

April 1, 2023

## First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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## April Worship Service Info



**Sunday, Apr 2—Palm Sunday**  
**Philippians 2:1-11; Jesus Is Our King and Our Servant**

**Sunday, Apr 9—Easter Sunday**  
**John 20:10-18; Jesus Is Our Teacher**  
**Sunday, Apr 16—2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**TBA**

**Sunday, Apr 23—3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**TBA**

**Sunday, Apr 30—4th Sunday of Easter**  
**TBA**

Pastor Mark wanted to share this message from Barb Davis as his message for this month.

Moving to Sioux City over 13 years ago when I married Craig, one of my first priorities was to join a church. I grew up in the United Methodist Church and joined the Presbyterian Church (USA) when my boys were small. I knew my marriage had a better chance of success if Craig and I attended worship together, so I joined St Mark Lutheran Church (ELCA). Craig had been attending for years, and his children were baptized and raised at St Mark. I joined the Choir right away and participated in other areas of the church, but it never felt like home. After two years, I visited most of the Presbyterian churches in Sioux City. Each experience was different, but First Presbyterian felt like home from the beginning.

*When you joined First Presbyterian Church Sioux City, what did you need from the church?*

*What do you need from your church today?*

Did you know that we have a membership of 350 and average 60-80 in worship each week? We are blessed every single week by those 60-80 faithful souls.

We offer worship, Sunday School, Bible Study, Lenten Lunches, Chancel Choir, Handbell choir, children's choir, Lenten luncheons, Wednesday Night Supper and so many more opportunities for fellowship.

We have a pastor who is not only preaching sermons which teach us about God and make us laugh, but who is open to new ways to reach out to our community as God's people in downtown Sioux City. Pastor Mark is a breath of fresh air and a disciple of Christ in our midst. He is as human as we are and reaches out in friendship to all whom he encounters.

We have an aging church which the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, our Endowment funds, and our Memorial Committee have repaired and refreshed over the past two years. There is much yet to be done.

We fell short of our budget by \$75,000 last year due to diminished giving by our membership. With a budget of about \$474,000 again this year, the share for each of us is only \$1,354. That is less than \$30 per week. For those who are unable to give, we have many who give extra.

*What do **you** need from First Presbyterian Church **today***

*to bring you to worship or fellowship with us on a regular basis?*

Here are my top reasons for belonging to First Presbyterian Church and attending regularly:

Worship weekly centers me, reminds me why I exist, and renews me for the week to come.

It is our right to give Him praise and thanks. With abundance comes gratitude and the more gratitude I show Christ, the more he blesses me.

As a disciple of Christ, worship renews my commitment to go and serve the Lord. He speaks to me through worship of the path he wants me to take.

I get to sing! Singing is essential to my mental health and general well-being. Our anthems often move me in ways the written word cannot.

My family is here. While I am not related by blood or marriage to another soul at First Presbyterian, I am united with them through faith and friendship.

I find a purpose in the mission I serve at First Presbyterian – through the Member Care Committee and through Session.

Each lesson learned in worship, Bible study or fellowship, brings me closer to Christ.

*What do **you** need from First Presbyterian Church **today** to bring you to worship or fellowship with us on a regular basis?*

If you are not counted in those who regularly worship or fellowship at First Presbyterian Church, Sioux City, I encourage you to reach out. Call Pastor Mark at the church, call me or any other Elder, call someone. Tell us what keeps you away and what we can do to serve you in Christ. If you just got out of the habit of attending, I challenge you to pick a Sunday and come back. Give First Presbyterian time through Christ's blessings to also bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Barb Davis, Clerk of Session



**Easter Egg Hunt - Sat., April 8<sup>th</sup> ... 1 pm**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church – 2915 Glenn Ave.**

Come learn about the story of the First Easter : from the Upper Room to the Empty Tomb.

Then Decorate a cupcake .... And **JOIN IN THE HUNT!**

Each child in attendance will receive a bag of goodies at the end of the hunt – everyone has fun and celebrates this glorious day!

Registration not required but if you want to let us know how many children will be coming this helps our preparation ...

**Call 276-3613 or email**

**[westminstersiouxcity@gmail.com](mailto:westminstersiouxcity@gmail.com)**

Synod School 2023



Our Family Story

**SYNOD SCHOOL will be July 23-28 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Pastor Mark's class, "Good vs. Evil 2: THE SEQUEL! Movie Heroes and Villains and Biblical Ethics" is just one of the classes you can take, along with worship and fellowship events all week. Registration begins April 1<sup>st</sup>. You can find more information, including this year's catalog and registration information at <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/>.**

## *Mary's Music Note*



April 2 - Palm Sunday - Choir sharing and Kids processing with palms

April 5 - Wednesday - there is choir and handbell practices

April 6 - Maundy Thursday - Choir is sharing

April 7 - Good Friday Service - joint with area Presbyterian Churches

April 9 - Easter Sunday - Choir and Brass Quintet

also Hallelujah Chorus - and all are invited to join us in this Benediction Response

April 16 - Handbells

April 23 - Choir

April 30 - Choir

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



### **Previous Months Worship Attendance Report**

Mar 5	75 in sanctuary
Mar 12	69 in sanctuary
Mar 19	71 in sanctuary
Mar 26	77 in sanctuary

### **HOLY WEEK EVENTS**

All events here will take place in our sanctuary

#### **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd**

Worship service, with palm leaf procession, at 10:30 a.m.

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Worship service with Communion, at 7:00 p.m.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Joint service at Faith United in Morningside, at 7:00 p.m.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Please join us as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord during our Easter Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m.

## Income & Disbursement Summary Through February 28, 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	\$ 66,807.17
Other operating income	\$ 2,764.70
Restricted donations	\$ 169.00
Per Capita	\$ 767.11
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 70,507.98</b>

### Disbursements

Mission	\$ 2,833.34
Ministry*	\$ 20,031.01
Music ***	\$ 13,389.92
Christian Discipleship	\$
Building & Grounds	\$ 25,928.82
Office and Admin	\$ 2,583.94
Assessment	\$ 2,933.22
Other**	\$ 5,297.78
Personnel Payroll	\$ 21,496.18
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 94,494.21</b>

<b>Gain or Loss</b>	<b>\$ (23,986.23)</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.

\*\*\*\$12,947.00 is work on the organ

COME & ENJOY GOOD FOOD & GOOD COMPANY  
AT OUR SPRING CONGREGATIONAL DINNER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> AFTER SERVICE IN THE  
DINING HALL.

The Member Care Committee will host the main dish  
of chicken & coffee, lemonade and water will be provided.  
We are asking for the following donations of  
side dishes to complement our meal listed below by  
your last name:

A-G - Vegetables H-N – Salads O-Z – Desserts

A free will offering is suggested to help defer costs.



## Fellowship Meal



## April birthdays

1st - Jason Cowley	13th - Bob Anderson
5th - Rayden Lee Bradley	21st - Kole Preston
6th - Randy Benton	21st - Nathan Hynds
8th - Justin Bradley	26th - Hank Mozak
8th - Bill Brinck	27th - Ron Hall
12th - Chris Hunt	28th - Noah Behrens
12th - Sergio Carlos Perez	29th - Jackson Moore
12th - Keaton Ellis	



Thank you to the crew above for helping out at the Siouxland Soup Kitchen. If you would like to help out, First Presbyterian Church will be working the Soup Kitchen again on April 20th.

We will need 4-6 to serve and clean up we will be looking for 5 volunteers. Please call Kathy Zebert at 224-636-6150 to volunteer.

## April anniversaries

18th - Bob & Pat Anderson

21st - Peter & Carla Macfarlane



*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).*

## Mission Committee



The Mission Committee is getting very small. If you would like to join the committee and help them become even more productive, call Renee Weinberg, 712-490-2441.

The Mission Committee meets on the third Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be April 16th after worship.



Missions' latest project was for Sleep In Heavenly Peace. Our congregation did an amazing job!!

Please be aware of the projects that Mission is collecting for each month.

We are no longer collecting clothes.

Thank you!



Reminder that the church office will be closed on Monday, April 10th.

We will be back to normal hours on Tuesday.

Your staff here at First Presbyterian Church would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter.

One of the Pink Ladies donation recipient. Marvin was very grateful. This check will help him pay rent and get medications.



**DONATIONS NEEDED**  
**DONATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> 2023**  
 The Pink Ladies of Siouxland are asking for gently used items for donations from our Siouxland Family to help with our First Annual Charity Rummage Sale.  
 We will even come pick up and provide boxes if needed!!!  
 Please message us on Facebook at Pink Ladies of Siouxland or send a text to Leslie at 712-454-8844 to schedule pick-up.

**The Pink Ladies of Siouxland Dart League**  
**1st Annual Community Rummage SALE**  
**April 29 Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm**  
**Flippin' Vintage**  
 920 South Lewis Blvd.  
 Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054  
 HOUSEHOLD GOODS, TOYS, CLOTHES, SO MUCH MORE!  
 GENTLY USED & PRICED TO SELL  
 ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT LOCAL SIOUXLANDER'S BATTLING CANCER!  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please message us on Facebook at Pink Ladies of Siouxland or text Leslie at 712-454-8844

THE PINK LADIES ARE AN ESTABLISHED NON-PROFIT SWEEPING THE NATION. AT THIS MOMENT, WE ARE AN ALL WOMEN DART LEAGUE DEDICATED TO RAISING FUNDS. THE FUNDS RAISED WILL HELP INDIVIDUALS (MALE OR FEMALE) IN THE SIOUXLAND AREA WITH ANY FORM OF CANCER TO HELP OFFSET MEDICAL COSTS AND COST INCURRED FOR TRAVEL, HOTELS, AND/OR FOOD.



Our “Lunch Bunch” group dined at Famous Dave’s on Sunday, March 19th. It looks like everyone had a great time with some enjoyable fellowship.

Our “Lunch Bunch” goes out to eat every third Sunday of the month. If you would like to join them, the next date is Sunday, May 21st.



**NEW!** Lakeshore Center's Specialty  
**SUMMER CAMPS**

**MAD CAMP REUNION**  
June 9-11: Music, Arts, and Drama  
Adult Reunion  
Mad for MAD camp? Come and join us for a fun, adult retreat to celebrate the many years of music, arts, and drama performed at Presby Camp. Whether past staff or camper, we want you here!

**Day Camps**  
Grades K-3  
June 19-21  
July 10-12  
July 24-26  
Register for one day or all. Each day is a stand alone session.

**Mission Weeks**  
Summer 2023  
June 30-July 5  
Coming to visit Okoboji this year? We have a place to stay! Our lodge rooms and cabins will be available for family rentals, with the option to do activities on or off site! Stay for a few nights, or until the 6th!  
Price varies based on accommodation choice.

**4TH OF JULY FAMILY WEEKEND**  
June 30-July 5  
Coming to visit Okoboji this year? We have a place to stay! Our lodge rooms and cabins will be available for family rentals, with the option to do activities on or off site! Stay for a few nights, or until the 6th!  
Price varies based on accommodation choice.

**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
[LAKESHORECENTERATOKOBOJI.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS](http://LAKESHORECENTERATOKOBOJI.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS)

**Summer is just around the corner!**

**Lakeshore Center is a great place to spend some of your summer!**

**Did you know that First Presbyterian has a scholarship fund and will assist up to 1/2 of the cost per student?**

**Get your children enrolled for a fun filled and soul enriching week at camp!**





**Lectors:**

Apr 2: Gerald Messersmith  
 Apr 9: John Mayne  
 Apr 16: Randy Benton  
 Apr 23: Suriana Uhl  
 Apr 30: Pat Anderson

**Acolytes:**

Apr 2: Sage Pierson  
 Apr 9: Harper Rohlena  
 Apr 16: Aidan Hunt  
 Apr 23: Emmett Rohlena  
 Apr 30: Hazel Rohlena

**Greeter/Usher:**

Apr 2: Bob & Pat Anderson, Vicki Ackerman & Anne Cowley  
 Apr 9: Mike & Andrea Rohlena & family  
 Apr 16: Butch & Mary Floyd & Lowell & Judy Vos  
 Apr 23: Bob & Pat Anderson, Neva Pierce & Juliana Mayne  
 Apr 30: Mike & Andrea Rohlena & family

**Tellers:**

Apr 2: Sarah Steill & Vikki Jacobs  
 Apr 9: Jeff Stanley & Kathy Zebert  
 Apr 16: Brenda Bradley & Lance Eybers  
 Apr 23: Vikki Jacobs & Curtis Burns  
 Apr 30: Jeff Stanley & Lance Eybers

**Reminder!**

**Your church office will be closed on Monday, April 10th. We will be back in the office on Tuesday, April 11th.**



April Showers  
 Bring May Flowers

In case of an emergency in the First Presbyterian Family please contact Pastor Mark at 3909-644-0794.

**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
<b>Notes:</b>  *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						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	<b>3</b> 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 11:00 Lilies Delivered 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Chamber Music	<b>6</b> 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	<b>7</b> 7:00 Good Friday Service at Faith United	<b>8</b> 1:00 Westminster Easter Egg Hunt
<b>9</b> <b>EASTER</b> 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	<b>10</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5:30 Personnel	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission 11:30 Congregational Dinner 2:00 Chamber Music	<b>17</b> 12:15 Admin/Fin	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells  <i>Rick &amp; Karen Out—PM</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Rick &amp; Karen Out</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Newsletter Dead-line</i>  <i>Rick &amp; Karen Out</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 &amp; 30</b> 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons on the 23rd. 12:30—3 Chamber on 23rd	<b>24</b> 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship  <i>Rick &amp; Karen Out</i>	<b>25</b> 7:00 Session	<b>26</b> 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>27</b> 4:30 Memorial  <i>Print Newsletter</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

## 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 Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am– 4:30 pm, Fri 9 am-Noon  
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Pastor: [pastor@1stpresby.com](mailto:pastor@1stpresby.com)  
Twitter@1stChurchSCIA

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.***