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First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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March Worship Service Info



Sunday, Mar 5—2nd Sunday in Lent

Acts 10:34-43; Jesus Is Our Judge

Sunday, Mar 12—3rd Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clocks one hour AHEAD Saturday night!

Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Jesus Is Our Priest

Sunday, Mar 19—4th Sunday in Lent

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Jesus Is Our Fool

Sunday, Mar 26—5th Sunday in Lent

John 2:13-22; Jesus Is Our Temple

On the sabbath Jesus began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? ... Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?'

from Mark 6:2-3

Friends,

One of the most basic questions we can ask about Jesus is also one of the most difficult to answer. Who is Jesus? It was a puzzle, even to those who knew Him during His earthly life. His life and ministry resisted being pigeonholed into any one category. He may have been a carpenter, like Joseph before him, but Jesus must have given that career up when He began his ministry. And even as a religious man, He couldn't be counted as another Jewish priest because of His unorthodox ministry. Priests would rarely be seen wandering the countryside with an entourage of disciples, friends and followers. And no priest would ever be seen hanging out with known sinners and non-Jews like Jesus would.

Throughout the New Testament, writers said that Jesus took on many roles, but most of these were metaphorical images. Yes, Jesus was called God's judge, but not the sort of arrogant and corrupt judge that Palestinians had come to expect. Jesus was called a servant and even a slave, but there's no record of Him serving any employer or belonging to anyone but God. And of course Jesus called Himself a Good Shepherd (John 10), but there's no Biblical record of Jesus ever owning a sheep or taking care of anyone else's sheep.

To confuse matters even more, Jesus used similarly poetic imagery to describe Himself, not as a man, but as objects or even as concepts. He called Himself bread (John 6), a door (John 10:7-9) and a vine (John 15:1-5). He called Himself the Light of the World (John 8:12), the Resurrection (John 11:25), the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6).

So what are we to do when we can't figure out who or what someone is? Well, we start by learning as much about them as we can. As we worship during the season of Lent, we'll be looking at many of the roles that Jesus was labeled with, or claimed Himself. About how the Son of God can be a servant, and how an itinerant preacher and miracle worker could be a judge. About how the King of Heaven looked like a servant and how God incarnate could seem to be a fool. And in all this, I hope that we'll find what Jesus can be for us in our own lives, and the lives of the people around us. Because, as with any of the people in our lives, sometimes the answer to "Who are you?" may depend very much on who we believe WE are. And a lot of the time, the correct answer may be the simplest.

Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered Him, 'You are the Messiah.'

from Mark 8:29

In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mary's Music Notes—

Looking ahead.....

March 5 - Choir/Communion

March 12 - Choir/Communion/Time Change

March 19 - Handbells

March 26 - Choir

Reminder that all are welcome to join us and give it a try.....

Wednesday Night Rehearsals: 6-7 Handbells

7-8 Adult Choir

Sundays - Handbells usually share on the 3rd Sunday of each month, choir takes the rest and the kids share when ready/available.



Mary Benton, Director of Music



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Feb 5	63 in sanctuary
Feb 12	57 in sanctuary
Feb 19	72 in sanctuary
Feb 26	72 in sanctuary

Karen,

Please pass on to Rev. Mark and your congregation a huge thank you for the nice jeans, heavier winter coats, socks and underwear. These items will be put to good use and it is awesome to see guy's reactions when they are in need and given newer/nicer clothing items. I am hopeful it inspires them to do well and pay it forward.

Thank you again!

Nick O'Brien

Residential Manager RTF North

Third Judicial District Iowa Dept. of Correctional Services

Income & Disbursement Summary Through January 31, 2023

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

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

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 38,817.81
Other operating income	\$ 1,542.40
Restricted donations	\$
Per Capita	\$ 380.01
Total Income	\$ 36,740.22

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 1,416.67
Ministry*	\$ 10,453.17
Music ***	\$ 13,075.38
Christian Discipleship	\$
Building & Grounds	\$ 12,455.36
Office and Admin	\$ 1,751.78
Assessment	\$ 1,466.61
Other**	\$ 2,672.00
Personnel Payroll	\$ 10,923.93
Total Disbursements	\$ 54,214.90

Gain or Loss	\$ (17,474.68)
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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.

*** Includes organ work

LENTEN LUNCHES

Our local Presbyterian churches will present **FRIDAY LENTEN LUNCHES AND MEDITATIONS** in our Sheldon Jackson Room at noon every Friday through March 31st. Meditations are based on Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study by Cynthia M Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr

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.

March birthdays

1st - Jane Hey
 2nd - Micah Rarick
 3rd - Chuck Warner
 8th - Pat Anderson
 9th - Kathryn Zebert
 15th - Steve Bradley

22nd - Nikolina Johnson
 23rd - Taylor Bradley
 23rd - Karter Ellis
 30th - Lance Moore



March anniversaries

10th - Curtis & Mary Burns

28th - Carlos & Pam Perez



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.

Until Easter, **PASTOR MARK'S OFFICE HOURS** will change. He'll be in his office Tuesday through Friday from 9 to noon and from 1 to 5 whenever possible. Mondays will be his day off. Or just make an appointment by calling the church office at 712-255-8919 or emailing him at pas-tor@1stpresby.com.

Calling all graduates!! Who has a kindergartener graduating in May? An 8th grader? How about a senior in high school or even a college graduate?

Member Care will be recognizing and celebrating all the graduates from First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 21st.

Please call the office and let Karen know if you have one of these graduates in your household!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Every March 17, countries around the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day in observance of the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of [Ireland](#) credited for bringing [Christianity to the country](#). Initially a religious feast day in the 17th century, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into a day of celebrating Irish culture with parades, music, dancing, special foods, and of course, a lot of green.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, here are a few interesting St. Patrick's Day facts!

- Saint Patrick didn't wear green. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue." The color green became associated with St. Patrick's Day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century. Despite his Irish notoriety, Saint Patrick was British. He was born to Roman parents in [Scotland](#) or Wales in the late fourth century.
- According to Irish legend, Saint Patrick used the shamrock as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.
- Saint Patrick is credited for driving the snakes out of Ireland, but according to the fossil record, Ireland has never been home to snakes as it was too cold to host reptiles during the Ice Age. The surrounding seas have kept snakes out since.
- There isn't any corn in the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage. The name is a reference to the large grains of salt historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns."
- Saint Patrick was born "Maewyn Succat" but changed his name to "Patricius" after becoming a priest.

Irish immigrants began observing St. Patrick's Day in [Boston](#) in 1737 and the first St. Patrick's Day parade in America was held in [New York City](#) in 1766.

In [Chicago](#), the Plumbers Local 110 union dyes the river Kelly green. The dye lasts for around five hours.

On or around St. Patrick's Day, the Irish taoiseach, or prime minister, presents the U.S. president with a crystal bowl of live shamrocks as a symbol of the close ties between the two countries.



Pancake Dinner and First Lenten Lunch



First Presbyterian Church brought back the traditional Pancake Dinner on Fat Tuesday!

A great meal was served with pancakes, sausages, bacon and the traditional King Cake for dessert. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the search of hidden “baby” in the two cakes.



Friday Lenten Lunches have started. Sharing a few pictures of our first lunch.

Please join us every Friday during Lent in the Sheldon Jackson hall for lunch, fellowship and we have a speaker each week.





WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

Acolytes:

Mar 5: Emmett Rohlena

Mar 12: Aidan Hunt

Mar 19: Hazel Rohlena

Mar 26: Sage Pierson

Lectors:

Mar 5: Chris Hunt

Mar 12: Judy Vos

Mar 19: Pat Anderson

Mar 26: Paul Johnson

Tellers:

Mar 5: Brenda Bradley & Curtis Burns

Mar 12: Kathy Zebert & Curtis Burns

Mar 19: Jeff Stanley & Sarah Steill

Mar 26: Brenda Bradley & Vicki Jacobs

Greeter/Usher:

Mar 5: Vicki Ackerman, Anne Cowley, Barb Davis & Juliana Mayne

Mar 12: Bob & Pat Anderson, Neva Pierce

Mar 19: Butch & Mary Floyd

Mar 26: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday night, March 11th before you go to bed! You don't want to miss Sunday's service!!



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
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 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	2	3 Noon—Lenten Lunch	4
5 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care 2:00 Chamber Music	6 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	7	8 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	9 7:00 Christian Discipleship	10 Noon—Lenten Lunch	11
12 Daylight savings begins 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Lunch Bunch	13	14	15 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	16 7:00 Chamber Music Meeting	17 Noon—Lenten Lunch 	18
19 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission	20 12:15 Admin/Fin 5:30 Personnel	21	22 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir 8:15-9:45 Choral Music practice	23 4:30 Memorial 7:00-8:30 Choral Music practice	24 Noon—Lenten Lunch <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	25 10:00—12:30 Choral Music practice
26 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons 2:00 Chamber Music	27 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship	28 7:00 Session <i>Print Newsletter</i>	29 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	30	31 Noon—Lenten Lunch	

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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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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
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Thanks so much.



***Welcome to First Presbyterian Church.
We hope you'll join us for worship
every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.***