

April 1, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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April Worship Service Info



Sunday, Apr 3—5th Sunday in Lent
1 John 1:5-2:2; Lord, Save Us from Sin!

Sunday, Apr 10—Palm Sunday
Mark 14:12-21; Lord, Save Us from Death!

Sunday, Apr 17—Easter Sunday
John 20:1-18; Victory over the Last Enemy

Sunday, Apr 24—2nd Sunday of Easter
TBA

Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

from John 12:23-24

Friends,

One of our confirmation classes explored the difficult question, “Why did Jesus have to die?” This is a question you may have asked every year as our church journeys through the season of Lent together. In our faith based on peace and love, why do we dedicate weeks in the spring to talking about why one man had to suffer and die for us?

Jesus compared himself to a seed. Any seed has to be buried in the earth, giving up its old self to create a new plant. Jesus knew that, like a seed, he had to die and be buried in order to be resurrected to new life. And in that new life, Jesus bore the fruit of redemption from sin and of eternal life for all who put their faith in him. In doing so, Jesus also lived as an example to encourage Christians to be willing to give up our old ways of living; to become so new in our faith that we seem to die and be born again into a new life.

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead, so we too might walk in newness of life.

from Romans 6:4

But even as Christians, many of us don't like change. How many of us have been reluctant to start worship at a different time, or to sing an unfamiliar hymn during worship? How then can we accept a faith that calls us to die to our old life? Only by embracing the hope of how hope-filled, peace-filled and joy-filled that new life in Christ can be. We only choose to die to our old lives with the belief that the new life that God offers us in Christ will be unimaginably better. Farmers, after spending thousands of dollars on seeds, wouldn't dare bury all those seeds in the ground. Not without the promise that such a sacrifice will bear fruit; that each of those seeds will yield thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold.

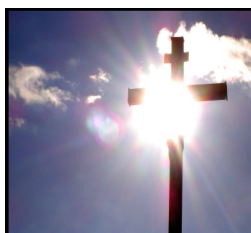
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Psalms 126:6

As we complete our journey through Lent, may we embrace this promise of the rebirth of Easter Sunday. As farmers look forward to their seeds bursting from the ground in new life, let us imagine how we may embrace the new, changed life that God offers us. And in that new life, may we all bear the fruit of love for God and for all of God's people.

You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 1:23



In Christ,
Pastor Mark

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

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

To make time for our Lenten lunches and mediations, Pastor Mark's day off has switched to Mondays through April 11th.

Through April 13th 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!

Westminster Presbyterian Church at 2915 Glenn Avenue invites families to their **EASTER EGG HUNT** at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16th. In addition to finding eggs, kids can enjoy the Easter story and fun projects to take home! If you're interested in going, please **RSVP** to 712-276-3613 or westminstersiouxcity@gmail.com and let them know how many to expect.

SYNOD SCHOOL 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". The catalog and online registration are now available at lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/

Friends, our Mission and Christian Discipleship Committees are teaming up to create **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE HYGIENE KITS**. These kits provide essential items to help people recover after any kind of crisis. Through the month of April, you'll see baskets in our church for donations of:

hand towels (approximately 16" x 28")

washcloths

wide-tooth combs

nail clippers

bar soap (bath size in wrapper)

toothbrushes (in original packaging)

Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips

one gallon plastic bags with zipper closures

AND CASH DONATIONS, to pay for shipping and processing fees.

Thank you for your generous donations!

REMINDER!

There will be **NO** activities on Wednesday, April 6th. We will resume on Wednesday, April 13th.

Message from Nick O'Brien—For clothing items, we are always in need of new socks and underwear donations. This helps guys who come from prison and have no support feel a little more dignity versus only having the pair of socks and underwear they came with. We are also always open to hygiene items such as deodorant, toothpaste, razors, shampoo and soap. Any items people are willing to donate will be utilized and appreciated.

These items may be dropped off in the church office and Karen will facilitate getting them to Nick.

Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....

April 3 - Communion - Kids and Adults Choirs

April 10 - Palm Sunday - Adult Choir and Palm Processional

April 14 - Maundy Thursday - Adult Choir

April 15 - Good Friday - joint service and a variety of musical offerings from all churches - including the men from our church

April 17 - Easter - Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, Brass Quintet and

The Hallelujah Chorus

April 24 - Adult Choir

Summer is coming.....hard to believe, but.....that means that I am looking for Summer Soloists - May 29 through September 4. If you would like to share, please contact me: 712-540-4549 text

mary.benton@lemarscsd.org email

Crosses - big or small or made from any material - reminder that we have our wall of crosses in the Kids Music Room up in the Education Wing. If you have one you would like to donate to the collection, please let me know. It is fun for the kids to see all that there is and what materials crosses can be made from, and the history too.

Mary Benton, Director of Music



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

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|--------|-----------------|
| Feb 27 | 70 in sanctuary |
| Mar 6 | 69 in sanctuary |
| Mar 13 | 76 in sanctuary |
| Mar 20 | 83 in sanctuary |
| Mar 27 | 74 in sanctuary |

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

All events will take place in our sanctuary

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH

Worship service, with palm leaf procession, at 10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH

Worship service, including communion, at 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

Our local Presbyterian churches will host a "Tenebrae" service at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Income & Disbursement Summary Through February 28, 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 | \$ 82,035.13 |
| Other operating income | \$ 1,899.61 |
| Restricted donations | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Per Capita | \$ 702..44 |
| Total Income | \$ 84,637.18 |

Disbursements

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Mission | \$ 2,833.34 |
| Ministry* | \$ 21,670.81 |
| Music | \$ 928.04 |
| Christian Discipleship | \$ 314.92 |
| Building & Grounds | \$ 23,103.89 |
| Office and Admin | \$ 3,256.68 |
| Assessment | \$ 2,626.68 |
| Other** | \$ 7,183.71 |
| Personnel Payroll | \$ 22,609.46 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 84,307.53 |

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| Gain or Loss | \$ 1,109.65 |
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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.

Member Care has begun working on a new pictorial church directory. Keep a look out for future information!

First Presbyterian Church will be working the Soup Kitchen on April 21st.

We will need 2 volunteers from 12-2 to prep and then from 4-6 to serve and clean up we will be looking for 5 volunteers. Please call Kathy Zebert at 224-636-6150 to volunteer.



Wednesday night menus

April 6— No activities

April 13— Tuna and noodles, garlic bread, salad and dessert

April 20— Brats, burgers, beans and potato salad and ice cream

April 27— Cheeseburger Mac n cheese, garlic bread, salad and dessert



April birthdays

1st - Jason Cowley
 5th - Rayden Lee Bradley
 6th - Randy Benton
 8th - Justin Bradley
 8th - Bill Brinck
 12th - Chris Hunt
 12th - Sergio Carlos Perez
 12th - Keaton Ellis

13th - Bob Anderson
 21st - Kole Preston
 21st - Nathan Hynds
 26th - Hank Mozak
 27th - Ron Hall
 28th - Noah Behrens
 29th - Jackson Moore

April anniversaries

18th - Bob & Pat Anderson
 21st - Peter & Carla Macfarlane

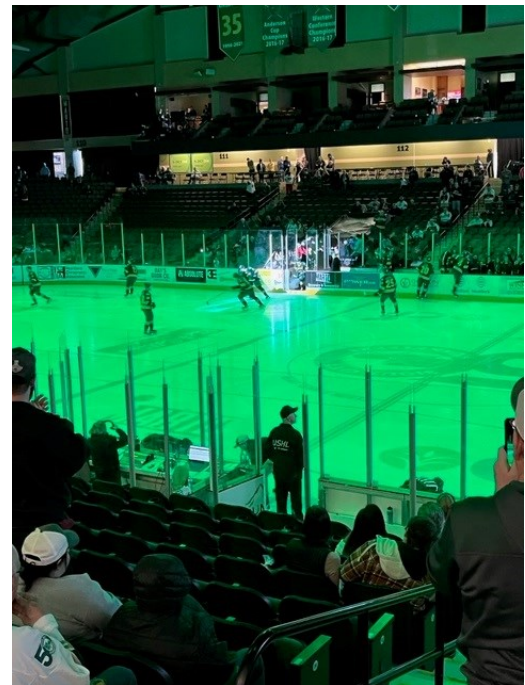


Pssst!

*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.*



Church Hockey Outing—Muskies win!!





Summer Camp is right around the corner!

First camp is 6/16. Stop into the church office and look at the pamphlet Lakeshore Center sent us. Or, better yet, go online to www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org and check it out at your convenience.

Remember, if necessary there is a small scholarship that the church will offer to reduce the cost per camper.

Reminder that the church office will be closed on Monday, April 18th.

We will be back to normal hours on Tuesday.

Your staff here at First Presbyterian Church would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter.



There will be a minute for Mission on Sunday, April 3rd.

One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes will be in your Easter bulletin.

There are pamphlets in the back of the sanctuary explaining this Mission. Please consider donating.



This month we are highlighting **Administration & Finance**.

The Finance and Administration Commission meets once a month (third Monday at 12:15pm) and has two primary responsibilities assigned to it - managing and reporting the overall financial health of the Church, and; overseeing the general office and administrative operation for the Church.

In terms of Point #1, our Commission works closely with Karen to review financial transactions occurring during the month (monies received and expenses paid) and tracks our bank balances to ensure we have enough money to pay our bills. We then report our financial condition to the Congregation via our monthly newsletter insert. We initiate the annual Financial Audit, normally performed by Church members who are professionally trained to complete such activities, in May to ensure we are following Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) and that all transactions are appropriate and properly documented. In the Fall, we work with all the various Commissions and Committees to create our Annual Budget, which is then presented to the Congregation for approval at our Congregation Meeting in November. Finally, we work closely with the Endowment Committee to manage the restricted funds gifted to us over the years, ensure an appropriate return, and utilize the funds as needed to best support the mission of the Church.

As for Point #2, our Commission works closely with both Pastor and Karen to support the day-to-day operation of the Church and provide guidance as needed. We review our insurance coverages and other vendor relationships regularly and as needed. We approve purchases needed to support office activities, such as buying office equipment, furniture, and other larger purchases. We review office and administrative policies and procedures, updating and documenting policy changes as needed. We work closely with the Personnel Commission to support our Church employees as they perform the work required by the Church, and on-board new employees as they join our Church staff.

It goes without saying that the work of this Commission is much easier to complete when we have such a dedicated and professional Office Manager to work with in Karen Heinemann. We are very thankful and blessed that she effectively manages so many of the day-to-day administrative and financial tasks that do not require our constant attention. We are a small but mighty Commission made up of Pastor, Karen, and five members of the Congregation (Suzan Stewart, Gerald Messersmith, Chris Hunt, John Mayne, and myself). We welcome new members to join us who can bring their ideas and talent and have an interest in the behind-the-scenes work that we oversee. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me or the Office.

Jeff Stanley

Finance and Administration Commission Moderator

Message from your Memorial Committee:

The Memorial Committee would like to remind Committee Chairs and Congregational members about funding requests. We meet monthly and are eager to receive your requests for funding which will benefit First Presbyterian Church.

If you have a project, idea or concept that advances this Church, let's us know! We would be happy to meet with you and hopefully support your vision. To get the ball rolling, you may contact anyone serving on this Committee: Pat Anderson, Juliana Mayne or Patrice Johnson. We would be happy to chat with you about your funding request and the necessary steps to get approval.

Let us hear from you!

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

Apr 3: Pierce Rubel

Apr 10: Harper Rohlena

Apr 17: Nicholas Hynds

Apr 24: Aidan Hunt

Coffee Fellowship Hosts:*Christian Discipleship***Acolytes:**

Apr 3: Aidan Hunt

Apr 10: Hazel Rohlena

Apr 17: Nathan Hynds

Apr 24: Sya Bates

Lectors:

Apr 3: Suriana Uhl

Apr 10: Randy Benton

Apr 17: Barb Davis

Apr 24: Gerald Messersmith

Tellers:

Apr 4: Carol Smith & Ellen Jacobi

Apr 11: Brenda Bradley & Suzan Stewart

Apr 19: Vicki Jacobs & Jeff Stanley

Apr 25: Ellen Jacobi & Carol Smith

Greeter/Usher:

Apr 3: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

Apr 10: Vicki Ackerman & Kathy Zebert

Apr 17: Bob & Pat Anderson

Apr 24: Lowell & Judy Vos



April Showers
Bring May Flowers

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 |
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| 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 Noon—Lenten Lunch | 2 |
| 3 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir & kids 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care 1:00 Confirmation Class 2:00 SCC Music | 4 Noon—Shepherd's Garden 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds | 5 Piano turned | 6 No activities <i>Karen Out</i> | 7 <i>Karen Out</i> | 8 Noon—Lenten Lunch Karen Out | 9 10:00 Genealogy |
| 10 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission 12:30—3 SCC Music 1:00 Confirmation | 11 5:30 Personnel 12:15 Admin/Fin | 12 | 13 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir | 14 6:00 Choir 6:30 Worship <i>Karen Out</i> | 15 6:00 Choir 6:30 Worship <i>Karen Out</i> | 16 Lilies delivered |
| 17 EASTER 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells & Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 1:00 Confirmation Class | 18 OFFICE CLOSED | 19 7:00 Session | 20 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir | 21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> | 22 Piano tuned | 23 |
| 24 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons 1:00 Confirmation Class 2:00 SCC Music | 25 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship | 26 7:00 Chamber Music <i>Print Newsletter</i> | 27 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir | 28 | 29 | 30 |

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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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Pastor: pastor@1stpresby.com
Twitter@1stChurchSCIA

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

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.***