

November 1, 2021

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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November Worship Service Info



**Sunday, Nov 7—24th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 25:1-13; Preparing for the Kingdom**

**Sunday, Nov 14—25th Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 17:20-25; The Kingdom That Is Here**

Sunday, Nov 21—Christ the King

John 18:33-37; The King of the Kingdom

Sunday, Nov 28— 1st Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:68-79; The Story of Christmas—The Genre

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,

Samuel Lane was a tanner and shoemaker who lived in Stratham, New Hampshire through most of the 1700's. Lane kept a detailed diary which has become a historic testimony of New England life before, during, and after the American Revolution. But as we approach Thanksgiving Day, I wanted to share selections from his diary entry for November 21st, 1793; a list of everything for which he was thankful:

For the life and health of myself ... of my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren ... For my other relations and friends and neighbors, for health, peace and plenty among us.

His list is often, as we may expect from a New England tradesman, very practical:

For my land, house, barn and other buildings ... preserved from fire and other accidents ... For my wearing clothes to keep me warm, my bed and bedding to rest upon ... For my leather, lamp oil and candles, husbandry utensils, and other tools of every sort ... For money to buy other necessities and to pay my debts and taxes.

It is a humble list, and very thorough. In places, Mr. Lane seems to be taking inventory of all the necessities he and his family have stored away in order to endure another long New England winter:

For my corn, wheat, rye grass and hay; wool, flax and cider. For apples, pumpkins, potatoes, cabbages, turnips, carrots, beets, peaches and other fruits. For wood, water, butter, cheese, milk, pork, beef, and fish. For tea, sugar, rum, wine, gin, molasses, pepper, and spice.

But Mr. Lane is thankful for how God has blessed him in more spiritual ways as well:

For my Bible and many other good and useful books, civil and religious privileges ... For the ordinances of the gospel; and for my minister.

What Mr. Lane was doing lies at the heart of this holiday we'll be celebrating. He was recognizing that everything he had, no matter how commonplace, even the things he'd produced with his own hands or bought with his own money, was his ONLY by God's grace-filled providence. As King David prayed in 1 Chronicles 29:14-16:

For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You ... O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building You a house for Your holy name comes from Your hand and is all Your own.

Friends, let this Thanksgiving be a season for us to take our own inventory of everything for which we are grateful, everything that God has given us. May we recognize that the things we have, even the things we make or buy, are all gifts from our God who loves us. And in our gratitude for all these blessings, both great and small, may we come to a deeper understanding of why God has given us everything, and how God means for us to use it all for God's purposes.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....

Nov. 7 Choir (Also time change weekend)

Nov 14 Choir

Nov. 21 Handbells

Nov. 28 Choir

Reminder that all are welcome to join us and give us a try - sharing your time and talents.

Wednesdays: 5:30 Meal

6-7 Handbell Choir

6:15 Bible Study

7-8 Choir

Sundays - choir on most Sundays, the Handbell Choir is usually the third Sunday of the month, and the youth share as their time allows.

Crosses - do you have a unique cross, or have seen a cross while travelling, or have seen one at various stores, and so forth???? Think of donating it to the children's music room, to hang on the wall. We have several in there. If your cross has a story with it, be sure to include that on the wall hanging.

Advent/Christmas - as a music and worship staff, we are working ahead. We do plan to do two Christmas Eve services again. Betsy Stewart will be back in town and sharing at the early service. The vocal quartet, led by Rachael, will share at the late service. I'm looking for special music on December 26.

Mary Benton, Director of Music



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Oct 3	61 in sanctuary
Oct 10	78 in sanctuary
Oct 17	81 in sanctuary
Oct 24	80 in sanctuary

Christmas Eve Fellowship Gathering - Want a place to hang out between the two Christmas Eve services on Friday, December 24th?

As is traditional with our congregation, we will have two church services on Christmas Eve, one at 6:30 pm and one at 11:00 pm. For those who enjoy attending both services, but don't want to spend Christmas Eve driving back and forth to church, a fellowship time is being planned between the services. This will include potluck food, games, and Christmas stories as we spend time with our church family.

If interested, please contact Patty Rarick before/after church services or at her information below:

Cell 605-670-2707 Email patty.rarick@gmail.com

Income & Disbursement Summary Through September 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	\$ 269,657.21
Other operating income	\$ 13,415.00
Restricted donations	\$ 12,123.18
Per Capita	\$ 2,251.32
Total Income	\$ 297,446.71

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 24,702.12
Ministry*	\$ 44,450.64
Music	\$ 4,361.45
Christian Discipleship	\$ 927.61
Building & Grounds	\$ 82,154.55
Office and Admin	\$ 10,533.66
Assessment	\$ 11,534.04
Other**	\$ 30,012.09
Personnel Payroll	\$ 105,639.71
Total Disbursements	\$ 314,315.87

Gain or Loss	\$ (16,869.16)
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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.

Daylight savings time ends on 11/7!



Wednesday night menus

November 3— Taco Bar

November 10— Lasagna and salad

November 17— Turkey, mashed potatoes, corn and dressing



November birthdays

13th - Roger Downs	22nd - Brandon Wagner
13th - Carter Hunt	27th - Suriana Uhl
16th - Gabby Uhl	27th - Nelsena Hall
16th - Tim Stodden	27th - Sabrina Stodden
20th - John Mayne	28th - Nancy Wenell



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.

November anniversaries

2nd - Terry & Carol Beaumont
 12th - Jeff & Patty Rarick
 19th - Brian & Katie Haak
 29th - Randy & Mary Benton



COLD WEATHER IS NEAR!

(Same for the women's unit)



The Sioux City Residential Facility North houses men transitioning out of prison who have limited options for support or other parole plans. The goal of the facility is to assist residents in getting established with their treatment programs, employment in the community and opportunities to attend service events or other support groups in hopes of building a positive support network. Several of these residents have little to no family support and are in need of basic items to get established with work until they are able to secure consistent income. With winter approaching, there is always a need for winter coats, thicker gloves and stocking hats. Our residents often do not have valid driver's licenses and are walking to work locations or public transportation stops in the early morning hours. Anything people are able to give to help with this need and supporting the goal of safely reiterating this population back into our communities is appreciated.

Member Care is still needing KNITTERS & CROCHETERS to share their talents in making PRAYER SHAWLS! If you are a crafter, but still want to help with giving comfort to those in need, you can help by donating yarn for the shawls. Each shawl takes three skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn, which are available at Michaels & Hobby Lobby. Donations of yarn can be left at the church office.

Instructions for making the shawls and yarn if needed and available can be picked up at the church and completed shawls are to be returned there as well. If you are unable to bring them to the church, please call Kathy Zebert (224-636-6150) to arrange for your shawl to be picked up.

With many thanks and blessings!

Youth Chatter



Children's choir sharing at the 10/10 Worship Service.

Plans have been finalized for the first older youth gathering on Sunday afternoon, November 14, at 3:00 for bowling at War Eagle Lanes in the Warrior Hotel. The cost is \$6/person/game along with \$2.50/person for shoe rental. Food will be available to buy. Each youth can invite a friend (7th – 12th grade). Other area Presbyterian youth will be invited, too.

Also, the older youth are invited to help decorate the sanctuary on November 28 after church as well as join in the soup lunch after the decorating.

If you want to volunteer or coordinate events for our older youth, please let me or Heather know.

Thank you,

Charlotte Nagel - Moderator of the Christian Discipleship committee

Poinsettias

Once again we want to use Poinsettias to adorn the Sanctuary during Christmas. If you would like to contribute one or more Poinsettias, please use the following form. Each Poinsettia will cost \$12.00. You may take your Poinsettia with you following the 11 p.m. service on Tuesday, December 24th, or have the Deacons take it to a nursing home or shut-in. Checks may be made out to the Church, noted "For Poinsettias."

Number of Poinsettias _____. I want to take my Poinsettia(s) _____. I want the Deacons to take my Poinsettia(s) _____.

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Honor of: _____

To the glory of God from: _____

Your Name _____

Orders are due in the church office by Monday, December 6th, 2021.



Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

Music & Worship

Wednesday Night Meal

Hosts:

Music & Worship

Bible Carriers:

Nov 7: Pierce Rubel

Nov 14: Emmett Rohlena

Nov 21: Aidan Hunt

Nov 28: Pierce Rubel

Acolytes:

Nov 7: Nola Rubel

Nov 14: Harper & Hazel Rubel

Nov 21: Sya Bates

Nov 28: Nola Rubel

Lectors:

Nov 7: Barb Davis

Nov 14: Heather Rubel

Nov 21: Andrea Rohlena

Nov 28: Linda Williams

Tellers:

Nov 8: Ellen Jacobi & Kathy Zebert

Nov 15: Carol Smith & Brenda Bradley

Nov 22: Jeff Stanley & Kathy Zebert

Nov 29: Ellen Jacobi & Suzan Stewart

Greeter/Usher:

Nov 7: Margaret Behrens, Julie Eybers, Lowell & Judy Vos

Nov 14: Anne Cowley—need volunteers

Nov 21: Vicki Ackerman, Chic & Ellen Jacobi, Juliana Mayne

Nov 28: Terri Askelson, Margaret Behrens & Kevin & Dacia Bates

There will be a called congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, November 14th. We will nominate church officers for the class of 2024 and present a proposed budget for 2022. Also, the session has proposed changes to our church bylaws regarding the number of church officers. Finally, we will make one change to the officers for the church corporation. Please plan on taking part in this important work for our church.

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	2	3 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	4	5	6
7 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	8 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	9 12:00 Member Care Piano tuned	10 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	11	12 SC Symphony	13 10:00 Genealogy
14 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational meeting 11:30 Mission	15 12:15 Admin/Fin	16 7:00 Session	17 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	18	19	20
21 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Christian Discipleship 2:00 Chamber Music Concert	22 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship	23	24 <i>No Activities</i>	25 <i>Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27
28 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	29 <i>Print Newsletter</i>	30	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			



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