

June 1, 2023

## First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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## June Worship Service Info



**Sunday, June 4—Trinity Sunday**  
**1 Corinthians 3:9-13; How to Build a Church—The Foundation**

**Sunday, June 11—2nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Ephesians 4:11-16; How to Build a Church—The Walls**

**Sunday, June 18—3rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Matthew 4:1-11; How to Build a Church—The Steeple**

**Sunday, June 25—4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Matthew 5:14-16; How to Build a Church—Stained Glass**

Some of you may already know that I'm fascinated by building design. When I was younger, I loved to look at blueprints and to learn about how those designs were turned into real structures. I'm especially interested in how churches are designed and built, from their cornerstones to the crosses on top of their steeples. And if you come by my office, you can see pictures of the cathedral I made from Legos!

But apparently, I'm not the only one who's interested in building. In addition to using images of such everyday occupations as farmers and shepherds, the Bible also uses builders and the buildings they construct to illustrate our spiritual lives.

*Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.*

Jesus, in Matthew 7:24-25

Over the next few weeks, we'll spend our time in worship exploring what goes into building a church, and how those different elements relate to our own lives as Christians. We'll talk about walls and how to make them strong. We'll talk about the steeple and why it's built to be so tall. We'll talk about stained glass windows and what they mean to us. We'll talk about the pulpit and what its purpose is. We'll talk about the altar and what makes it holy. And most importantly, we'll talk about the most fundamental part of any building, with the words of the apostle Paul:

*According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

And there will be one more thing to add to all this talk about foundations and walls, stained glass, and steeples. In addition to all this imagery about buildings that represent our spiritual lives, there is still one building element that is necessary to make a house a home. It's not something that can be bought at the hardware store or the lumber mill. God's Holy Spirit is what has brought all of us together. It inspires us to build this Church up, and to build each other up. It is the nails and the concrete that takes all of us, as well as everything God has provided for us, and holds us all together. The Holy Spirit is what makes us more than just a building. It makes us a church.

*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ... For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.*

from 1 Corinthians 3:16-17



In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

## *Mary's Music Notes—*



Music Notes.....

Many thanks once again to all who have shared their time and talents this past program year - choir, handbells, soloist, small ensemble and the kids/youth!! You are all greatly appreciated!! You add so much to our worship on Sundays!!

Summer Soloists - we are still looking for some.....

June 4 Barb Davis-vocal

June 11 Possible Women's Ensemble

June 18

June 25

Please contact Mary or Rachael if you would like to share or have a suggestion for us to contact.

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

### **Choir & Handbell End of year party.**



## Income & Disbursement Summary Through April 30, 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	\$ 113,845.35
Other operating income	\$ 7,105.42
Restricted donations	\$ 1,455.00
Per Capita	\$ 767.11
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 123,172.88</b>

### **Disbursements**

Mission	\$ 7,121.29
Ministry*	\$ 42,202.30
Music	\$ 16,782.08
Christian Discipleship	\$ -
Building & Grounds	\$ 41,277.46
Office and Admin	\$ 5,283.82
Assessment	\$ 5,866.44
Other**	\$ 10,576.32
Personnel Payroll	\$ 42,993.84
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 172,103.55</b>

<b>Gain or Loss</b>	<b>\$ (48,930.67)</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.



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

Apr 30	63 in sanctuary
May 7	58 in sanctuary
May 14	83 in sanctuary
May 21	74 in sanctuary
May 28	57 in sanctuary

### **Announcements from Pastor Mark**

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

**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 is open through July 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/>.



## June birthdays



2nd - Vicki Ackerman  
 3rd - Audrey Raveling  
 5th - Judy Vos  
 6th - Harper Rohlena  
 9th - Jerry Gardiner  
 10th - Jane Elliott  
 11th - Emma Sonier

15th - Kevin Bates  
 17th - Joyce Krone  
 26th - Dylan Baier  
 27th - Gracie Pageler  
 27th - Kerwin Meyer  
 30th - Ron Rohlena

## June anniversaries



4th - Colin & Pokey Jensen  
 11th - Ralph & Julie Reeder  
 15th - Kevin & Dacia Bates  
 20th - Chuck & Rose Warner  
 22nd - Jeff & Kim Stanley  
 24th - Damon & Heather Baier

*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).*

Member Care Committee is hosting a nice Father's Day Brunch on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM downstairs in the dining room for our First Presbyterian fathers and their family. We are looking forward to have you come and enjoy good food and good fellowship.



The family of Manuel J. Valladolid regrets to inform our congregation of his passing on April 2, 2023. He was 89.

You can find his obituary at <https://www.meyerbroschapels.com/obituary/manuel-valladolid>.

## Raricks' Firework Party

Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7 pm

Location: 45925 Timber Road, Vermillion, SD

Please bring:

☐ Snacks and drinks to share.

☐ Lawn chairs.

Optional: fireworks to shoot off (or fireworks for the "kids" to shoot off.)

Please contact Patty & Jeff if you plan to attend; having an idea on a headcount is helpful.

[Patty.rarick@gmail.com](mailto:Patty.rarick@gmail.com) or 605-670-





First Presbyterian Church is proud to announce we have hired a Christian Education Director. Please welcome Sarah Brown.

Sarah is a senior at Morningside University. She is majoring in English and Religious Studies. Sarah grew up in the Christian faith and she is always eager to find new

ways to grow closer in her relationship with God. She has had a passion for teaching Sunday School since she was a child. She is excited to be helping children grow their knowledge of God.

Sarah loves working with children and is excited to join First Pres' staff and grow our program.

Welcome Sarah!

If you see Sarah, please stop and introduce yourself to her!



It is with great sadness that we announce Donna's departure from our staff here at First Presbyterian Church.

Donna has been our parttime custodian since January of 2005. She has given us 18 years of hard work and has been a tremendous asset to Rick and Karen.

Donna will be retiring from First Presbyterian Church with May 31st, which will be her last day.

She is ready to spend time at home with her husband, Gary and enjoy her retirement.

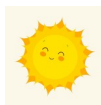
Congratulations, thank you, and enjoy, Donna! You will be missed!

## Staffing Updates

### Congratulations Nicholas!



**Welcome  
Summer!**



### Siouxland Discovery Chorus

presents

BARBERGHETTI

Our own blend of

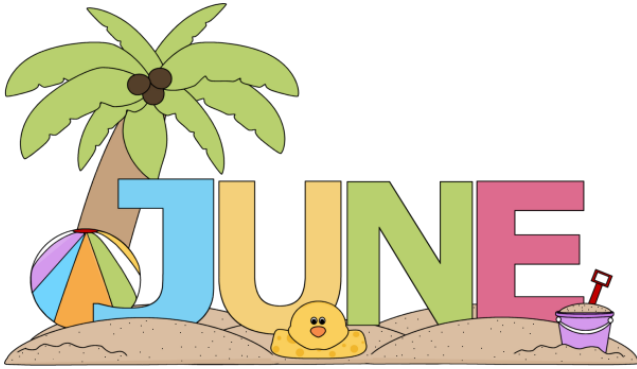
BARBERSHOP HARMONY and SPAGHETTI

The chorus and quartets will serenade you as you  
enjoy an evening with a  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Come join us

June 12th, 2023 5:30 to 7:30 PM  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
3204 So. Lakeport St.  
Free-will offering

Wondering what to do with the kids this summer? Check out Lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org for a listing of all the up-coming summer camps.

**Happy  
Father's  
Day!  
June 18th**

**Lectors:**

June 4: Paul Johnson

June 11: Judy Vos

June 18: Chris Hunt

June 25: Barb Davis

**Acolytes:**

June 4: Aidan Hunt

June 11: Hazel Rohlena

June 18: Sage Pierson

June 25: Emmett Rohlena

**Greeter/Usher:**

June 4: Barb Davis, Anne Cowley, Steve &amp; Brenda Bradley

June 11: Vicki Ackerman, Bob &amp; Pat Anderson, Barb Davis

June 18: Michael &amp; Andrea Rohlena family

June 25: Vicki Ackerman, Anne Cowley, Neva Pierce &amp; Suzan Stewart

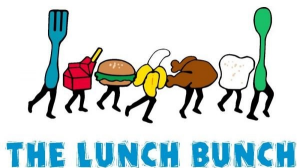
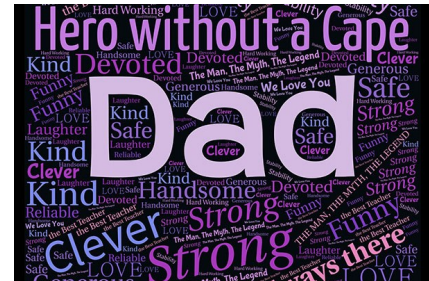
**Tellers:**

June 4: Brenda Bradley &amp; Lance Eybers

June 11: Jeff Stanley &amp; Sarah Steill

June 18: Kathy Zebert &amp; Curtis Burns

June 25: Vikki Jacobs &amp; Lance Eybers



Please join! We are starting up the monthly lunch bunch again. Sunday, June 12th, right after worship. We will be enjoying good food, good conversation and great fellowship. Hope to see many join us.

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
<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				1	2	3
<b>4</b> 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	<b>5</b> 5:30 Building & Grounds	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30—Lunch Bunch	<b>12</b> 5:30 Personnel	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 Father's Day Brunch 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission  <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Karen Out</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Karen Out</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Karen Out</i> <i>Rick Out</i>	<b>22</b> 4:30—Memorial <i>Karen Out</i> <i>Rick Out</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Karen Out</i> <i>Rick Out</i>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons  <i>Rick Out</i>	<b>26</b> 12:15 Admin/Fin 5:00 All Staff mtg. 5:30 Music & Worship	<b>27</b> 7:00 Session <i>Karen Out</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Print Newsletter</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM Rarick's fireworks	



## 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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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.....Sarah Brown  
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.***