

February 1, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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February Worship Service Info



Sunday, Feb 5—5th Sunday after Epiphany
Acts 3:1-10; Care for the Sick

Sunday, Feb 12—6th Sunday after Epiphany
Acts 12:5-10; Visit the Imprisoned

Sunday, Feb 19—Transfiguration of the Lord
Matthew 17:1-9; Welcome to Holyland!

Sunday, Feb 26—1st Sunday of Lent
Romans 4:13-25; Jesus the Promise

Friends,

During February, a lot of us will be using the name of St. Valentine. Little is known about Valentine except that he was a priest in Rome during the persecution of Christians in the third century. Valentine was accused of aiding Christian martyrs and of marrying Christian couples. He was brought before Emperor Claudius II, who may have actually liked him until Valentine pressed his luck and attempted to convert the Emperor himself. The Emperor then had Valentine imprisoned. According to legend, Valentine gave sight to the blind daughter of his jailer.

Like his compatriots St. Nicholas and St. Patrick, much of Valentine's biography is a matter of speculation and myth. Unlike them, Valentine did not escape martyrdom. He was beheaded around 270 A.D. It is said that Valentine wrote a farewell letter to the blind girl he had healed, signing it, "Your Valentine."

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

John 15:12-13

So what does this have to do with heart-shaped boxes of chocolates? Not much. Traditions surrounding Valentine's feast day of February 14th may have been blended with an ancient pagan fertility rite. In addition, English traditions arose which associated mid-February with the time when birds (and some people!) paired up and began to mate. This tradition, associating St. Valentine with romantic love, was popularized in England by writers like Chaucer around the fifteenth century.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

So what is love? Hopefully, it's about a lot more than a greeting card and a dozen roses. True Christian love should be the foundation of every other kind of love we show, whether it's for our sweethearts, our family, our friends and neighbors, or people we've never met. Love means standing by someone when they're at their worst. When they're sick or poor or lonely. When they've done something wrong and are seeking forgiveness. We express true Christian love with our willingness to take risks on behalf of those we love. To the original Valentine, love meant standing up for those who were persecuted for what they believed was right, at the risk of sharing their persecution. This is the love that has been shown to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who gave even his own life for all those who have put their faith in him. May God give us the faithfulness, the courage and the passion to show our love in this way.

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mary's Music Notes—

Great job to Bell-issimo and their leading/sharing at the 12th Night Ring! Many churches do not have bell choirs anymore, so we are very fortunate here at First Pres to have ours - and with so many octaves and handchimes. Many thanks to all our members for sharing their time and talents with us and Siouxland!

Looking ahead.....

February 5 Choir

February 12 Choir

February 19 Handbells

February 22 Ash Wednesday

February 26 Choir

Reminder that all are welcome to come and join us.

Wednesday evenings: 6-7 Handbells

7-8 Adult Choir

Mary Benton, Director of Music



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Jan 1	35 in sanctuary
Jan 8	56 in sanctuary
Jan 15	92 in sanctuary
Jan 22	62 in sanctuary
Jan 29	63 in sanctuary

"Sunday Lunch Bunch" will be at Marto Brewing Company on Sunday, February 12th, after worship services, approximately 11:45 AM. If interested, please contact Anne Cowley 712-204-5182 to get on the list or for any questions you may have. Marto is located at 930 4th Street next to The Promenade Theaters.



Income & Disbursement Summary Through December 31, 2022

***Please be
sure and
pay your
Per Capita
this year.***

**2023
Per Capita
amount
is \$48.35**

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 368,577.09
Other operating income	\$ 17,251.07
Restricted donations	\$ 105,411.11
Per Capita	\$ 2,116.31
Total Income	\$ 493,355.58

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 27,296.16
Ministry*	\$ 119,234.86
Music	\$ 117,286.82
Christian Discipleship	\$ 1,257.13
Building & Grounds	\$ 103,485.30
Office and Admin	\$ 18,202.01
Assessment	\$ 15,760.08
Other**	\$ 35,203.04
Personnel Payroll	\$ 130,403.16
Total Disbursements	\$ 568,128.56

Gain or Loss	\$ (74,772.98)
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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.



Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. We will have a noon service in the chapel. The evening service will be at First Presbyterian Church in South Sioux City, NE at 7:00 pm.



February 20th

February birthdays

6th - Rett Smith
11th - Hannah Eybers
14th - Katie Haak
17th - Simon Denney

18th - Gary Wenell
21st - Kade Preston
24th - Mary Burns
27th - Colin Jensen



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.

FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHES AND MEDITATIONS

Meditations based on Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study by Cynthia M Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr.

February 24th – Rev. Jan Christensen presents, Faith United serves lunch.

March 3rd – Rev. Beth Hamilton presents, First South Sioux serves lunch.

March 10th – Rev. Mark Bedford presents, First Sioux City serves lunch.

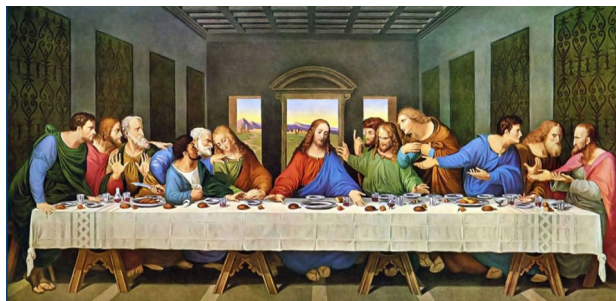
March 17th – Rev. David Koehler presents, Faith United serves lunch.

March 24th – Rev. Amgad Beblawi presents, First South Sioux serves lunch.

March 31st – Rev. Kevin Freese presents, Westminster serves lunch.

All hosted at First Presbyterian Church of Sioux City in the Sheldon Jackson Room.

Please plan on joining us again during the Fridays of Lent.



FAT TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 21ST

Member Care is hosting a pancake supper from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 21st in the dining hall. There will be regular and gluten free pancakes, as well as bacon and sausage - as much as you can eat along with a King Cake. Will you be the lucky one to get the surprise in the cake???

Fat Tuesday or “Mardi Gras” is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday and start of 40 days of fasting & penance - start of Lent.



LENTEN SEASON EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22nd.

Noon – Worship service, including imposition of ashes, in Calvin Chapel.

7:00 p.m. - Joint worship service at First Presbyterian Church of South Sioux City.

FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHEAS AND MEDITATIONS, February 24th through March 31st.

Noon in the Sheldon Jackson Room. Meditations based on Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study by Cynthia M Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 9th.

7:00 p.m. – Communion service in our sanctuary.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7th.

7:00 p.m. - Joint worship service at Faith United Presbyterian Church.

Due to Lenten season events, **PASTOR MARK'S OFFICE HOURS** will change. He'll be in his office Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Mondays will be his day off. Or just make an appointment by calling the church office at 712-255-8919 or emailing him at pastor@1stpresby.com.

**Acolytes:**

Feb 5: Emmett Rohlena
 Feb 12: Hazel Rohlena
 Feb 19: Sage Pierson
 Feb 26: Harper Rohlena

Greeter/Usher:

Feb 5: Vicki Ackerman, Kevin & Dacia Bates,
 Barb Davis
 Feb 12: Anne Cowley, Juliana Mayne, Lowell &
 Judy Vos
 Feb 19: Bob & Pat Anderson & Butch & Mary
 Floyd
 Feb 26: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

Lectors:

Feb 5: John Mayne
 Feb 12: Barb Davis
 Feb 19: Andrea Rohlena
 Feb 26: Anne Cowley

Tellers:

Feb 5: Patrice Johnson & ?
 Feb 12: Kathy Zebert & Curtis Burns
 Feb 19: Brenda Bradley & Lance Eybers
 Feb 26: Patrice Johnson & ?



In case of an emergency in the First Presbyterian Family please contact Pastor Mark at (309)644-0794.

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



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	2 New Fridge delivered	3	4
5 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	6 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	7	8 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells NO CHOIR	9	10	11
12 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Marto	13	14	15 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	16 7:00 Christian Discipleship	17	18
19 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	20 12:15 Admin/Fin <i>Newsletter DeadOline</i>	21 5:30 Pancake Dinner	22 Ash Wednesday 12:00 Service in Chapel 7:00 Joint service in SSC NO ACTIVITIES	23 4:30 Memorial 7:00 Chamber Music	24 Noon—Lenten Lunch	25
26 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	27 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship <i>Print Newsletter</i>	28 7:00 Session	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.***