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First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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August Worship Service Info



Sunday, Aug 7—9th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Michael McCallum

Sunday, Aug 14—10th Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 7:1-10; Jesus and the Soldier

Sunday, Aug 21—11th Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 8:26-29; Jesus and the Madman

Sunday, Aug 28—12th Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 10:38-42; Jesus and the Sisters

Friends,

You may remember skits performed on the children's television show "Sesame Street". The skits would introduce people who kids might meet every day, like a grocer, a police officer, or a teacher. The skits would end with characters singing, "These Are the People in Your Neighborhood."

During worship over the next few weeks, we'll be talking about the people in Jesus' neighborhood. Most of these stories will come from the gospel of Luke. While Matthew is often about Jesus' sermons, Mark is about Jesus' miracles, and John is about the poetry of Jesus' life, the gospel of Luke is often more about the compassion and humanity that Jesus showed individuals.

*Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus;
he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was,
but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.*

from Luke 19:1-3

Many of these stories are there to show how Jesus dealt on a personal level with the people he met. Rather than always trying to preach to crowds of people or perform miracles in front of thousands, many times the best way Jesus could show the love of God was by showing that love to one person. These people, and the witnesses around them, could then spread the stories of what Jesus had done. Jesus took these opportunities to teach people, to heal them, and to offer forgiveness to them.

*... Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.
She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.*

from Luke 10:38-39

But as usual, these stories also show us how we too can live Christ-like lives. Yes, a few people may have opportunities to affect multitudes by building churches, raising millions of dollars, or bringing thousands of new believers to Christ. But for many of us, the greatest impact we'll have for the Kingdom of God will be in these personal, intimate settings with just a handful of people, or only one. By living according to Jesus' example, we can use our own opportunities to bring God's hope, joy and peace to the people next to us. While Jesus showed God's love for the world, we can spend our lives showing God's love to one person at a time, in our own neighborhood.

*Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'
When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.*

from Luke 5:10-11

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.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....

August 7 Rachael and Augustana Women's Vocal Ensemble

August 14 Still available for you to share!!

August 21 John Mayne - Cello

August 28 First Presbyterian Women's Vocal Ensemble

September 4 First Presbyterian Men's Quartet

September 11 Adult Choir

AUGUST 31 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Handbell Choir and Adult Choir will start their weekly practices. Please consider joining in our worship of the Lord!!!

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!



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!

Income & Disbursement Summary Through June 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	\$ 174,560.25
Other operating income	\$ 8,111.53
Restricted donations	\$ 2,011.11
Per Capita	\$ 1,339.68
Total Income	\$ 186,022.57

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 13,796.14
Ministry*	\$ 60,499.77
Music	\$ 5,469.93
Christian Discipleship	\$ 1,064.31
Building & Grounds	\$ 55,326.29
Office and Admin	\$ 8,958.77
Assessment	\$ 7,880.04
Other**	\$ 19,728.37
Personnel Payroll	\$ 67,011.37
Total Disbursements	\$ 239,734.99

Gain or Loss	\$ (53,712.42)
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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

July 3	72 in sanctuary
July 10	77 in sanctuary
July 17	64 in sanctuary
July 24	68 in sanctuary

COMING SOON!!

Ever wished that you could use electronic payments to tithe to the Church, especially if you are at the Lakes over the summer or in a warmer climate over the winter? Tired to writing checks and just want to push a button to donate funds to the Church? Well, your Church is slowly creeping into the 21st century and this option is now available to you! On September 1, we will be introducing a new on-line giving portal hosted by Security National Bank that allows you to give money to the church electronically. You can give via your checking account or by credit card, and you can set up a one-time payment or recurring payments that you can change at any time. The safe and secure portal link will be available on our webpage next month.

Look for more information in next month's newsletter!

August birthdays



August anniversaries

1st - Chic Jacobi
 2nd - Annika Johnson
 2nd - Carol Smith
 5th - Amy Denney
 6th - Cruz Bradley
 6th - Owen Mozak
 6th - Galen Gunnink
 7th - Luke Benton
 8th - Ben Erickson
 9th - Brenda Bradley
 10th - Carol Beaumont
 11th - Gary Smith

16th - Jeff Rarick
 17th - Duane Behrens
 21st - Della Nicolaisen
 24th - Lona Hood
 24th - Patty Rarick
 26th - Suzan Stewart
 27th - Tiffany Hunt
 29th - Samantha Sonier
 29th - Scott McCormick
 30th - Kim McCormick
 30th - Sandy Bainbridge
 30th - Enoch Graim

14th - Ryan & Amy Denney
 19th - Ron & Robbie Rohlena
 24th - Tim & Sabrina Stodden
 25th - Steve & Brenda Bradley
 31st - Paul & Patrice Johnson

12th - Katherine Christensen



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.*



4th of July fun at Jeff & Patty's home!
 Thanks for all the memories!



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.

Endowment Fund

Market Update

Uncomfortably high inflation and geopolitical unrest were the major sources of market volatility during the first half of 2022. Most major equity markets entered bear market territory (down 20%) during the second quarter. Even bonds, which normally provide a safe haven, fell as a result of rising interest rates. Through the end of June, the First Presbyterian Church Agency declined 15.2%. Since inception of management in early 2012, the portfolio assets have produced a rate of return of 5.0% annually after management fees. The overall mix of the endowment portfolio remains in-line with the target allocation of 65% equities and 35% fixed income and cash.

As we look ahead, markets could remain volatile as uncertainty shapes the economic outlook. Consumers are battling high inflation, however supply shortages seem to be easing. Despite the ongoing inflationary environment, the labor market continues to be a bright spot. Recent jobs reports beat market estimates while jobless claims remain near historic lows. The Fed will likely remain aggressive in the near term in their efforts to reduce inflation. As we move into the third quarter, we are comfortable with how the portfolio is positioned. The account will remain well diversified with a tilt towards value (stocks) and shorter term bond maturities (bonds). Both strategies have worked well in this challenging environment.

Estate Planning Tip

Tax Legislation That May Benefit You

An added feature of our Estate Planning Tip is that we want to keep you informed of pending and passed tax legislation that may benefit you. On March 1, 2022, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed into law what has commonly been referred to as a flat tax for Iowa. The most significant feature of this law is that it will reduce the top current personal income tax rate of 8.53% to 3.9% in 2026. Although the bill impacts

personal income tax rates, many other parts of the bill may generate tax savings, too. Other features of the new bill include:

- Exemption of “retirement income” for those age 55 or older, including the recipient or their spouse’s Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), pension plans or annuities.

- 100% exclusion from state capital gains for any sale of “qualified” stock by a stock owner who acquired the stock while employed with the company. This exclusion will be phased in, with a complete exclusion as of 2025. Talk with your CPA and lawyer as there are conditions that must be met.

- Some farm lease and real estate income for a farmer 55 years or age or older, who no longer materially participates in a farm tenancy, may be excluded from their state income tax for land that the farmer owned for 10 or more years. In addition, the bill allows a retired farmer 55 or older to exclude capital gains from their state income tax for the sale of farm real estate if they materially participated. This new exclusion becomes effective for the 2023 state tax year.

Many of these new policies provide important opportunities to plan for the future with some new tools. Be sure to visit with your professional advisors when updating or reviewing your estate plan.

The information above is broad in nature and we recommend visiting with your professional advisor, attorney or CPA if you have a charitable intent or want to learn more about ways to extend IRA payouts to children named as IRA beneficiaries.

This month we are highlighting Building & Grounds.

Buildings and Grounds is charged with the maintenance of the physical structure of the church (electrical, plumbing, the roof, the boiler and other large equipment, etc) and the grounds surrounding it (green space bordering 7th and our parking lot, the parking lot itself, the sidewalks surrounding the church on 6th, Nebraska and 7th).

Building & Grounds meets on the first Monday of each month.

Chris Hunt is your moderator for Building & Grounds.

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!



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

Aug 7: Nicholas Hynds

Aug 14: Sya Bates

Aug 21: Emmett Rohlena

Aug 28: Harper Rohlena

Coffee Fellowship Hosts:*On Hiatus***Lectors:**

Aug 7: Barb Davis

Aug 14: John Mayne

Aug 21: Judy Vos

Aug 28: Suriana Uhl

Tellers:

Aug 1: Ellen Jacobi & Jeff Stanley

Aug 8: Brenda Bradley & Suzan Stewart

Aug 15: Vicki Jacobs & Kathy Zebert

Aug 22: Carol Smith & Ellen Jacobi

Aug 29: Suzan Stewart & Jeff Stanley

Acolytes:

Aug 7: Nathan Hynds

Aug 14: Sage Pierson

Aug 21: Emmett Rohlena

Aug 28: Hazel Rohlena

Greeter/Usher:

Aug 7: Lowell & Judy Vos

Aug 14: Vicki Ackerman & Neva Pierce

Aug 21: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

Aug 28: Kathy Zebert & Anne Cowley

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
	1 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	8	9	10	11	12	13 10:00 Genealogy
14 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission	15 12:15 Admin/Fin	16 7:00 Session	17	18 7:00 Christian Discipleship	19	20
21 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	22 5:00 Staff 5:30 Music & Worship	23	24	25 4:30 Memorial	26 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	27
28 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	29	30 <i>Print Newsletter</i>	31 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	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>		

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.***