

June 1, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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June Worship Service Info



Sunday, June 5—Pentecost Sunday
1 John 4:7-21; Fruits of the Spirit—Love

Sunday, June 12—Trinity Sunday
John 16:16-24; Fruits of the Spirit—Jo
Sunday, June 19—2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Philippians 4:4-9; Fruits of the Spirit—Peace
Sunday, June 26th—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.

Proverbs 22:6

Friends,

On June 12th our confirmation class students will be confirmed as members of our church. I've been blessed to be able to spend the last few months of Sundays with Nate Hynds and Suri Uhl, as well as Emma Nelson from Westminster Presbyterian Church. I've been fascinated to learn where our conversations about our faith lead them and how they relate our beliefs to their own young lives.

But like every pastor, I worry that these teens might consider their confirmation service to be their "graduation" from church; that they will finish the service, walk out of the church and never return. Yes, we expect them to begin making their own decisions about how they'll participate in our church. But I hope that when they are given this freedom and this responsibility, they'll choose to continue to worship and serve with all of us.

Give instruction to the wise, and they will become wiser still; teach the righteous and they will gain in learning.

Proverbs 9:9

One of the reasons that these young people shouldn't consider this their "graduation" is that they still have so much to learn. While I've asked them to process an enormous amount of scripture, theology, and conversations about their lives in the church, we've still only scratched the surface of what our faith can mean to them. I hope that these teens will look to our Adult Bible Study as an example. When I attend this Bible Study, I find myself sitting with people my age and older who are all still in the process of learning more about God's word and how they can live that word. We've all been confirmed. But we're not done learning.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus ... so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-15, 17

For these teens, confirmation class has been like kindergarten. They've learned the fundamentals. Now they're ready to learn by doing. As confirmed members of our church, they are eligible to serve as deacons and elders. They can vote in our congregational meetings. But most of all, they can keep on learning. They can take everything they've been learning from books and videos and exercises and their mission project over the last few months and put it into practice. They can continue to read the Bible and pray and worship and serve. For our confirmation class students, kindergarten is over. Now they can begin the rest of their lives of living and learning and growing in Christ.

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

In Christ,

Pastor Mark



Mary's Music Notes—



Hello. Below is part of an article for the newsletter, I will probably add more. You can hand off the hymn requests to me at the meeting tomorrow and I will get typed up - to share a copy with Pastor and for me, and then add in next Sundays.

Many thanks to all those who shared their time and talents with music and worship this past program year at First Presbyterian Church. We are one of the few churches in the area that still has a 5 octave bell choir that is active monthly, as well as a choir that can sing 4 part harmony. These are things that are slipping away in worship in many churches. We want all to know that we greatly appreciate them!!! So, if you see any of the following members, please share your gratitude with them for enhancing our worship of the Lord. And we are always looking for more to join us - we are a family and have a good time - talent is not necessary, just a heart to share and join in.

Handbells: regulars and subs

Michael Rohlena	Andrea Rohlena	Randy Benton	Amy Hynds	Nicholas Hynds
Isabele Raveling	Audrey Raveling	Lona Hood	Renee Weinberg	Galen Gunnink
Rhonda Minen	Jane Vereen	Pam Wooldridge-Perez	Ellen Jacobi	Linda Williams
Sharon Hsieh	Jesse Wipperling	John Mayne	Sandy Bainbridge	

Choir:

Michael Rohlena	Randy Benton	Lance Eybers	Brian Hazlett	Chic Jacobi
John Mayne	Paul Johnson	Gerald Messersmith	Jeff Stanley	Craig Bainbridge
Patrice Johnson	Anne Cowley	Pam Woolridge-Perez	Barb Davis	Kim Messersmith
Katy Christensen	Ellen Jacobi	Andrea Rohlena	Jane Hey	Sandy Bainbridge

Many thanks to our faithful and creative directors:

Anne Cowley and Rachael Wragge

And many thanks to our youth and kids for sharing as time permits!!!

Looking for summer soloists yet.....if you can share or know someone, please contact Mary Kay Benton or Rachael Wragge.

May 29 - September 4 Below is what we have so far:

May 29 Spencer Schnetzer - low brass solo - The Holy City

June 10 Rohlena sisters

July 3 Barb Davis - vocal - I Love This Land

July 31 Siouxland Discovery Chorus

August 7 Rachael Wragge and the Augustana Women

Summer Hymn Requests - have like 90 titles turned in for bout 30 spots (sermon hymn is still being selected by Pastor Mark to continue his sermon theme for our worship). So, I chose by those that had the most requests and then will also try to pick my prelude/offertory/postlude to match the hymns that were requested by didn't get selected. Wonderful to see so many enjoying all the hymns and adding to our worship!!!

Mary Benton, Director of Music

Income & Disbursement Summary Through April 30, 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	\$ 135,454.08
Other operating income	\$ 5,055.81
Restricted donations	\$ 2,223.11
Per Capita	\$ 1,297.20
Total Income	\$ 144,030.20

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 8,337.80
Ministry*	\$ 40,984.83
Music	\$ 3,822.54
Christian Discipleship	\$ 314.92
Building & Grounds	\$ 43,902.39
Office and Admin	\$ 6,470.98
Assessment	\$ 5,253.36
Other**	\$ 14,424.02
Personnel Payroll	\$ 44,841.59
Total Disbursements	\$ 168,352.43

Gain or Loss	\$ (24,322.23)
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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 1	72 in sanctuary
May 8	94 in sanctuary
May 15	83 in sanctuary
May 22	67 in sanctuary

Announcements from Pastor Mark

In addition to our church's private Facebook group, we are now using a **PUBLIC FACEBOOK PAGE**. Here are the differences:

The Facebook Group at "First Presbyterian Church Group, Sioux City, Iowa" can only be viewed by people who have been invited, or have asked to join the group. If you have announcements, photos, videos, or prayer requests that you **ONLY** want our congregation to see, this is the place for that.

The Facebook Page at "First Presbyterian Church, Sioux City" can be seen by anyone on Facebook who wants to learn more about our church. It's also a great way to promote what you love here! Just like and share any posts that you want your other friends to see.

If you haven't already, please take part by asking to join the Group, and by liking the Page. And please let Andrea Rohlena or Pastor Mark know if you have any questions or suggestions. Thanks!

During June and 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!

June birthdays



2nd - Vicki Ackerman
 3rd - Audrey Raveling
 5th - Judy Vos
 6th - Harper Rohlena
 9th - Jerry Gardiner
 10th - Jane Elliott
 11th - Emma Sonier

15th - Kevin Bates
 17th - Joyce Krone
 26th - Dylan Baier
 27th - Gracie Pageler
 27th - Kerwin Meyer
 30th - Ron Rohlena



June anniversaries

4th - Colin & Pokey Jensen
 11th - Ralph & Julie Reeder
 15th - Kevin & Dacia Bates
 20th - Chuck & Rose Warner
 22nd - Jeff & Kim Stanley
 24th - Damon & Heather Baier

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.*

2022 Kindergarten and College graduates

Kindergarten

Rayden Bradley

Carter Hunt



College

Sarah Benton graduated from Luther College. Sarah is furthering her education by attending Creighton University to achieve her master's degree in Occupational Therapy.

Luke Johnson graduated from University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Luke will be attending Creighton University for his master's degree in analytics and statistics.

Mae Macfarlane graduated from the University of St. Thomas. Mae will be attending the University of Oregon at Eugene this fall for a master's degree in journalism.

Hanna Vos graduated from Southern Minnesota State University. Hanna graduated in the honors program by receiving A's throughout her college term.

On Sunday, May 15th we celebrated all the graduates and held our last day of Sunday School.

Enjoy your summer everyone and hope to see you all back in September.



For the month of April the Mission Committee was collecting hygiene items to put together hygiene kits. 76 total kits were assembled. The remaining items were donated to the Warming Shelter.



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!

Message from Finance

Dear Church family:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Finance Committee and Session to let you know more about our financial situation. We have been running with a negative balance in our checking account since February with an increasing deficit occurring over the past four months. Some of the deficit is related to expenses not anticipated, such as \$15,052 for gas utilities in 2022 due to the natural gas surcharge passed along by Mid-American Energy. We had budgeted \$5,000 for the first four months. We also have had some building maintenance expenses, such as wiring for the kitchen and back hallway, as well as other projects that the Buildings and Grounds Commission has had to complete to properly maintain our building and keep us safe. We have also lost some key members in our congregation who were generously underwriting some of these projects in past years. Our giving year-to-date is \$18,000 less than budgeted, primarily attributed to lower non-pledged and loose offering gifts. The combination of higher expenses and lower gifting has amounted to a \$10,000 loss each month for the past three months. Although we have been able to move \$35,000 from our operating endowment fund, we cannot continue to rely on these funds to cover the shortfall for an extended period without exhausting this account. Session has instructed each committee to review their budgets and spending, reducing their costs where they are able to without adversely affecting the church or our key programs. Buildings and Grounds have deferred many of the projects planned for the spring and summer to later in the year or 2023 to reduce their costs. We will be able to reduce our deficit to some degree by taking these actions but need your help to help increase the funds received each month. It is a difficult request to make in these challenging times, but I am asking on behalf of Session if each person attending would consider giving just a little bit more to help with our financial crisis. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our financial situation in more detail, please feel free to reach out to any of the members of the Finance Committee or Session. Thank you in advance for your help as we all look for opportunities to keep our Church on firm financial footing.

Kind regards,

Jeff Stanley

Administration and Finance Committee Moderator

This month we are highlighting **Member Care**.

The Member Care Committee is an active group of 9 members: Vicki Ackerman, Ann Cowley, Barb Davis, Julie Eybers, Tim Hynds, Patty Rarick, Ron Rohlena, Judy Voss ^& Kathy Zebert. We meet on the first Sunday of the month after service, with a break during the summer months.

Some of the activities we support for the congregation are:

Fellowship Dinners-Pairs or singles sign up to host 6 others for a supper
Prayer shawls, Lenten Luncheons, Graduation quilts for our High School Seniors
Quarterly potluck dinners, Prayer Concerns
Rose on the Communion Table for new babies
"Bring a friend Sunday" 2nd Sunday each month
First Presbyterian Treasures Luncheon-biannually for our members 75 years plus
On Line Pictorial Member Directory
Special Events: Bandits, Musketeers, & Explorers game outings
Coffee hour & Wednesday night dinners

If you would like to know more about our amazing committee, please feel free to contact us. Come join the fun!



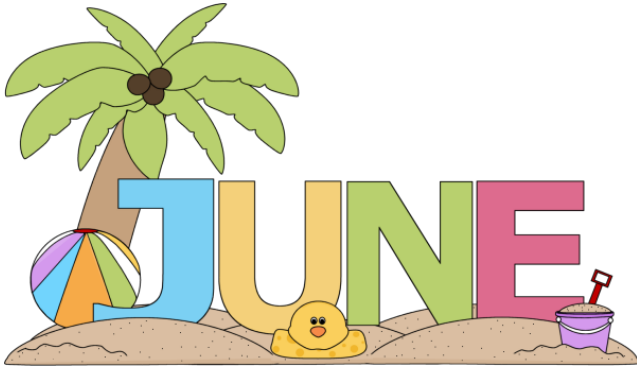
Member Care Committee is hosting a Father's Day Brunch

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH 9:30AM-10:30AM

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration for all our fathers. Mark your calendar to come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship.

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society"

Billy Graham

**Wednesday Night Meal Hosts:***On Hiatus***Coffee Fellowship Hosts:***On Hiatus***Lectors:**

June 5: John Mayne

June 12: Linda Williams

June 19: Michael Rohlena

June 26: Jane Vereen

Bible Carriers:

June 5: Emmett Rohlena

June 12: Nicholas Hynds

June 19: Emmett Rohlena

June 26: Harper Rohlena

Tellers:

June 6: Brenda Bradley & Vicki Jacobs

June 13: Kathy Zebert & Vicki Jacobs

June 20: Suzan Stewart & Carol Smith

June 27: Jeff Stanley & Ellen Jacobi

Acolytes:

June 5: Aidan Hunt

June 12: Nathan Hynds

June 19: Harper Rohlena

June 26: Sya Bates

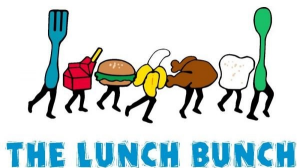
Greeter/Usher:

June 5: Barb Davis & Kathy Zebert

June 12: Vicki Ackerman & Anne Cowley

June 19: Bob & Pat Anderson

June 26: Lowell & Judy Vos



Please join! We are starting up the monthly lunch bunch again. Sunday, June 12th, at Chili's right after worship. We will be enjoying good food, good conversation and great fellowship. Hope to see many join us.

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
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 4:00 Olson wed- ding rehearsal	4 Noon Olson wedding pics and 3:00 Wedding
5 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care 1:00 Confirmation Class w/Session	6 5:30 Building & Grounds	7	8	9	10	11 10:00 Genealogy
12 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship / with Confirmation 11:30—Lunch Bunch meeting at Chili's	13 5:30 Personnel	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 Breakfast & Coffee for Father's Day 10:30 Worship	20 12:15 Admin/Fin	21 7:00 Session	22	23 Area 8 Handbell Festival in KC through 6/25 4:30—Memorial	24	25
26 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	27 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Wor- ship <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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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.**

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awards, job promotions,
or other news you'd like to share?



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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.***