones in their royal palaces. Of course nowadays we live in a democracy ruled by elected officials, while even in the United Kingdom, the monarch is more of a royal figure-head without much real power. And yet there are still countries today where one monarch holds absolute sway over the lives of their people.

Part of understanding the Bible is knowing that the writers had to put God's words in terms that people could understand. So they often made theological statements using imagery, comparing heavenly things above to earthly things below. And while God's reign far surpasses the power of any earthly leader, comparing God to an earthly sovereign helped those writers make that point.

*[Jesus] said therefore, 'What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it?*

Luke 13:18

From September until Advent begins, we'll spend our worship services exploring what Jesus had to say about the kingdom of God. Even Jesus chose to teach people theological truths by using imagery of royal majesty and undeniable power. And yet Jesus was trying to help people understand a kingdom unlike any other.

The kingdom of God is a place where the least and the most humble, like servants and even children, are the greatest; where we can't enter without being born again. It's as small as the smallest mustard seed and as valuable as the greatest pearl. It's where people are overjoyed to receive generosity and grace, but it's also a place that doesn't bear excuses. It's a place where everyone is called, but few answer. It's a kingdom that we must be prepared to accept, even while it is being prepared for all of us who call Jesus our Lord and Savior.

We have a lot to learn about this kingdom. But we are blessed by the fact that all of these descriptions come from our King Himself. Jesus even taught us one of the most surprising things about this kingdom. While even Jesus sometimes portrayed the kingdom of God as something we'll attain at the ends of our lives, or at the end of time, Jesus also taught that, for those of us who declare that Jesus is our Lord, that kingdom is already here!

*'The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, "Look, here it is!" or "There it is!" For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you.'*

from Luke 17:20-21



### Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Aug 1	73 in sanctuary
Aug 8	71 in sanctuary
Aug 15	58 in sanctuary
Aug 22	75 in sanctuary.
Aug 22	72 in sanctuary (3:00)
Aug 29	65 in sanctuary

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark



*Mary's Music Notes—*

**Adult Choir \*\* Handbell Choir \*\* *Adult Choir* \*\***

**Handbell Choir**



Please join us – returning members or new members or just trying it out.....

We start back up on Wednesday – August 25:

6:00 - 6:45 Handbells

6:45 – 7:15 Ice Cream Welcome Back

7:15 – 8:00 Adult Choir (this includes young adults)



Looking ahead:

September 5 Men's Quartet

September 12 Adult Choir

September 19 Handbell Choir

September 26 Adult Choir

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

## Income & Disbursement Summary Through July 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	\$ 215,989.23
Other operating income	\$ 8,750.96
Restricted donations	\$ 12,123.18
Per Capita	\$ 1,718.36
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 238,581.73</b>

### **Disbursements**

Mission	\$ 19,016.76
Ministry*	\$ 26,859.74
Music	\$ 3,009.88
Christian Discipleship	\$ 710.80
Building & Grounds	\$ 61,789.97
Office and Admin	\$ 7,956.86
Assessment	\$ 8,970.92
Other**	\$ 28,045.21
Personnel Payroll	\$ 81,967.72
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 238,327.86</b>

<b>Gain or Loss</b>	<b>\$ 253.87</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.

### **Siouxland Discovery Chorus**

Siouxland Discovery Chorus Premiere

Barbershop Harmony presents:

**19th Annual Benefit Concert**

**At Latham Park**

Latham Park is located at 1915 S. Lemon St.

On Labor Day, September 6, 2021

6:30 to 8:00 PM. Bring your own chairs or blankets.



### **Wednesday night menus**

**September 15—Goulash, garlic bread & salad**

**September 22—Baked Potato Bar & fruit salad**

**September 29—Burgers, hotdogs, fries & rice crispy treats**



### Installation 8/22/21



***Messages from Member Care***

***"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20***

The Member Care Committee invites you to join us this Fall as we welcome back activities and join in fellowship together.

**Sunday, September 12, our Quarterly Potluck Luncheon** will be served in the fellowship hall following service. Chicken from Pizza Ranch, coffee, lemonade and water will be provided. People with last name starting A - M are asked to bring hot and cold side dishes including vegetables, fruits and salads. People with last name starting N - Z are asked to bring breads or dessert. Member Care will set up, serve and clean up.

**Sunday, September 12, hosted Coffee Hours** will resume before our church service with Member Care hosting September. Deacons will host October. Three dozen treats are generally enough to feed the multitude on most Sundays.

**Wednesday, September 15, Wednesday Fellowship Suppers** will begin at 5:30 pm. Adam Strong will be preparing tasty and nourishing meals for all who choose to attend. Member Care will be hosting in September. Deacons will host October.

For all these food and fellowship times, our tables are set up to allow people to social distance if they wish to do so. Hand sanitizer and assistance serving those who prefer to not share serving utensils will also be provided. A free will offering will be accepted.

***"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19***

**Bring a Friend Sunday** will be celebrated the second Sunday of each month starting in September. Please reach out to your friends, family and neighbors and invite them to join us for worship any Sunday that they can come. We will recognize newcomers during Announcements on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Maybe you can offer a ride to a member who hasn't been able to come for a while. Maybe you have a new neighbor who is looking for a warm and welcoming church home. Maybe your child has a friend at school who would enjoy our programs for Young Disciples.

***"And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works." Hebrews 10:24***

**Name Tags are Back!** Let's help Pastor Mark and Pastor Beth learn our names. And, for those of us who aren't so good at remembering names, let's re-introduce ourselves every Sunday by wearing a name tag. Greeters will be helping you find these in the coming weeks as we build the habit of wearing these again.

**Prayer Shawls & Roses** are a small way for us to recognize those who need comfort and those who are welcoming new lives into their family. Please reach out to a Member Care Committee member or the Church Office if you know someone who needs comfort or to celebrate the birth of adoption of a new member of our family.

**A new Pictorial Directory** is in the planning stages for late this year. If you'd like to assist with this project, please contact Barb Davis or Kathy Zebert.

## September birthdays

1st - Barb Davis	17th - Allison Stodden
1st - Nicholas Hynds	19th - Brandi Johnson
5th - Peg Brinck	21st - Ryan Denney
10th - Quinn Kimbell	22nd - Kathrine Johnson
10th - Colton McClellan	23rd - Amy Hynds
13th - Luke Johnson	26th - Isabele Raveling
16th - Heather Baier	26th - Robbie Rohlena
17th - Abby Steill	28th - Oliver Denney
30th - John Ackerman	



*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](mailto:finance@1stpresby.com).*

## September anniversaries

6th - William & Katie Pierson  
 9th - William & Peg Brinck  
 27th - Chris & Tiffany Hunt



At 6:15 on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Mark will begin leading a weekly Bible study on Prayer. We hope you'll join us!

In Christ,  
 Rev. Mark Bedford

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



## Youth Chatter

### Rally Sunday

is here!! Sunday, September 12th the choir will be singing, the children will be back to Sunday School and we are kicking off the season with a congregational potluck. Don't miss out on all the fun—be here the 12th!

We had a wonderful time at VBS this year learning about all the Elements of God. It was so fun to connect some science with our Christian teachings. Thank you to Pastor, Charlotte Nagel, Eric Rubel, our church chef, and everyone else who helped make this VBS a great time had by those attending.



It's almost time for our kickoff with Sunday School and youth activities. We are so excited to see all our young people again.

We will continue to have Sunday School on Sundays from 9:30 to approximately 10:00 or just a few minutes after. We are also planning on having some young adult group activities this year. Please stay tuned to the new Youth Chatter section in the bulletin and newsletter for things going in and activities to join. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please let me know. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Heather Rubel  
Director of Christian Education



Congratulations to Gracie Pageler of our congregation! Gracie is the daughter of Ben & Brandi Erickson and a member of the North High Drama Club where she landed a lead part of North High School's Drama "Anatomy of Gray".

You can catch the play on the North High Stage on October 7-9.

**Way to go Gracie!!**

**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:***Member Care***Wednesday Night Meal Hosts:***Member Care***Lectors:**

Sept 5: Michael Rohlena

Sept 12: Chris Hunt

Sept 19: Lowell Vos

Sept 26: Jane Vereen

**Acolytes:**

Sept 5: Hazel &amp; Emmett Rohlena

Sept 12: Nola &amp; Pierce Rubel

Sept 19: Aidan Hunt &amp; Sya Bates

Sept 26: Suriana &amp; Gabrielle Uhl

**Tellers:**

Sept 7: Vicki Jacobs &amp; Kathy Zebert

Sept 13: Ellen Jacobi &amp; Carol Smith

Sept 20: Suzan Stewart &amp; Ellen Jacobi

Sept 27: Jeff Stanley &amp; Vicki Jacobs

**Bible Carriers:**

Sept 5: Harper Rohlena

Sept 12: Aidan Hunt

Sept 19: Pierce Rubel

Sept 26: Emmett Rohlena

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.

## First Presbyterian Church

Sioux City, Iowa



2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Notes:</b>  *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			<b>1</b>  6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>2</b>  7:00 SC Chamber Music	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	<b>6</b>  <b>Labor Day Office Closed</b>	<b>7</b>  <i>Rick Out</i>	<b>8</b>  5:30 Personnel 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir  <i>Rick Out</i>	<b>9</b>  <i>Rick Out</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  10:00 Genealogy
<b>12</b>  9:30 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission 11:30 Potluck	<b>13</b>  5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	<b>14</b>  12:00 Member Care	<b>15</b>  5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  11:00 Marilyn Woolridge Funeral
<b>19</b>  9:30 Handbells 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Christian Discipleship 2:00 SC Chamber Music Concert	<b>20</b>  12:15 Admin/Fin	<b>21</b>  7:00 Session	<b>22</b>  5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>23</b>  4:00 Memorial	<b>24</b>  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  9:30 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	<b>27</b>  5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship	<b>28</b>  <i>Print Newsletter</i>	<b>29</b>  5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>30</b>  7:00 SC Chamber Music		



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