

October 1, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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October Worship Service Info



Sunday, Oct 2—17th Sunday after Pentecost
II Corinthians 8:1-7; Examples of Generosity

Sunday, Oct 9—18th Sunday after Pentecost
II Corinthians 8:8-15; Wanting to Help

Sunday, Oct 16—19th Sunday after Pentecost
II Corinthians 9:1-5; Don't Embarrass Me

Sunday, Oct 23—20th Sunday after Pentecost
II Corinthians 9:6-15; The Blessings of Giving

Sunday, Oct 30—21st Sunday after Pentecost
Romans 8:12-17; Heirs of God's Promise

Friends,

The apostle Paul spent a lot of his second letter to the church in Corinth encouraging them to participate in a collection for the church in Jerusalem. That city was enduring a famine, and their church needed assistance in aiding their people. 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 are masterworks in fundraising. Many of us are familiar with the most famous line from these chapters, “God loves a cheerful giver.” But Paul uses all of his rhetorical skills; pleading, goading, flattering, and challenging the Corinthians to attain new heights of generosity.

*Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness,
and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.*

2 Corinthians 8:7

In our own time, we are enduring our own sort of need. Inflation has hit all of us, in the groceries we buy, the gas we pump, and the bills we pay. And, despite all the ways that God has blessed our church, our own finances have been similarly affected. Despite rising costs, we still need to keep the boiler working and the lights on. Our Finance and Administration Committee has been working faithfully to make the best use of your generous offerings in order to provide for our church's needs, so we can continue fulfilling our calling to worship the Lord and serve our neighbors.

In light of this year's financial situation, our committees have trimmed their expected budgets for next year. We have put a freeze on staff salaries, and instead of paying a cook, we are asking volunteers to prepare our Wednesday evening meals.

None of us claim to share Paul's talent for rhetoric. But we are asking you to do your part in helping us provide for the needs of our church. If you pledged this year, thank you! We ask that you fulfill your pledge before the end of 2022. And we hope that you will prayerfully consider increasing your pledge for 2023.

If you have not pledged before, we ask you to help us by participating in this important part of our financial planning for the next year. The amount you pledge is not nearly as important to us as your faithful promise to be a part of our continuing ministry.

We're asking for pledges for 2023 to be submitted to the church by the end of October. You'll find a pledge slip below that you can put in the offering plates during worship, or simply mail to the church office. And remember, you can now make online donations through our church's giving portal. Just go to www.1st-presbyterianchurch.org/giving and then click on the green “Donate” banner below.

We hope that you'll take this opportunity to express your faith in God and your love for this church and everyone we serve through your financial support. Thank you, and may God bless our congregation and our community.

*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity,
which will produce thanksgiving to God through us...*

2 Corinthians 9:11

MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Rev. Mark Bedford	Jeff Stanley, Moderator	John Mayne	Chris Hunt
Gerald Messersmith	Suzan Stewart	Karen Heinemann	

MY COMMITMENT TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR 2023

To be submitted to the church in person or by mail by October 31st, 2022

In grateful recognition that all my time, treasure, and ability come from God,

I gladly join with others in the support of Christ's church.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

I pledge \$ _____ for the worship, education, pastoral service, church upkeep, and mission of the church.

To be paid _____ Per Week _____ Per Month _____ Other _____

I understand that I can adjust this commitment at any time by contacting the church office.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please keep a copy of this pledge as a reminder of your commitment to the work of Christ for 2023

Mary's Music Notes—



A look ahead.....

October 2 Choir

October 9 Youth

October 16 Handbells

October 23 Women's Choir

October 30 Choir

Reminder that all are welcome to join in - adult choir, handbells and youth music. Come and add to our worship service.

I'm assuming an update on the organ will be shared, once we have all the information. It is not the easy fix/tuning that we had hoped for. Many factors have contributed over a long time, to cause all the issues we are experiencing. I hope you have enjoyed the piano thus far. It has been kind of week by week, as to what instrument would be used. We are hoping the organ will be back working by the end of September and then we shall see how it functions as we move forward.

Mary Benton, Director of Music

Friends, after spending months trying to sell or give away some used furniture and one used office copier, we'd like to offer these items to our members.

Kyocera TASKalfa 3500i office copier.

66" x 30" x 30" high desk, light grey metal with wood finish top.

66" x 14 ½ " x 36" high overhead desk attachment with 2 cabinets, light grey metal.

59" x 21" x 30" high table, brown metal.

First come, first served, and you MUST arrange transportation yourself! Please contact Pastor Mark if you're interested.

Income & Disbursement Summary Through August 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	\$ 233,986.79
Other operating income	\$ 10,719.18
Restricted donations	\$ 2,011.11
Per Capita	\$ 1,339.68
Total Income	\$ 210,305.63

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 16,629.48
Ministry*	\$ 80,120.59
Music	\$ 6,047.07
Christian Discipleship	\$ 1,167.13
Building & Grounds	\$ 70,398.83
Office and Admin	\$ 12,247.74
Assessment	\$ 10,880.04
Other**	\$ 24,859.17
Personnel Payroll	\$ 87,783.23
Total Disbursements	\$ 309,759.96

Gain or Loss	\$ (61,703.20)
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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.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Sept 4	68 in sanctuary
Sept 11	106 in sanctuary
Sept 18	63 in sanctuary
Sept 25	82 in sanctuary

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.



October birthdays

2nd - Damon Baier	17th - Easton Boettcher
5th - Rola Rubel	18th - Jeff Stanley
6th - Sarah Benton	21st- Andrea Rohlena
9th - Sya Lynn Bates	23rd - Kim Stanley
10th - Caroline Steill	24th - Sarah Steill
12th - Ellen Jacobi	29th - Peter Macfarlane
15th - Carl Rarick	30th - Joyce Strasser

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.

October anniversaries

2nd - Tim & Amy Hynds
2nd - Chris & Mandy Ellis
10th - Ben & Brandi Erickson
17th - Craig & Barb Davis



No more writing checks!

New Giving Portal now available to electronically gift money to the Church!

The members of the Finance Commission are pleased to offer a new giving portal that will allow the congregation to gift money to the Church at their convenience, versus writing a check and waiting for Sunday to place it in the Offering Plate. Provided in conjunction with our banking partners at Security National Bank, it is a safe, efficient, and easy way to offer your financial support to the Church.

To use the giving portal, do the following...

go to our website at www.1st-PresbyterianChurch.org

- At the top of the webpage, click on "Giving"

Next, click on the green box that says "Donate to the First Presbyterian Church"

You will be automatically connected to the giving portal.

- Choose your payment option, either a major credit card or checking account
- Enter your donation amount, your name, email, phone number and home address
- Enter your credit card or bank account information
- Under memo, you can designate the funds if you so wish (normal offering, a memorial, a gift to music, buildings and grounds, missions, etc.)
- Hit "Continue"

You will now be taken to a page to confirm your information. Once you agree that all information is correct, click on "Authorize Payment"

That's it! You will receive an email confirmation of the amount you gifted and that the payment has been received. Payments are normally deposited into the Church checking account within 24-48 hours upon gifting. Karen will then credit your payment against your account as if you wrote a check and placed it in the offering plate.

It is that simple, and as safe as banking at Security National Bank!

So, the next time you are at The Lakes, on vacation, or in a warmer climate during the Iowa winter months and wish to make a gift to the Church, a few minutes and clicks are all that is required!

Please let us know how you like the Portal, and reach out to any member of the Finance Commission if you have any questions.

Jeff Stanley, Moderator of Finance

Our Member Care team is asking for volunteers to prepare and serve our **WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNERS**. Individuals, families, committees or organizations can sign up for one week at a time or several. Contact Vicki Ackerman for more information, or look for the sign-up sheets at church. And come join your friends in the middle of the week for a great meal!

Friends, our church's **ONLINE GIVING PORTAL** is up and running on our website! Make your offering instantly, from wherever you are! Just go to www.1st-presbyterianchurch.org/giving and then click on the green "Donate" banner below. Thank you!



LAKE SHORE CENTER

Volunteers Needed

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us with clean up and upkeep of the camp!



We need help with:

- Painting
- Shed Clean Up
- Lawn Maintenance
 - Mowing, weed whacking, raking
- Tree removal

Volunteers Stay Free!
Breakfast and lunch included!

INTERESTED?

📞 712-337-3313

DATES

- Youth Work Weekend- Sept 30- Oct 2
- Fall Clean Up- Oct 21-23

VOLUNTEER TIMES:
8AM- 4PM- MEALS INCLUDED

OR EMAIL
office@ilovelakeshore.org

Please consider volunteering to help with Fall Clean-Up in Okoboji at The Lakeshore Center. We have been notified from Lakeshore Center that the Youth Work Weekend as been cancelled due to no participants.

Quilt winners



Margaret Moran



Patty Rarick



If you are interested in providing Chancel flowers for Sunday worship please give Mandy Ellis a call (712)203-1280 or call the church office. We welcome any flower arrangements from your garden, the farmers market, or wherever you purchase flowers. We will also be glad to order them from our regular florist, Petal Pushers.

Dual Baptisms



Welcome Birkley Jean Smith and William Michael Seaton into the First Presbyterian Church family.

Grace United Methodist Church

**ANNUAL CHURCH TURKEY DINNER
IS BACK!**



October 15
4:00-7:00 PM

**Turkey,
Dressing, Potatoes, Gravy,
Veggies, Salads & Dessert**

Tickets will be available after Worship and in our Grace Office for In-house and To Go (\$15.50)
Adults \$15.00 Children \$7.50
 Gluten-Free Meals available



Next Soup Kitchen First Presbyterian is scheduled for is 10/12/22. Please contact Kathy Zeibert (224)636-6150.

**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**



CROP WALK, the only ecumenical fundraiser in Siouxland is October 16. It is starting at Grace United Methodist at 1:00pm. Those signed up can walk part of or all of the 3.5 mile walk to the Community Action Food Bank and back, & bring 1 canned item for the food bank. Last year, the group of over 300 walkers raised over \$29,900.00 dollars. \$ 7,000.00 of this stayed in Sioux City, plus all the food helping the food bank at Community Action.



**Bible Carriers:**

Oct 2: Harper Rohlena
 Oct 9: Sya Bates
 Oct 16: Emmett Rohlena
 Oct 23: Sage Pierson
 Oct 30: Aidan Hunt

Acolytes:

Oct 2: Emmett Rohlena
 Oct 9: Sage Pierson
 Oct 16: Aidan Hunt
 Oct 23: Sya Bates
 Oct 30: Emmett Rohlena

Tellers:

Oct 3: Carol Smith & Brenda Bradley
 Oct 10: Brenda Bradley & Suzan Stewart
 Oct 17: Vicki Jacobs & Kathy Zebert
 Oct 24: Kathy Zebert & Jeff Stanley
 Oct 31: Suzan Stewart & Vicki Jacobs

Lectors:

Oct 2: Pat Anderson
 Oct 9: Juliana Mayne
 Oct 16: Randy Benton
 Oct 23: Suriana Uhl
 Oct 30: Chris Hunt

Greeter/Usher:

Oct 2: Kevin & Dacia Bates, Anne Cowley & Chip Colburn
 Oct 9: Bob & Pat Anderson, Lowell & Judy Vos
 Oct 16: Barb Davis, Neva Pierce, Juliana Mayne
 Oct 23: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family
 Oct 30: Vicki Ackerman, Anne Cowley, Mary & Butch 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.

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Sioux City, Iowa



2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	3 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	4	5 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	6	7	1 & 8 10:00 Genealogy on the 8th
9 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission	10 5:30 Personnel	11	12 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	13 7:00 Christian Discipleship	14	15
16 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Handbells 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	17 12:15 Admin/Fin 5:00 Staff 5:30 Music & Worship	18 7:00 Session	19 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	20 4:30 Memorial 7:00 Chamber Music	21	22
23 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	24 <i>Newsletter Dead-line</i>	25	26 <i>No Activities</i>	27 <i>Print Newsletter</i>	28	29
30 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Handbells 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	31	Notes: *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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Tel. 712-255-8919

Web page: www.1stpresby.com
Office email: office@1stpresby.com
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.....
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.*