

September 1, 2022

## First Presbyterian Church



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## September Worship Service Info



**Sunday, Sept 4—13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Luke 19:1-10; Jesus and the Short Guy**

**Sunday, Sept 11—14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**II Timothy 1:1-14; What We Know and How We Know It**

**Sunday, Sept 18—15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**II Timothy 3:14-4:2; Read the Instructions**

**Sunday, Sept 25—16th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**I Timothy 1:12-17; Serving as a Bad Example**

*Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.*

Exodus 20:8

In the Fourth Commandment, God decrees a sabbath day; one day of rest out of every seven. To many of us, this is the reason we worship God every Sunday. But God's reason for making this a commandment was less about worship and more about rest.

*For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.*

Deuteronomy 5:13-14

God declares the value of rest, not only for all people, but even for their animals! A big part of God's reason for commanding a sabbath was to encourage people to place their faith fully in God. They could count on God to provide what they needed, even on the days when they were resting. And as an additional sign of the faith we could have, God declared that even that land deserved a time of rest.

*For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the LORD: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land.*

Leviticus 25:3-5

In that sabbath year, the Hebrews would live off of their produce from the previous six years, so they would know that God had provided for them, even during the years when their land, lying at rest, would not.

As summer closes, many of us are coming to the end of our own annual time of sabbath. Our kids and grandkids are going back to school. And Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> will be our church's Rally Day, when we re-start the programs that we've set aside over the summer. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study will begin that day. We'll also begin gathering again on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, for evening meals, handbell practice, and choir practice.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer, and that we're all coming back this fall rested and refreshed. But I hope that we also recognize that rest has been ordained by God. God commanded a time of rest, for every living thing. And, like so much of our faith, God has even given us God's own example of how important rest is. In the weeks and years of our own lives, let us all live according to that example.

*It is a sign for ever between me and the people of Israel that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.'*

Exodus 31:17

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

## *Mary's Music Notes—*



WELCOME!!!

You are invited to join us for Handbells and Choir!!

Wednesdays

Handbells 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Choir 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Please bring a friend! We would love new members.

If childcare is needed, please let us know.

Mary Kay Benton – Director of Music/Organist

Rachael Wragge – Choir Director/Children's Music

Anne Cowley – Handbell Director

Looking ahead.....

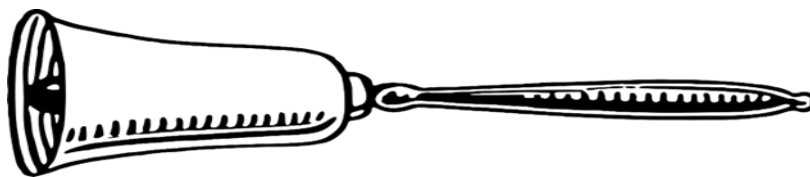
September 4 Men's Quartet

September 11 Choir

September 18 Choir

September 25 Handbells

***Mary Benton, Director of Music***



## Income & Disbursement Summary Through July 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	\$ 197,747.86
Other operating income	\$ 9,206.98
Restricted donations	\$ 2,011.11
Per Capita	\$ 1,339.68
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 210,305.63</b>

### Disbursements

Mission	\$ 13,796.14
Ministry*	\$ 71,348.65
Music	\$ 5,619.93
Christian Discipleship	\$ 1,167.13
Building & Grounds	\$ 63,501.48
Office and Admin	\$ 10,504.67
Assessment	\$ 7,880.04
Other**	\$ 22,255.08
Personnel Payroll	\$ 76,891.64
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 272,964.76</b>

<b>Gain or Loss</b>	<b>\$ (62,659.13)</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.

### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER



#### Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

July 31	60 in sanctuary
Aug 7	38 in sanctuary
Aug 14	54 in sanctuary
Aug 21	54 in sanctuary
Aug 28	71 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.



## September birthdays

1st - Barb Davis  
 1st - Nicholas Hynds  
 5th - Peg Brinck  
 10th - Quinn Kimbell  
 10th - Colton McClellan  
 13th - Luke Johnson  
 16th - Heather Baier  
 17th - Abby Steill  
 17th - Allison Stodden

19th - Brandi Erickson  
 21st - Ryan Denney  
 22nd- Kathrine Johnson  
 23rd - Amy Hynds  
 26th - Isabele Raveling  
 26th - Robbie Rohlena  
 28th - Oliver Denney  
 30th - John Ackerman

## September anniversaries

6th - William & Katie Pierson  
 9th - Bill & Peg Brinck  
 27th - Chris & Tiffany Hunt



*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](mailto:finance@1stpresby.com).*

### Explorer game highlights



Congratulations to Isabele Raveling!  
 Isabelle Raveling was chosen as Miss  
 Congeniality among the Woodbury  
 County Fair Royalty.





Raffle to Benefit Member Care Activities and General Operations of the Church

Prize Winners will be drawn at the end of the Rally Day Celebration on Sunday, September 11th

1st Winner will have choice of the two quilts. Each is approximately 56" by 76"

Both quilts were pieced and donated by Barb Davis and quilted by Babby Ludwig of Salix, IA.

Chances are \$5 Each

\$20 buys you 5 Chances

Chances can be purchased in advance at the Church Office or by contacting Barb Davis



**A message from the Desk of your Handbell Director, Anne Cowley**

This has been a busy summer for Handbell conferences. On June 22 - 26, I took myself, Rhonda Minen and Pam Woolridge-Perez to the Area 8 Conference in Kansas City, MO. This was their first conference and we all had a wonderful time ringing and learning. We each had to learn eight pieces to perform on the last evening of the conference. During the day, in between rehearsals, we attended classes and learned new techniques to ringing and sight read new songs for us to consider playing for you, our congregation. Our clinicians were John Behnke and Alex Guebert, both nationally known composers/arrangers.



Then, the first week in August, I flew to Nashville to attend the 20th International Handbell Symposium. This symposium meets every two years around the world. It will not be back in the USA for 16 more years so if I wanted to go, this was the year. There were over 500 participants from Korea, Japan, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Hong Kong, Puerto Rico, Hungary, Australia/New Zealand, Iceland, Brazil, Singapore and all across America. It was wonderful to meet and talk with so many different ringers with one thing in common, love for handbells. I want to thank the Session for allowing me to go to these wonderful workshops. With that in mind, we need new ringers to fill three vacancies in Bell-issimo. Neither age nor music reading ability is required. All are welcome to come and play bells. We will teach you what you need to know to have fun and ring songs to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Please contact either me or Mary if you are interested. We need you!

Anne

## Member Care Messages

Potluck Sunday, September 11th — Rally Sunday!

We will be having a Potluck meal on Rally Sunday. The church will provide chicken, coffee, lemonade and water. Below is the breakdown for other dishes. Please bring a dish depending on your last name initial. See you all there!



A—I please bring Desserts

J—P please bring salad/bread

Q-Z please bring vegetables/potatoes

It is that time again to honor and thank our First Church Treasures.

Member Care will again this year have a brunch in their honor.

If you are 80 years old or older, please be sure and reach out to Karen at the church office to ensure you are not left out.

The date will be October 16th after our worship service.



**Summer is over and the children are back to school. Including Sunday School. That can only mean one thing—Wednesday nights are back in full swing as well.**

**Please consider signing up for our Wednesday night meals and Sunday's coffee.**

**September and December are already covered but we still have more months that need help. Please sign up as a committee or as a family if you would like. Let Vicki Ackerman or Kathy Zebert from Member Care know which month or week you would like to serve. There will also be a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.**

**God Bless You!**

**This month we are highlighting Personnel.**

The Personnel committee is comprised of church members who oversee staffing issues that may arise at First Presbyterian. We are responsible for the employee handbook updates as well as position descriptions. We facilitate the hiring of staff when necessary. We also conduct the Pastor's yearly review.

We are always looking for people to join our small group. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 5:30pm. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact our Chairperson Kim Stanley at [kijemime22@gmail.com](mailto:kijemime22@gmail.com) or 484-678-2828. Thank you!



Rally Sunday is September 11th.  
Mark your calendars and be sure to  
come and start the new school year.

**RALLY DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins at 9:30 a.m. Our kids can come upstairs and have fun learning about the Bible and everything it has to say to us. If they're musically inclined, they can take part in our children's choir practice and prepare to share their gifts in worship. Meanwhile, babies and toddlers can stay and play in our Creche nursery.

At 9:30 a.m. Pastor Mark will begin leading our newest **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**. We'll be exploring the questions Jesus asked in the Bible. From "What are you looking for?" at the beginning of His ministry to "Who are you looking for?" in front of an empty tomb and "Who do you say that I am?" in between, Jesus constantly challenged people to question their beliefs, their assumptions and their motives. What questions is Jesus asking us today? We'll meet in Vincent Lounge on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings at 6:15.

I hope you'll join us!

During our potluck lunch after worship on Rally Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, our committees and organizations will present an **INFORMATION FAIR** in Sheldon Jackson Hall. They'll set up displays and have volunteers tell you more about what they do and how you can participate. Come by and see if there's a new way you can be part of the life of our church!



**Wednesday Night Meal Hosts:***Member Care***Coffee Fellowship Hosts:***Member Care***Bible Carriers:**

Sept 4: Nathan Hynds

Sept 11: Emmett Rohlena

Sept 18: Sage Pierson

Sept 25: Emmett Rohlena

**Acolytes:**

Sept 4: Nicholas Hynds

Sept 11: Aidan Hunt

Sept 18: Harper Rohlena

Sept 25: Hazel Rohlena

**Lectors:**

Sept 4: Juliana Mayne

Sept 11: Anne Cowley

Sept 18: Andrea Rohlena

Sept 25: Chris Hunt

**Tellers:**

Sept 6: Vicki Jacobs &amp; Brenda Bradley

Sept 12: Ellen Jacobi &amp; Carol Smith

Sept 19: Suzan Stewart &amp; Ellen Jacobi

Sept 26: Jeff Stanley &amp; Vicki Jacobs

**Greeter/Usher:**

Sept 4: Bob &amp; Pat Anderson, Kevin &amp; Dacia Bates

Sept 11: Barb Davis, Juliana Mayne, Neva Pierce, Kathy Zebert

Sept 18: Chic &amp; Ellen Jacobi, Butch &amp; Mary Floyd

Sept 25: Michael &amp; Andrea Rohlena family



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
<b>Notes:</b> <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 &amp; Wednesday evenings</i>				1	2	3
<b>4</b> 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	<b>5</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>8</b> <i>Rick &amp; Karen out</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Rick &amp; Karen out</i>	<b>10</b> 10:00 Genealogy 1:00 Violin Recital
<b>11</b> <b>RALLY SUNDAY</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Potluck	<b>12</b> Piano tuned 5:30 Personnel 7:00 Chamber Music <i>Rick &amp; Karen out</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	<b>15</b> 11:45 Endowment 4:30 Memorial 7:00 Christian Discipleship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission	<b>19</b> 12:15 Admin/Fin	<b>20</b> 7:00 Session	<b>21</b> 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Newsletter Dead-line</i>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Handbells 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	<b>26</b> 5:00 Staff 5:30 Music & Worship	<b>27</b> <i>Print Newsletter</i>	<b>28</b> 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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*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](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.....  
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](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!

**Got news?** ...births, weddings, graduations,  
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.***