

March 1, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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March Worship Service Info



Sunday, Mar 6—1st Sunday in Lent
John 3:16-21; Lord, Save Us from Judgment!

Sunday, Mar 13—2nd Sunday in Lent
Mark 4:35-41; Lord, Save Us from Chaos!

Sunday, Mar 20—3rd Sunday in Lent
Matthew 14:22-33; Lord, Save Us from Fear!

Sunday, Mar 27—4th Sunday in Lent
1 Corinthians 2:1-8; Lord, Save Us from Ignorance!

Friends,

Imagine that you're walking on the sun-drenched shore of the Sea of Galilee. You look out over the water to see a boat full of people. Suddenly, you see the boat capsize and dump all its passengers into the sea! The people floundering around in the water shout out to you in Hebrew, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" What are they shouting at you?

We are used to hearing this word on Palm Sunday, at the end of the Lenten season. We encounter this scene as we remember the beginning of the last week of Jesus' earthly life, as he rides triumphantly into Jerusalem.

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Matthew 21:9

And what did people cry out to him? "Hosanna!" In the original Hebrew, these people are shouting "Save us!"

Throughout the Bible, people have made this same, plaintive cry to the Lord God. They begged God to save them from very real, immediate threats like injury or disease, drought or famine, invading armies or betrayal by trusted friends. Jesus' own disciples had their own occasion to plead for him to save them.

A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!'

Matthew 8:24-25

But other times we need salvation from other, less tangible dangers. Often, these perils are so powerful and so constant that we could never rescue ourselves, no matter what we tried. We need God to save us from judgment and chaos. From ignorance and fear. God is also great and good enough to help us in those times.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Ephesians 2:4-5

Friends, we'll spend the season of Lent looking at some of the many situations in our lives when we cry out, "Hosanna, Lord! Save us!" As we do, we'll see how God has promised that, when we are faithful enough to take these times and put them in God's powerful, loving hands, God will look on us with mercy and will be our salvation. And as the Lenten season progresses toward Easter, we'll learn more about how, in Jesus Christ, God has even offered us all salvation from those two eternal, invincible forces over which we have no power: sin and death. In all of this, we believe that God listens and cares whenever we are faithful enough to cry out, "Hosanna, Lord! Save us!"

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation.

Isaiah 12:2

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....

March 2 - Ash Wednesday - Reminder that we have no rehearsals that evening

March 6 - Choir

March 13 - Men's Choir

March 20 - Handbells

March 27 - Women's Choir

April 3 - Kids Choir

Wednesday nights - reminder that all are welcome to join us.

6-7 Handbell Choir - subs wanted as well, contact Anne Cowley if you can help out

7-8 Choir - any part you sing, we can use you!

Easter Sunday - Choir, Handbells, Brass Quintet, Hallelujah Chorus

Mary Benton, Director of Music



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Jan 31	52 in sanctuary
Feb 6	74 in sanctuary
Feb 13	76 in sanctuary
Feb 20	55 in sanctuary

The Member Care Committee is looking for people willing to knit or crochet prayer shawls. There are instructions for both knitting & crocheting in the church office. What is most important is the final size! The shawl should be approximately 4 feet long by 2 feet wide. Each shawl will take 3 skeins of yarn. Thank you!

Are you interested in joining the "Sunday Lunch Bunch"? We'll be gathering on Sunday, March 13th, location TBD. If interested, please contact Patty Rarick the week before so reservations can be made. 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 January 31, 2022

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

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

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 48,058.27
Other operating income	\$ 958.61
Restricted donations	\$
Per Capita	\$ 364..24
Total Income	\$ 49,381.12

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 2,833.34
Ministry*	\$ 11,626.36
Music	\$ 928.04
Christian Discipleship	\$ 207.11
Building & Grounds	\$ 5,689.91
Office and Admin	\$ 1,622.88
Assessment	\$ 2,626.68
Other**	\$ 3,636.90
Personnel Payroll	\$ 12,452.50
Total Disbursements	\$ 428,536.69

Gain or Loss	\$ 7,757.40
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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.

Altar Guild or Sanctuary Decorating Committee

Do you or someone close to you just love to decorate for the holidays? Have you noticed that some of our Christmas decorations are starting to look a bit shabby?

The Session is hoping to form a small committee of willing hands to be in charge of decorating the church for Easter and Christmas. This would include replacing worn decorations with funds approved by the Building & Grounds Committee. This group would gather others to help decorate or handle it as a committee - your choice.

If you are interested, please contact Barb Davis, Clerk of Session, at 402-679-6640.



Ash Wednesday is March 2nd.

We will have a noon service in the chapel. The evening service will be at Faith United at 6:30.

Wednesday night menus

March 2— NO ACTIVITIES

March 9— Scalloped potatoes and ham, beans, salad & cookies

March 16— Taco bar and rice crispy bars

March 23— Pizza and salad

March 30— Loose meats & potato tots and cake



March birthdays

1st - Jane Hey
 2nd - Micah Rarick
 3rd - Chuck Warner
 8th - Pat Anderson
 9th - Kathryn Zebert
 15th - Steve Bradley



22nd - Nikolina Johnson
 23rd - Taylor Bradley
 23rd - Karter Ellis
 26th - Margaret Moran
 30th - Lance Moore

March anniversaries

10th - Curtis & Mary Burns
 28th - Carlos & Pam Perez



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.*

Throughout March we'll continue our **BIBLE STUDY ON ANGELS** Sunday mornings at 9:30 and Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in Vincent Lounge. We hope you'll join us!

Catalogs are out for **SYNOD SCHOOL**, which will be from July 24th through 29th at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. It's a week of worship, education, fellowship and fun with Christians of all ages from all over the nation. Pastor Mark will be teaching "Good vs. Evil – Movie Heroes and Villains and Biblical Ethics". There's a catalog featuring all of the classes and activities on the bulletin board in the church. Or just go online and google "Synod School 2022".

Our local Presbyterian churches will be hosting weekly **LENTEN LUNCHEAS AND MEDITATIONS** in our fellowship hall at noon every Friday from March 4th through April 8th. Please join us!

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

To make time for our Lenten lunches and meditations, Pastor Mark's day off will switch to Mondays from March 7th through April 11th.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND

We will host an Ash Wednesday prayer service, including the imposition of the ashes, from noon to 1 p.m. in Calvin Chapel.

Also, our local Presbyterian churches will host an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. at Faith United Presbyterian Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH

We will host a Maundy Thursday service, including communion, at 6:30 p.m. in our sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

Our local Presbyterian churches will host a Good Friday "Tenebrae" service at 6:30 p.m. in our sanctuary.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

Please join us as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord during our Easter Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m.



March 13 at 3:05 pm

All Tickets are \$10

Sign up Sheet starting Sunday, **February 20th**

Reservations needed by **March 6th**.

Sign up sheet in back of sanctuary or you can call the church office and Karen will add you to the list.

It's Hockey time in Sioux City! Go Muskies!!

Summer camp is just around the corner! You can register online at www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org. The first camp is June 16 and goes through the end of July. There is a pamphlet in the church office, feel free to stop in and check out the dates and types of camps offered.

If anyone is interested in leading the youth group please let Heather Rubel know. We plan to try to have youth activities a couple times a month sometime in the future so stay tuned in for more information.

This month we are highlighting **Music & Worship**.

The Music & Worship Committee meets every 4th Monday at 5:30 here at the church.

Our music and worship committee meets and helps carry out the vision of the church through the way it worships. The committee plans the ways the church will worship. One duty of this committee is to design worship services that nurture and enhance the congregation's worship life. The Music and Worship Committee's expressed purpose is to figure out the needs and desires of the church for a meaningful worship experience to glorify God. In cooperation with the Pastor, Director of Music and committee members, its duties are the planning, maintaining, and supervision of music and worship within the Church. Music in worship is not an end unto itself. Music in worship is meant to invite the congregation to participate in ways that inspire and nurture. This happens when we listen to preludes played on an organ, anthems sung by a choir, offertories rung by handbells, or musical works played by instrumentalists of all varieties and configurations who offer their praise and worship on our behalf. Musicians (professional, avocational, amateur, and recreational) offer their gifts in ways that inspire and nurture a listening congregation. The committee also makes sure music libraries, equipment, robes, handbells and any equipment - is in working condition and maintenance is kept up. Palms for Palm Sunday, when communion is served, paraments and more - are all part of the committee too. Our committee helps worship with the sound system and online presence and more.



**Coffee Fellowship Hosts:***Mission***Wednesday Night Meal Hosts: Bible Carriers:***Christian Discipleship*

Mar 6: Aidan Hunt

Mar 13: Harper Rohlena

Mar 20: Nicholas Hynds

Mar 27: Pierce Rubel

Acolytes:

Mar 6: Sya Bates

Mar 13: Emmett Rohlena

Mar 20: Nathan Hynds

Mar 27: Nola Rubel

Lectors:

Mar 6: Paul Johnson

Mar 13: Chris Hunt

Mar 20: Jane Vereen

Mar 27: Judy Vos

Tellers:

Mar 7: Jeff Stanley & Kathy Zebert

Mar 14: Ellen Jacobi & Carol Smith

Mar 21: Jeff Stanley & Ellen Jacobi

Mar 28: Kathy Zebert & Vicki Jacobs

Greeter/Usher:

Mar 6: Barb Davis & Butch & Mary Floyd

Mar 13: Lowell & Judy Vos

Mar 20: Vicki Ackerman & Terri Askelson

Mar 27: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday night, March 12th before you go to bed! You don't want to miss Sunday's service!!



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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2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes: <i>*Your office staff will be at work Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm</i> <i>*Office closes each Friday at Noon.</i> <i>* Childcare offered during Sunday worship & Wednesday evenings</i>		1	2 Ash Wednesday 12:00 Service in Chapel 6:30 Service at Faith United NO ACTIVITIES <i>Rick out for the month</i>	3	4 Noon—Lenten Lunch	5
6 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care 1:00 Confirmation Class	7 Noon—Shepherd's Garden 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	8	9 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	10 4:30 Memorial	11 Noon—Lenten Lunch	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 3:05 Muskies game	14 12:15 Admin/Fin 5:30 Personnel	15 7:00 Session	16 11:30 Endowment Committee 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	17 7:00 Christian Discipleship	18 Noon—Lenten Lunch	19
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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	29 <i>Print Newsletter</i>	30	31		

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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

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

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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.***