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First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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May Worship Service Info

Rev. Mark Bedford



Sunday, May 7—5th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 104:24-34; Spirit of Providence

Sunday, May 14—6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day/John 14:15-27; Spirit of Truth

Sunday, May 21—7th Sunday of Easter

Pulpit Supply, Rev. Jeff Backer

Sunday, May 28—Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Spirit of Understanding

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.*

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am– 4:30 pm, Fri 9 am-Noon
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Be sure to check our new Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/902340006496216/>.

Church Staff:

Pastor.....Rev. 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.

'The wind blows where it chooses...but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.*

So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

John 3:8

People react differently to getting gifts. Some, like my wife, can walk past a stack of wrapped presents and not think anything of it. I even have to remind Beth to open her presents on her birthday, sometimes just so I can find out what's in them! But when I receive a wrapped gift, I have to try to figure out what's in it. Is it big? Is it heavy? Does the package rattle like a box of Legos? IT'S LEGOS, ISN'T IT?!? Since I was a kid, I couldn't wait to open a present, to solve the mystery of what someone had given me.

Our faith has set aside a time to contemplate the mystery around a different sort of birthday present. After Easter, we entered the season leading to the Day of Pentecost. On that Sunday (May 28th this year), we'll be celebrating the day when God's Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples. This is when they became apostles, led by the Spirit out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus the Risen Christ. This day is often declared to be the birthday of the Christian Church. This is the same Holy Spirit which Jesus promised to everyone who put their faith in him. But it's also the least understood person of the holy trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It seems even more confusing when the Bible alternately describes God's Spirit as the wind (or the breath of God), as the dove that flew above Jesus at his baptism, and as the fire that appeared on the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'*

Luke 3:16

During our worship services and our Adult Bible Studies this season, we'll be learning more about how God's Spirit lives and works in us. We'll learn about how it is as gentle and powerful as the wind, as alive and unpredictable as a dove, and as burning and uncontrollable as fire. But in the Holy Spirit, God asks us to open ourselves to the most basic element of faith; there are aspects of God that we are not meant to understand. Mystery comes with faith, no matter how distressing that may be to those of us who feel like we HAVE to understand! But our faith in God should also help us accept that a mystery is okay. Like a wrapped gift, we may not know exactly what the Holy Spirit is. But coming from the One who loves us, we have faith that it is good.

*With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will,
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,
as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him...*

Ephesians 1:8-10

Previous Month Worship Attendance



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| April 2nd | 83 |
| April 6 th (Holy Thurs) | 32 |
| April 9 th (Easter) | 145 |
| April 16th | 70 |
| April 23rd | 60 |

Baptism



In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Income & Disbursement Summary Through March 31, 2023

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

**2023
Per Capita
amount
is \$48.76**

Income

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection | \$ 85,327.62 |
| Other operating income | \$ 4,342.65 |
| Restricted donations | \$ 982.00 |
| Per Capita | \$ 767.11 |
| Total Income | \$ 91,419.38 |

Disbursements

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Mission | \$ 5,625.01 |
| Ministry* | \$ 30,766.81 |
| Music*** | \$ 16,632.12 |
| Christian Discipleship | \$ - |
| Building & Grounds | \$ 32,327.50 |
| Office and Admin | \$ 3,981.72 |
| Assessment | \$ 4,399.83 |
| Other** | \$ 7,904.44 |
| Personnel Payroll | \$ 31,818.92 |
| Total Disbursements | \$ 133,456.35 |

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| Gain or Loss | \$ (42,036.97) |
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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.

***Music includes Organ repair



Easter Sunday - Everyone joining in with the choir for Hallelujah Chorus.

Beautiful service!



Mary's Music Notes—



Music Notes.....

Looking ahead:

May 7 Choir

May 14 Handbells

May 21 Choir/Kids

May 28 - September 3 Summer Music Sharing

Anyone who wants to volunteer, please let me know - can be soloists or small groups - vocal or instrumental

mary.benton@lemarscsd.org 712-540-4549

Many thanks to ALL choir and handbell members and kids and young adults who have shared their music at our worship services this program year!! You are all GREATLY APPRECIATED and doing wonderful things by sharing the talents that you have!! You all add so much to our worship of the Lord!!

Mary Benton, Director of Music

2023 Graduates

Sage Pierson—Kindergarten

Loukas Asher—Kindergarten

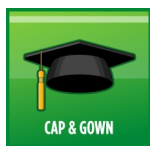
Grayson Haak—Kindergarten

Nicholas Hynds—North High School

Reagan Vos—Kingsley- Pierson

Abigail Steill—College graduated in December. She is working now in her field.

Aaron Eybers - College graduate.



HELP!

If you order flowers, please bring the vases back to church so we can reuse them so we don't have to pay the new florist for vases.

Thank you!!



The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th to observe the Memorial Day holiday.

Pastor Mark's Announcements

PASTOR MARK'S OFFICE HOURS. Pastor Mark will be in his office Monday through Thursday from 9 to noon and from 1 to 5 whenever possible. Fridays 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.

Pastor Mark will be at a continuing education event in Minnesota from Monday through Sunday, May 15th through 21st. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Jan Christensen at 712-541-3586 or at puccpastor@premieronline.net.

CHANGE TO SUMMER SCHEDULE. May 17th will be the last day of Wednesday evening events. Sunday, May 21st will be the last day of Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. Enjoy your summer!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY. We'll recognize the accomplishments of our young people during worship on Sunday, May 21st. We hope you'll join us!

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. You can find more information, including this year's catalog and registration information at <https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/>.

MEMORIAL DAY. Our church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th.

Message from Member Care

We/Member Care will continue with Lunch Bunch on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Due to Easter (April 9th) and Mother's Day (May 14th), the next one will be June 11th.

Way to go Harper! Harper was chosen to be one of North Middle School's Patriot of the month for April.



May birthdays

7th - Craig Bainbridge
8th - Rick Wagner, Jr.
11th - Bradley Wagner
24th - Pam Woolridge-Perez
24th - Kierson Kimbell
24th - Sandy Gunnink
25th - Sam Stodden



Pssst!
If we do not have your birthday or anniversary information...
please call or send it to Karen in the church office at

May anniversaries

23rd - Pete & Tammi Johnson



**Our young
prophets and
children's choir.
From Sunday
Worship 4/23.**



**Greeters/Ushers:**

May 7 Butch & Mary Floyd, Lowell & Judy Vos

May 14 Bob & Pat Anderson, Vicki Ackerman & Juliana Mayne

May 21 Mike & Andrea Rohlena family

May 28 Lowell & Judy Vos, Butch & Mary Floyd

Acolytes:

May 7 Sage Pierson

May 14 Harper Rohlena

May 21 Emmett Rohlena

May 28 Hazel Rohlena

Lectors:

May 7 Anne Cowley

May 14 Michael Rohlena

May 21 Juliana Mayne

May 28 Andrea Rohlena

Tellers:

May 7 Sarah Steill & Curtis Burns

May 14 Kathy Zebert & Brenda Bradley

May 21 Vikki Jacobs & Lance Eybers

May 28 Jeff Stanley & Curtis Burns



Volunteers — If you are unavailable on your scheduled date, please arrange for a substitute and advise the office.

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

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2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds | 2 | 3 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir—last one | 4 Piano turned | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care 2:00 Chamber Music | 8 5:30 Personnel Rick & Karen out | 9 | 10 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells—last one 6:15 Bible Study | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Handbells 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship | 15 Karen out Mark out | 16 Mark out | 17 5:30 Meal 6:15 Bible Study Mark out | 18 Mark out | 19 Mark out | 20 |
| 21 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship/Graduation 11:30 Mission Mark out | 22 12:15 Admin/Finance 5:00 All staff mtg 5:30 Music & Worship | 23 7:00 Session | 24 Newsletter Deadline | 25 4:30 Memorial | 26 | 27 |
| 28 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons | 29 Office Closed Memorial Day | 30 Print Newsletter | 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. | | |



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