

May 1, 2022

## First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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## May Worship Service Info



**Sunday, May 1—3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 10:9-20; Peter Goes Where He's Called**

**Sunday, May 8—4th Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 9:36-42; Peter Does What He Can**

**Sunday, May 15—5th Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 3:1-10; Peter Gives What He Has**

**Sunday, May 22nd—6th Sunday of Easter**  
**TBA—Rev. Ken Fells**

**Sunday, May 29th—7th Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 4:13-21; Peter Says What He Must**

*Simon Peter fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'*

From Luke 5:8, 10

Friends,

Now that we've celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we'll spend a few weeks talking about one of His disciples. There are a lot of wonderful stories in the Bible about Peter. He had been an ordinary fisherman before Jesus came into his life. In the Gospels, he's often portrayed as enthusiastic to the point of being impetuous. He was often the first to blurt out an answer to Jesus' questions, no matter how wrong his answers were. Famously, Peter even denied being a follower of Jesus during Jesus' time of greatest need, while Jesus was being tried, convicted, and condemned to death. And yet Peter went on to become one of Jesus' greatest apostles, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ around the Middle East.

*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.*

Acts 4:13

So how did this headstrong, uneducated tradesman; who didn't seem to have much spiritual potential, come to be Jesus' head disciple, and the holder of the keys to heaven? I've talked before about how God tends to work through people who AREN'T perfect. People who were just trying to make a living, like Peter and his fellow fishermen. People who had never felt called to a life of prophecy and miracles, like Moses. Even people who had committed grievous sins, like King David. God works through such people, who may not be especially strong, smart or good, so that people who witness their works will not glorify God's prophets and apostles, but will praise and worship the Lord. Through these imperfect people, God's perfect power, wisdom and righteousness can be made known.

*On Peter's arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshipped him. <sup>26</sup>But Peter made him get up, saying, 'Stand up; I am only a mortal.'*

Acts 10:25-26



As we explore the Bible's stories about Peter, I hope that we can take hope that God can work through all of our lives. With the Spirit of the resurrected Christ in him, Peter went on to be a great preacher and healer. While he may have seemed powerful or righteous to people at the time, Peter relied on God's power and righteousness, just as we can. And like Peter, we don't have to have all the right answers to serve the Lord. We just have to have one right answer:

*Jesus said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.'*

From Matthew 16:15-18

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

## Mary's Music Notes—

I hope all that were able to attend Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and/or Easter Sunday were able to find moments and connections to worshipping our Lord. All services had different approaches, different music, sharing by many and just an overall spiritual presence to worship our Lord. Many thanks to all who shared their time and talents with us in worship.

Looking ahead.....

May 1 Choir

May 8 Choir

May 15 Handbells

May 22 Choir

May 29 Summer Music Schedule begins

Spencer Schnetzer - low brass solo on *The Holy City*



Summer Music Offerings - if you would like to share or know someone you would like me to ask, please message me:

[mary.benton@lemarscsd.org](mailto:mary.benton@lemarscsd.org)

712-540-4549 text

**Mary Benton, Director of Music**



### Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Apr 3	85 in sanctuary
Apr 10	95 in sanctuary
Apr 14	44 in sanctuary
Apr 15	89 in sanctuary
Apr 17	137 in sanctuary
Apr 24	56 in sanctuary



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](http://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.

## Income & Disbursement Summary Through March 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	\$ 111,371.89
Other operating income	\$ 3,495.21
Restricted donations	\$ 1,746.61
Per Capita	\$ 1,169.76
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 117,783.47</b>

### **Disbursements**

Mission	\$ 6,875.01
Ministry*	\$ 31,141.62
Music	\$ 2,548.04
Christian Discipleship	\$ 314.92
Building & Grounds	\$ 34,883.25
Office and Admin	\$ 4,062.43
Assessment	\$ 3,940.02
Other**	\$ 10,792.20
Personnel Payroll	\$ 33,573.10
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 128,130.59</b>

<b>Gain or Loss</b>	<b>\$ (10,347.12)</b>
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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.



### **Wednesday night menus**

**May 4— Sliders, fried potatoes, brownies**

**May 11— Burgers, brats, chips, baked beans and ice cream**





## May birthdays

7th - Craig Bainbridge  
 8th - Rick Wagner, Jr.  
 11th - Bradley Wagner  
 24th - Pam Woolridge-Perez

24th - Kierson Kimbell  
 24th - Sandy Gunnink  
 25th - Sam Stodden

## May anniversaries

23rd - Pete & Tammi Johnson



*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.*

**ATTENTION!** Do you have a graduate in the family this year? Kindergarten, 8th grade, high school, college?? If you do please call Karen at the office so we can recognize them at the worship service on May 15th. If you would like to send me a picture of your graduate, I will be recognizing them also in the June Newsletter. Please don't forget—call me!!

### Message from your Personnel Committee:

The Personnel Committee will be conducting Pastor Mark's performance review in June. If there are any comments that you would like to submit regarding Pastor Mark, please contact our chair, Kim Stanley at 484-678-2828; [kijemime22@gmail.com](mailto:kijemime22@gmail.com); or submit in writing to the church office. Karen will put it in the Personnel mailbox. Deadline for these will be May 30. These comments will be kept anonymous.



First Presbyterian Church volunteers worked at the Soup Kitchen on April 21st.

Thank you to Kathy Zebert, Craig & Barb Davis, Robbie Rohlena and Pastor Mark for your generous gift of time serving our less fortunate in our community. God Bless you!

This month we are highlighting **Memorial**.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THE WORK DONE BY THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE?

The Memorial Committee meets monthly to consider funding requests. The goal of this Committee is to fund projects that make First Presbyterian Church a better place to worship God. Further, our goal is to make it easier and more comfortable to connect with each other as members of the body of Christ.

Those serving on the Memorial Committee believe that worship happens in many ways...over a cup of coffee, a shared meal, receiving the sacraments, the list goes on and on. (In the past, we have agreed to fund an array of projects—everything from handbells to kitchen gadgets).

We also believe that fellowship happens in all areas of the church. Connecting to one another isn't limited to Sundays. Consequently, it is our desire to entertain a wide variety of suggestions. Our aim is to enrich the overall worship experience here at FPC.

So, if you have an idea, a project or a funding request that would benefit this church and its members, let's us know! We are a small Committee, made up of volunteer members Pat Anderson, Juliana Mayne and Patrice Johnson. Feel free to approach any of us with your ideas and suggestions.

Best,  
Patrice Johnson  
Chair, Memorial Committee

Through May we'll continue our **BIBLE STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT** Sunday mornings at 9:30 and Wednesday evenings at 6:15 in Vincent Lounge. We hope you'll join us!

Our **LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES** before summer will be on May 11th!

Our **LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** before summer will be on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>!

Pastor Mark will be out of the state from Thursday through Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, please welcome Rev. Ken Fells to our pulpit.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. David Koehler at Faith United Presbyterian Church at 712-730-4478 or Rev. Jan Christensen at Presbyterian UCC in Le Mars at 712-546-6624.

**SYNOD SCHOOL** will be from July 24<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup> 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/](https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/)

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

May 1: Pierce Rubel  
 May 8: Harper Rohlena  
 May 15: Nicholas Hynds  
 May 22: Nola Rubel  
 May 29: Sya Bates

**Acolytes:**

May 1: Nola Rubel  
 May 8: Hazel Rohlena  
 May 15: Nathan Hynds  
 May 22: Pierce Rubel  
 May 29: Hazel Rohlena

**Lectors:**

May 1: Pat Anderson  
 May 8: Anne Cowley  
 May 14: Andrea Rohlena  
 May 22: Paul Johnson  
 May 29: Heather Rubel

**Tellers:**

May 2: Suzan Stewart & Vicki Jacobs  
 May 9: Kathy Zebert & Ellen Jacobi  
 May 16: Jeff Stanley & Brenda Bradley  
 May 23: Vicki Jacobs & Kathy Zebert  
 May 31: Ellen Jacobi & Suzan Stewart

**Greeter/Usher:**

May 1: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family  
 May 8: Neva Pierce & Juliana Mayne  
 May 15: Chic & Ellen Jacobi  
 May 22: Butch & Mary Floyd  
 May 29: Kevin & Dacia Bates

Memorial Day is an American holiday, **honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.**

Enjoy your Memorial Day this month and bow your head and thank a veteran who gave their all so we could continue to be free.



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
<b>1</b> 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	<b>2</b> 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Piano tuned	<b>7</b> Hazlett recital
<b>8</b> 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission 2:00 SC Chamber Concert	<b>9</b> 5:30 Personnel	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>12</b> 7:00 Christian Discipleship  <i>Karen Out</i>	<b>13</b> Karen Out	<b>14</b> 10:00 Genealogy
<b>15</b> 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 1:00 Confirmation Class	<b>16</b> 12:15 Admin/Fin 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship	<b>17</b> 7:00 Session	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Pastor Mark Out</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Pastor Mark Out</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Pastor Mark Out</i>
<b>22</b> 9:30 Kids choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons  <i>Pastor Mark Out</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Pastor Mark Out</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 4:30—Memorial <i>Print Newsletter</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 1:00 Confirmation Class	<b>30</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b> *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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Twitter@1stChurchSCIA

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

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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.***