

January 1, 2022

## First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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## January Worship Service Info



**Sunday, Jan 2—2nd Sunday of Christmas**

**Pulpit Supply—Rev. Mike McCallum**

**Sunday, Jan 9—Baptism of the Lord**

**Psalm 23; The Lord Is Our Shepherd**

**Sunday, Jan 16—2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

**Psalm 19; God's Word Is Our Treasure**

**Saturday, Jan 23—3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

**2 Samuel 22:1-4; God Is Our Fortress**

**Saturday, Jan 30—4th Sunday after Epiphany**

**Psalm 1; The Church Is a Tree**

Friends,

There are many Christmas movies (I've preached sermons about some of them!), but not many movies about New Year's Day. My favorite is a comedy by Joel and Ethan Coen called "The Hudsucker Proxy". It's a movie about second chances, and the hope that each New Year may be better than the last. The movie begins on a snowy New Year's Eve in America's hope-filled days of the 1950's. We see a view of the New York City skyline, centering on the Hudsucker Tower, the setting for most of the film. Hudsucker Tower is topped by a giant illuminated clock and the company's motto, written out in glorious, art-deco styled neon lights: "The Future Is Now."

One of the things I love about this movie is that (spoiler alert) it has a happy ending. Yet when we look ahead, some of us have difficulty seeing happiness in our future. Rev. Ralph Abernathy was a civil rights leader and close friend of Martin Luther King. In fact, while preparing to support a strike of Memphis sanitation workers, the two men shared Room 306 at the Lorraine Motel the night before King was assassinated. For his tireless work for civil rights, Abernathy endured years of arrests and imprisonment, beatings, death threats, and the bombing of his church and his home. But looking back on all of this, Abernathy still managed to find hope for the outcome of all his work. Abernathy famously said, "I don't know what the future may hold, but I know who holds the future."

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

The One who holds the future, of course, is the Lord God Almighty. No matter what future we're facing, we can take assurance in our faith that God will be there with us, and will get us through it. God's plans for our future are based on God's love for us; on God's desire to guide us and provide for us, to protect us and honor us. This same God has even planned for our future beyond our natural lives, giving us a savior, Jesus Christ. By Christ's resurrection, we have the promise of an eternal future in the glorious, loving presence of the Lord.

Friends, this New Year, like every New Year, is a new chance for all of us. A new chance to get closer to God in our prayers, our worship, and our understanding of the Bible. A new chance to forgive others, and to allow ourselves to be forgiven. A new chance to find God's calling for us. A new chance to serve willingly, to give joyously, to live abundantly, and to love God and each other. God has been planning this future for us since before we were born. Thanks to God, our future is full of hope and promise. And friends, the future is now!

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

## Mary's Music Notes—



Happy New Year and God's Blessings on all for a healthy and happy 2022! Many thanks to all who have shared their time and talents this past year, including choir/handbells/youth/soloists and more! You have all been a blessing to First Pres as we join together to worship the Lord.

Looking ahead.....

Jan. 2 Nola Rubel

Jan. 5 Wednesday night rehearsals start up - 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir

All are welcome to join us - start a new tradition of sharing in 2022

Jan. 9 Choir

Jan. 9 12th Night Ring Handbell Festival 4:30 @ Eppley Auditorium

Jan. 16 Handbells Choir

Jan. 23 Choir

Jan. 30 Choir

**Mary Benton, Director of Music**



### Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Dec 5	81 in sanctuary
Dec 12	77 in sanctuary
Dec 19	109 in sanctuary
Dec 24	108 in sanctuary
Dec 24	42 in sanctuary (late)
Dec 26	48 in sanctuary

**WE'RE BACK!!!!**

12th Night Ring will be held again this year on Jan. 9, 2022 at 4:30 pm at Eppley Auditorium on the Morningside College Campus. After being cancelled last year due to Covid, we are excited to be able to ring together for your entertainment. We are also pleased and excited to welcome Cathy Moglebust who has composed a special piece dedicated to Eleanor Tasker who founded 12th Night Ring. She will be directing that piece plus another one that we have chosen for the program. Come hear four Siouxland Bell Choirs join together to ring. Bell-issimo will be taking part and ringing a solo during the program. Admission is FREE!



## Income & Disbursement Summary Through November 30, 2021



2022  
Per Capita  
amount  
is \$42.48

### Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 337,015.58
Other operating income	\$ 17,186.83
Restricted donations	\$ 12,123.18
Per Capita	\$ 2,471.24
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 368,796.83</b>

### Disbursements

Mission	\$ 30,160.48
Ministry*	\$ 65,880.89
Music	\$ 4,859.65
Christian Discipleship	\$ 927.61
Building & Grounds	\$ 91,232.49
Office and Admin	\$ 13,786.45
Assessment	\$ 14,097.16
Other**	\$ 38,182.03
Personnel Payroll	\$ 130,595.17
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 355,758.27</b>

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**Gain or Loss** **\$ ( 20,925.10)**

\* 'Ministry' includes: Pastors salary, worship, outreach, deacon and member care expenses.

\*\* 'Other' includes: Payroll taxes, health insurance, pension and workers compensation insurance.

## STEWARDSHIP

<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$481,841.00</b>
<b>2022 Pledges</b>	<b>\$269,665.00</b>
<b>% to budget</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Pledges received</b>	<b>48</b>
 <b>Still Needed</b>	 <b>\$212,176.00</b>

### Wednesday night menus

**January 5— Vegetable Beef Soup, bread sticks, salad & cake**

**January 12— Goulash, garlic bread & ice cream**

**January 19— Tater-tot casserole, salad & cookies**

**January 26— Chicken noodle & Wisconsin cheese soups, garlic bread, salad & dessert**

## January birthdays

2nd - Donna Uhl	18th - Jane Clausen
5th - Jared Messersmith	20th - Marvin Ahlquist
6th - Cameron Bradley	21st - Dacia Bolton Bates
10th - Raelee Bradley	28th - Carla Macfarlane
10th - Mary Kay Benton	30th - Martie Ebner
10th - Curtis Burns	30th - Aidan Hunt
13th - Ashley Mozak	31st - Mandy Ellis
13th - Rose Warner	31st - Adam Preston



*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).*

Fellowship Dinners to Return - Pastor Mark has asked the Member Care Committee to do another round of the dinners that we had this fall. I know that all the participants were pleased with how well they went and it helps Mark learn about the members of First Church. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary beginning in January. It is our hope that more of you will sign up that couldn't last time and those that did can certainly sign up again. We hope to have these for March-April and May-June.



### A Message From Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark will be on vacation from Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. If you need pastoral care during the last week of December, please call Rev. Rex. Wentzel at 712-560-5127. The first month of January, please call Rev. Jan Christensen at 712-541-3586.

On Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, please welcome **REV. MICHAEL MCCALLUM** to our pulpit.

Starting Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, we'll start a new Bible Study, "A COSMIC ADVENTURE THROUGH SCIENCE AND FAITH" Sunday mornings at 9:30 and Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in Vincent Lounge. We hope you'll join us!

Our Member Care team invites you to a **POTLUCK LUNCH** after worship on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If your last name begins with A-H please bring a salad. If your last name begins with I-N please bring a side dish. And if your last name begins with M-Z please bring a dessert. We look forward to a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship.

# Youth Chatter

ATTENTION YOUTH!!! We are looking at having a meeting with our youth to see where their interests may lie for projects and activities. Please watch for a date and time when that will take place and consider joining us!



BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN ON ATTENDING!!

OUR MEMBER CARE TEAM INVITES YOU TO A **POTLUCK LUNCH** AFTER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>. IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH A-H PLEASE BRING A SALAD. IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH I-N PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH. AND IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH M-Z PLEASE BRING A DESSERT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A DELICIOUS MEAL AND WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP.

OUR MAIN COURSE WILL BE HAM. YUM!

I would personally like to thank the people who help to decorate our alter with so many different and beautiful bouquets of flowers!



I have been asked by many people how do we choose who orders the flowers, where do they come from, how much are they, how often can we order etc.

So here are all the answers to those questions.

ANYONE can order flowers for Sundays. You can order one or two bouquets and they can be for any reason or simply for the Glory of God. You can order them from wherever you would like and have them bill the church or you can bring them in from your own garden! We have an account with Petal Pushers in North Sioux City and they deliver them to us every Friday and then once I receive the invoice from the florist I will send you an invoice for your flowers. You can take them home with you or you can have the deacons deliver a bouquet to a shut-in. The cost is typically \$35 a bouquet but you can reduce or increase that amount to your liking. Please consider taking one or two Sunday's a year.

Mandy Ellis is the deacon in charge of flowers for 2022. You can reach out to Mandy by emailing her at:

[mandyjo51054@gmail.com](mailto:mandyjo51054@gmail.com)



Please add the families of Alice Speraw and Bruce Elliott in your prayers. Alice and Bruce were called home to their Lord. Alice on 12/15 and Bruce on 12/24. Please Lord, wrap your arms around their families during this difficult time.



**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:**

*Building & Grounds*

**Wednesday Night Meal Hosts: Bible Carriers:**

*Building & Grounds*

Jan 2: Pierce Rubel

Jan 9: Harper Rohlena

Jan 16: Nathan Hynds

Jan 23: Emmett Rohlena

Jan 30: Aidan Hunt

**Acolytes:**

Jan 2: Nola Rubel

Jan 9: Harper Rohlena

Jan 16: Nicholas Hynds

Jan 23: Emmett Rohlena

Jan 30: Sya Bates

**Lectors:**

Jan 2: Heather Rubel

Jan 9: Andrea Rohlena

Jan 16: Randy Benton

Jan 23: Anne Cowley

Jan 30: Linda Williams

**Tellers:**

Jan 3: Kathy Zebert & Jeff Stanley

Jan 10: Ellen Jacobi & Vikki Jacobs

Jan 18: Suzan Stewart & Brenda Bradley

Jan 24: Carol Smith & Vicki Jacobs

Jan 31: Ellen Jacobi & Kathy Zebert

**Greeter/Usher:**

Jan 2: Chic & Ellen Jacobi

Jan 9: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

Jan 16: Vicki Ackerman & Neva Pierce

Jan 23: Terri Askelson & Barb Davis

Jan 30: Butch & Mary Floyd

Happy New Year to you and your family from your Church Staff! Rick, Karen & Donna. Thank you for thinking of us during the holiday season.

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



# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1 &amp; 8</b>
10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship  <i>Pastor Mark out</i>	5:30 Bldg. & Grounds  <i>Pastor Mark out</i>	<i>Pastor Mark out</i>	5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir  <i>Pastor Mark out</i>	<i>Pastor Mark out</i>	<i>Pastor Mark out</i>	10:00 Genealogy on the 8th  <i>Pastor Mark out</i>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission 4:30 @ Eppley— 12th Night Handbells	5:30 Personnel	12:00 Member Care	5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir			
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Christian Discipleship	12:15 Admin/Fin	7:00 Session	5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir		<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons 11:30 Potluck	5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship		5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<i>Print Newsletter</i>		
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>*Your office staff will be at work Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm</p> <p>*Office closes each Friday at Noon.</p> <p>* Childcare offered during Sunday worship &amp; Wednesday evenings</p>				
9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship						

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

Be sure to check our new Facebook page:  
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/902340006496216/.](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.



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