

July 1, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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July Worship Service Info



Sunday, July 3—4th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 9:1-11; Fruits of the Spirit—Kindness

Sunday, July 10—5th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Corinthians 8:1-7; Fruits of the Spirit—Goodness

Sunday, July 17—6th Sunday after Pentecost
John 8:1-11; Fruits of the Spirit—Faithfulness & Gentleness

Sunday, July 24—7th Sunday after Pentecost
Romans 7:21-8:6; Fruits of the Spirit—Self-Control

Sunday, July 31—8th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Bev Rautenberg-Panko & Rev. Gary Panko

Friends,

In his short story, “The Devil and Daniel Webster”, Stephen Vincent Benet created the legend of what would happen to someone who went to Daniel Webster’s grave and called out his name:

‘...after a while you’ll hear a deep voice saying, “Neighbor, how stands the Union?”

Then you better answer the Union stands as she stood, rock-bottomed and copper sheathed, one and indivisible, or he’s liable to rear right out of the ground.’

Webster was a statesman whose work to maintain this nation’s unity delayed the Civil War for years. He was a patriot early in our nation’s history, when many Americans were still trying to figure out what it meant to BE an American. If anyone would have been proud to wave the red, white and blue, it would have been Webster.

But not everyone who waves a flag is such a patriot. This being an election year, we’re starting to be swamped with images of politicians waving flags, bunting, and star-spangled balloons; callously doing everything but wearing an Uncle Sam costume to convince us that they are, as Stephen Colbert quipped, “Americans for a more American America.” May we be able to reject such false patriotism as God rejects false worship:

“You hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied rightly about you when he said: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me...’”

Matthew 15:7-8

This pastoral letter has been adapted from one I wrote just a month after one of more poignant honors in my ministry. I led memorial services for one soldier who had been killed in action in Afghanistan. As Christians, we are assured that our honored dead who lived in Christ rest with God. But does this soldier’s grave speak any less eloquently than Daniel Webster? In his memory, shouldn’t we constantly be asking ourselves, “What is the status of this nation for which this young man died? How stands the Union?”

“Therefore I intend to keep on reminding you of these things, though you know them already and are established in the truth that has come to you. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.”

2 Peter 1:12, 15

As we celebrate our nation’s birth, let us put our faith in patriotism where it truly belongs; not with politicians who put on the flag like they put on that day’s necktie, but with those whose constant love of their nation led them to give everything. Let us live in a way that will honor those who have paid this terrible price. Let us perform our patriotic duties, as well as enjoy our patriotic freedoms, in ways that would show to those who have gone before us that this nation is worthy of their sacrifice. And if anyone should ever ask, “How stands the Union?” may we be able to answer truly, “The Union stands as she has always stood. One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

In Christ,

Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark will be taking continuing education and vacation time from Monday, July 25th through Monday, August 8th. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact Rev. David Koehler at 712-730-4478 or Rev. Rex Wentzel at 712-560-5127.

Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....and still looking for volunteers.....

July 3 Vocal Quartet - Lance Eybers, Barb Davis, Andrea Rohlena and Michael Rohlena

July 10

July 17

July 24 Cello Duet - Anne Cowley and Cesar Hernandez

July 31 Siouxland Discovery Chorus

August 7 Vocal Ensemble - Rachael Wragge and Augustana Lutheran Women's Ensemble

August 14

August 21

August 28

September 5

Mary Benton, Director of Music

Presbyterians love baseball!

Join your Church family at the Explorers ballpark for a bit of summertime fun. Mark your calendars for August 10th. That's a Wednesday night. And first pitch is 7:05 pm. Paul Johnson is organizing a block of tickets at a reduced rate. So if you would like to go, contact either Paul (712.251.0379) or Patrice (712.251.5183). Tickets are priced at 8-dollars each. The Johnsons will get you all signed up!

Hope to see you at Lewis and Clark Park!



May's fellowship dinner at the Rarick's.

Income & Disbursement Summary Through May 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	\$ 150,179.57
Other operating income	\$ 7,073.61
Restricted donations	\$ 2,251.68
Per Capita	\$ 1,297.20
Total Income	\$ 160,802.06

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 9,754.47
Ministry*	\$ 51,353.39
Music	\$ 4,306.58
Christian Discipleship	\$ 996.70
Building & Grounds	\$ 50,335.13
Office and Admin	\$ 7,436.30
Assessment	\$ 6,566.70
Other**	\$ 17,085.79
Personnel Payroll	\$ 55,676.63
Total Disbursements	\$ 203,511.69

Gain or Loss	\$ (42,709.63)
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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.



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

May 29	64 in sanctuary
June 5	61 in sanctuary
June 12	84 in sanctuary
June 19	61 in sanctuary
June 26	60 in sanctuary



MISSING! Do you know what happened to our two clothes baskets that Mission was using? They have gone missing! If you have any idea where they are, please reach out to Karen in the church office.

Thank you!!

July birthdays



1st - Lowell Vos	17th - Olivia Baier
3rd - Lauren Messersmith	18th - Terry Beaumont
5th - Trevor Bradley	19th - Grayson Haak
7th - Linda Williams	30th - Brant Mozak
11th - Ella Erickson	

July anniversaries



13th - Lowell & Judy Vos
 19th - Adam & Jen Preston
 30th - John & Vicki Ackerman

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.

Rarick's Firework Party

Saturday, July 2nd at 7 pm

Location: 45925 Timber Road, Vermillion, SD

Please bring:

- * Snacks to share
- * Lawn chairs

Optional: fireworks to shoot off (or fireworks for the "kids" to shoot off).

Please contact Patty & Jeff if you plan to attend; having an idea on a headcount is helpful.



Thank you to these four singing together one last time on Sunday, May 29th.

Good luck the Rubel family. Eric, Heather, Nola & Pierce moved to Omaha. We will miss them and look forward to them coming back for visits.

Director of Christian Discipleship
First Presbyterian Church
Sioux City, Iowa
Job Description

Title: Director of Christian Discipleship

Purpose: Serve the Christian Discipleship ministry with comprehensive oversight of programs and volunteers dedicated to the ongoing Christian formation of children, youth, their parents, and other adults within the congregation contributing to the overall mission of First Presbyterian Church, Sioux City.

Reports to: Pastor, Christian Discipleship Committee

Responsibilities:

Identify and coordinate curriculum choices for Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, Adult Bible Study and Confirmation in conversation with the Christian Discipleship Committee.

Recruit and train teachers/volunteers for Sunday school and VBS. When a Sunday school teacher or volunteer is unavailable on any Sunday, the Director should be prepared to take their place that day.

Develop and lead training for the participation of children and younger youth in worship as acolytes and bible carriers.

Work with our Children's Choir director to feature children's musical talents in worship.

Work with outside Christian educators to plan, promote and participate in multi-church events.

Promote upcoming Christian Discipleship activities well in advance via bulletins, newsletters, texts, emails, and/or social media.

Recognize and thank leaders and participants in Christian Discipleship activities.

Work with the Christian Discipleship committee to arrange an annual budget.

Lead annual performance reviews for Crèche attendants.

Will keep sufficient supplies available for teachers.

Will provide direct supervision, planning, and implementing of:

- Sunday Church School
- Children's music activities
- Supervision and staffing of the Crèche for all services and meetings

Other duties as necessary.

Minimum Qualifications:

Experience teaching and/or leading Christian Education/Discipleship programs.

Background check is a requirement of employment.

Physical Requirements:

Able to move freely in and out of different congregational settings (homes, church, businesses).

Able to speak in a public setting

Work Hours:

Part Time position including required hours every Sunday morning 9:00 – 11:30 during school year. Ensure Sunday School goes smoothly, be available to all the teachers, and supervise the crèche.

Required attendance of monthly staff meetings and Christian Discipleship committee meetings.

Office Hours as necessary.

Does this sound like you or anyone you know? Please send them our way. They can stop into the church office or call Karen to have an application mailed to them. We'd love to grow our classes.

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!

Through the end of July, our Mission Committee will be collecting **DONATIONS FOR THE WARMING SHELTER**. We'll help them prepare to welcome clients next winter by collecting:

- Vinyl, waterproof twin-sized mattress covers
- Vinyl, waterproof pillow covers
- Storage bins with lids
- Paper plates, cups and bowls
- Ground coffee

Look for more information about where to leave your donations. And thanks!

Confirmation 2022



Congratulations to Nathan Hynds and Suriana Uhl on their confirmation on Sunday, June 12th.

They have been studying all year to make this profession.



This month we are highlighting **Christian Discipleship**.

The Christian Discipleship committee is currently a group of three members: Jane Hey, Kim Messersmith, and Charlotte Nagel. We meet on one Thursday evening a month at 7:00 with a break during the month of June or July.

Some of the activities we support for engaging and cultivating the children and youth in the church:

Sunday School and Bible School

Fall Festival activities at the end of October

Student participation in church services

Student involvement with mission and community service projects such as packing the disaster assistance kits with personal hygiene items donated by the congregation

Kindergarten, high school, and college graduate recognition and reception

Confirmation reception

Youth group activities to begin this fall

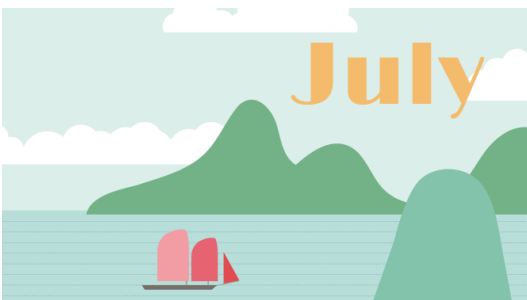
If you would like more information about our committee, please feel free to talk with us.



Westminster Presbyterian Church invites all of our families to take part in their **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, "Mission: Deep Sea". It will be at Westminster from Monday to Thursday, August 1st-4th from 6 to 8 p.m. Come enjoy stories, games, crafts and snacks as we learn how our faith can grow deeper! And contact Pastor Mark for more info about how adults, and kids 7th grade or older, can help!



Your staff would like to wish you a safe and fun 4th of July!

**Wednesday Night Meal Hosts:***On Hiatus***Coffee Fellowship Hosts:***On Hiatus***Bible Carriers:**

July 3: Emmett Rohlena

July 10: Harper Rohlena

July 17: Sage Pierson

July 24: Nathan Hynds

July 31: Sage Pierson

Acolytes:

July 3: Harper Rohlena

July 10: Hazel Rohlena

July 17: Emmett Rohlena

July 24: Nicholas Hynds

July 31: Sya Bates

Lectors:

July 3: Randy Benton

July 10: Pat Anderson

July 17: Suriana Uhl

July 24: Paul Johnson

July 31: Gerald Messersmith

Tellers:

July 5: Ellen Jacobi & Carol Smith

July 11: Suzan Stewart & Kathy Zebert

July 18: Jeff Stanley & Brenda Bradley

July 25: Carol Smith & Vicki Jacobs

Greeter/Usher:

July 3: Bob & Pat Anderson

July 10: Kevin & Dacia Bates

July 17: Anne Cowley & Barb Davis

July 24: Chic & Ellen Jacobi

July 31: Butch & Mary Floyd

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
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
3 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	4 <i>Office closed</i>	5	6	7	8	9 10:00 Genealogy
10 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	18 12:15 Admin/Fin	19 7:00 Session	20	21	22 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	23
24 & 31 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	25	26	27 <i>Print Newsletter</i>	28	29	30

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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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.....
Office Admin/Finance Mgr.....Karen Heinemann
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.***