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First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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February Worship Service Info



Sunday, Feb 6—5th Sunday after Epiphany
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; The Holy Spirit Is a Giver

Sunday, Feb 13—6th Sunday after Epiphany
1 Corinthians 12:12-31; The Church Is One Body

Sunday, Feb 20—7th Sunday after Epiphany
Matthew 13:1-9; Christians Are Seeds

Sunday, Feb 27—Transfiguration of the Lord
Isaiah 62:1-5; The Church Is God's Bride

'Have you entered the storehouses of the snow, or have you seen the storehouses of the hail, which I have reserved for the time of trouble...?'

From Job 38:22-23

Friends,

The book of Job contains some of the Bible's most majestic depictions of God as the creator and controller of the universe. According to Job, the Lord is the one who commands the sun to rise and the stars to turn in the heavens. It is God who brings lightning and thunder, sunshine and darkness, summer and yes, winter.

As I've moved further north from my birthplace in Texas, I've gained a lot more respect for this Biblical description of what winter can be like. I think about these words every time we have to consider cancelling a worship service or church event because of the cold or the wind, the ice or the snow. And even when most of us remain warm and safe in our homes, we may still pause to wonder, why? Why does God subject us to weather that chills us to the bone? Is this our moment to say a prayer of thanksgiving for our coat and our furnace? Is God trying to move us to check in on our neighbors or maybe even shovel their sidewalk? Is this our inspiration to support the Warming Shelter three blocks north of our own sanctuary? Does God mean to cause brief, unexpected Sabbaths that force us to take a day off from work, school, or even church? Or does God simply want to keep us humble by disrupting our lives with forces we could never control?

'From its chamber comes the whirlwind, and cold from the scattering winds. By the breath of God ice is given, and the broad waters are frozen fast.'

Job 37:9-10

But maybe our questioning is part of God's purpose in natural events like we experience almost every winter. Even when we're asking why God does this, or when God will STOP this, we are contemplating God. Maybe God brings about times like this so that we'll stop and remember the One who brings the snow and controls the wind. When we look to the Lord, searching for meaning, maybe that search is the meaning we're supposed to find.

Frances Wile's hymn "All Beautiful the March of Days" contains the evocative line, "The Hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow." As we endure the rest of this winter, let us continue to turn our thoughts and our prayers to the Lord who brings the winter, and who will carry us through it. And may we also remember that it is the Lord who will inevitably bring the warmer temperatures and the new life of the spring.

'They turn round and round by His guidance, to accomplish all that He commands them on the face of the habitable world. Whether for correction, or for His land, or for love, He causes it to happen.'

Job 37:12-13

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



Mary's Music Notes—

Looking ahead.....

February 6 Choir

February 13 Choir/Kids

February 20 Handbells

February 27 Choir

We will be hosting the Wartburg College Choir on Sunday - March 6.

Be watching for details and ways to help!!



Mary Benton, Director of Music



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Jan 2	51 in sanctuary
Jan 8	67 in sanctuary
Jan 16	75 in sanctuary
Jan 23	60 in sanctuary

"Sunday Lunch Bunch" has been reinstated on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The next one will be at Craves Restaurant on Sunday, February 13th, after worship services, approximately 11:45 AM. If interested, please contact Patty Rarick **before that Sunday** so we can alert Craves of an idea on how many to plan for. Contact info: patty.rarick@gmail.com or 605-670-2707 to get on the list or for any questions you may have.



Income & Disbursement Summary Through December 31, 2021

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

**2022
Per Capita
amount
is \$42.48**

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 367,478.78
Other operating income	\$ 18,564.76
Restricted donations	\$ 12,123.18
Per Capita	\$ 3,026.04
Total Income	\$ 401,192.76

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 31,577.00
Ministry*	\$ 76,422.95
Music	\$ 5,574.75
Christian Discipleship	\$ 927.61
Building & Grounds	\$ 99,985.08
Office and Admin	\$ 14,910.04
Assessment	\$ 15,378.72
Other**	\$ 41,727.67
Personnel Payroll	\$ 142,032.87
Total Disbursements	\$ 428,536.69

Gain or Loss	\$ (27,343.93)
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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.



Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. We will have a noon service in the chapel. The evening service will be at Faith United with a time to be determined.

Wednesday night menus

February 2— Deli sandwiches, coleslaw, chips and brownies

February 9— NO ACTIVITIES

February 16— Meatloaf, baked potatoes, salad & cake

February 23— Pastas, Caesar salad, cookies



February birthdays

6th - Rett Smith
 11th - Hannah Eybers
 14th - Katie Haak
 17th - Simon Denney

18th - Gary Wenell
 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 712-255-8919 or
finance@1stpresby.com.



The Mission Project for the Congregation of collecting new socks and underwear until Christmas was brought to a successful end with sorting of packages & delivery on January 7th, 2022, by Ralph Reeder, Jane Vereen, Jane Hey and Kathryn Zebert:

WARMING SHELTER: -- Men: 11 Women: 6 Children: 6 (Delivered by Ralph)

SAFE PLACE (formerly CSA & DV): -- Women: 7 Children: 6 (Delivered by Ralph)

MARY J. TREGLIA COMM. HOUSE: -- Men: 8 Women: 3 Children: 14 (delivered by Jane Vereen)

SHESLER HALL: -- Women: 4 (Delivered by Jane V & Jane H)

Youth Chatter

There will be a meeting after church on Sunday Feb 6 that is open to parents and youth grades 7-12th grade. Please join us to establish a youth group and plan some activities.



We will be highlighting a committee each month this year to explain what they do and how you can join them. You do not have to be on Session to be on a committee. This month we are highlighting Mission.

The Mission Committee meets every 2nd Sunday after worship each month.

Some of their projects are—Working at the Soup Kitchen, collecting new socks & underwear for various projects here in Siouxland. They are constantly looking for new projects. If you have any questions about the committee, please contact Jane Hey at hey@morningside.edu or Ralph Reeder at ralph.f.reeder@gmail.com.



**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:***Personnel***Wednesday Night Meal Hosts: Bible Carriers:***Personnel*

Feb 6: Nola Rubel

Feb 13: Emmett Rohlena

Feb 20: Nathan Hynds

Feb 27: Harper Rohlena

Acolytes:

Feb 6: Pierce Rubel

Feb 13: Aidan Hunt

Feb 20: Nicholas Hynds

Feb 27: Hazel Rohlena

Lectors:

Feb 6: John Mayne

Feb 13: Pat Anderson

Feb 20: Michael Rohlena

Feb 27: Barb Davis

Tellers:

Feb 7: Brenda Bradley & Kathy Zebert

Feb 14: Suzan Stewart & Kathy Zebert

Feb 22: Carol Smith & Vicki Jacobs

Feb 28: Ellen Jacobi & Brenda Bradley

Greeter/Usher:

Feb 6: Bob & Pat Anderson

Feb 13: Kevin & Dacia Bates

Feb 20: Chic & Ellen Jacobi

Feb 27: Anne Cowley & Juliana Mayne

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



2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir <i>Rick out for the month</i>	3	4	5
6 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Youth meeting 1:00 Confirmation Class	7 Noon—Shepherd's Garden 4:30—7:30 SC Symphony 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	8 12:00 Member Care	9 No Activities	10	11	12 10:00 Genealogy
13 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission 1:00 Confirmation	14 12:15 Admin/Fin 5:30 Personnel	15 7:00 Session	16 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	17 7:00 Christian Discipleship	18	19
20 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 1:00 Confirmation Class	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22	23 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	24 4:30 Memorial <i>Print Newsletter</i>	25	26
27 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons 1:00 Confirmation Class	28 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship	<u>Notes:</u> *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				

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.



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