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First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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July Worship Service Info



**Sunday, July 2—5th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 12:22-30: A House Undivided**

**Sunday, July 9—6th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 119:9-18; How to Build a Church—The Pulpit
Sunday, July 16—7th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 23:16-22; How to Build a Church—The Alter**

**Sunday, July 23—8th Sunday after Pentecost
Ephesians 2:19-22; How to Build a Church—Doors
Sunday, July 30—9th Sunday after Pentecost
Pulpit Supply**

Friends,

In the late 1800's and early 1900's, Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show entertained audiences with performances that displayed everything that people believed the American West was like. Cowboys tamed bucking broncos, stagecoaches hurtled around arenas at breakneck speed to evade masked highwaymen, and wagon trains were attacked by ruthless Indians, only to be rescued in the nick of time by mounted cavalry.

Now of course, not ALL of America was like that, and not even the wildest parts of the Wild West were always this exciting. But for generations, these thundering acts took people's dreams of the Wild West and brought them roaring to life. But even more importantly, as the Wild West Show toured throughout Europe and around the world, these performers became unofficial ambassadors of the United States. Through their performances, they came to represent all things American to people who might never visit the United States. People in countries around the globe came to think of America, and ALL Americans, as these whoopin', hollerin', rootin', tootin' gun-slingers. To this day, because of those shows over a century ago, this perception endures. Whenever people around the world think of Americans, if they don't picture us as Uncle Sam, they imagine us as Yosemite Sam.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

In 2 Corinthians, the apostle Paul says that Christians are “ambassadors for Christ.” To Paul, that meant that we were representatives for Christ, speaking and living Christ's words, especially when we are around non-Christians. In an age when Christians were a tiny, persecuted minority, Paul believed that the ways Christians represented Christ would be crucial. Any hint of falsehood; any misrepresentation of the gospel of Jesus might make non-believers think that Christianity was just another self-righteous, hateful cult. To Paul, God could only appeal to new believers if Christians were truly Christ's ambassadors, reflecting Christ's mercy and love in a world where those traits were far too often an unknown foreign language.

The “cowboys” in Buffalo Bill's show were often just performers, dressed up to look like people expected cowboys to look. But when people look at us, what kind of Christian do they see? Do they see someone dressed up to look like a Christian, even though it's all an act? Or do they see a true Christian? Someone who's not perfect all the time. But someone who is trying to fulfill our ministry by representing Christ as well as we can. Someone who, through our words and our actions, is trying to spread the message of Christ's love in a way that will lead others to Christ. The answer to that question, “Am I living as an ambassador for Christ?” is important. As Buffalo Bill taught us, people's perceptions of us influence how they think about ALL Christians. And those perceptions will last longer than we know.



In Christ,
Pastor Mark

Mary's Music Notes—



Music Notes.....

Looking ahead for your summer music enjoyment.....

Sioux City Municipal Band has concerts on Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm at the Grandview Park Bandshell. They are free and it is a beautiful setting. Two of your members play in it - myself and Yvonne Hazlett. Get a group together and come enjoy! They will continue through July 23.

July 2

July 9 Spencer Schnetzer - trumpet

July 16

July 23 Spencer Schnetzer - trombone

July 30

August 6 Worship in the Park with other area Presbyterian Churches

August 13 John Mayne - cello

August 20 Katie Pottebaum - vocal

August 27 Siouxland Discovery Chorus

August 30 Choir and Handbells start their practices

September 3

September 10 Adult Choir

As you can tell, we have about 4 openings yet. If you know of anyone or want to do it yourself, please let me know or Rachael.

Mary Benton, Director of Music

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 are his day off. Or just make an appointment by calling the church office at 712-255-8919 or emailing him at pastor@1stpresby.com.

Our church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th. Please have a fun and safe Independence Day!

Pastor Mark will be out of town for a continuing education event from Monday through Sunday, July 24th through 30th. If you need pastoral care during this time, please call Rev. Beth Hamilton at 309-644-0729.

Income & Disbursement Summary Through May 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	\$ 136,555.09
Other operating income	\$ 7,983.70
Restricted donations	\$ 1,455.00
Per Capita	\$ 767.11
Total Income	\$ 146,760.90

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 8,537.96
Ministry*	\$ 52,296.53
Music	\$ 30,801.37
Christian Discipleship	\$ 10.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 47,701.85
Office and Admin	\$ 7,912.54
Assessment	\$ 7,333.05
Other**	\$ 13,237.73
Personnel Payroll	\$ 54,031.71
Total Disbursements	\$ 222,162.74

Gain or Loss	\$ (75,401.84)
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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

June 4	56 in sanctuary
June 11	62 in sanctuary
June 18	67 in sanctuary
June 25	59 in sanctuary



**Father's Day
Brunch
Sunday, June 18**



July birthdays



1st - Lowell Vos
3rd - Lauren Messersmith
5th - Trevor Bradley
7th - Linda Williams
11th - Ella Erickson

17th - Olivia Baier
18th - Terry Beaumont
19th - Grayson Haak
30th - Brant Mozak

July anniversaries



13th - Lowell & Judy Vos
19th - Adam & Jen Preston
30th - John & Vicki Ackerman

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.*

Friends, please join us for a very special worship service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 6th. We'll be joining our other local Presbyterian churches for an outdoor communion service at Chris Larsen Park. We'll meet at the pavilion on Larsen Park Road, between the Sergeant Floyd River Museum and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. There are plenty of picnic tables available, but you're welcome to bring your own seating.

This service will be followed by a potluck lunch. The menu will be divided by congregation.

First Sioux City – entrees

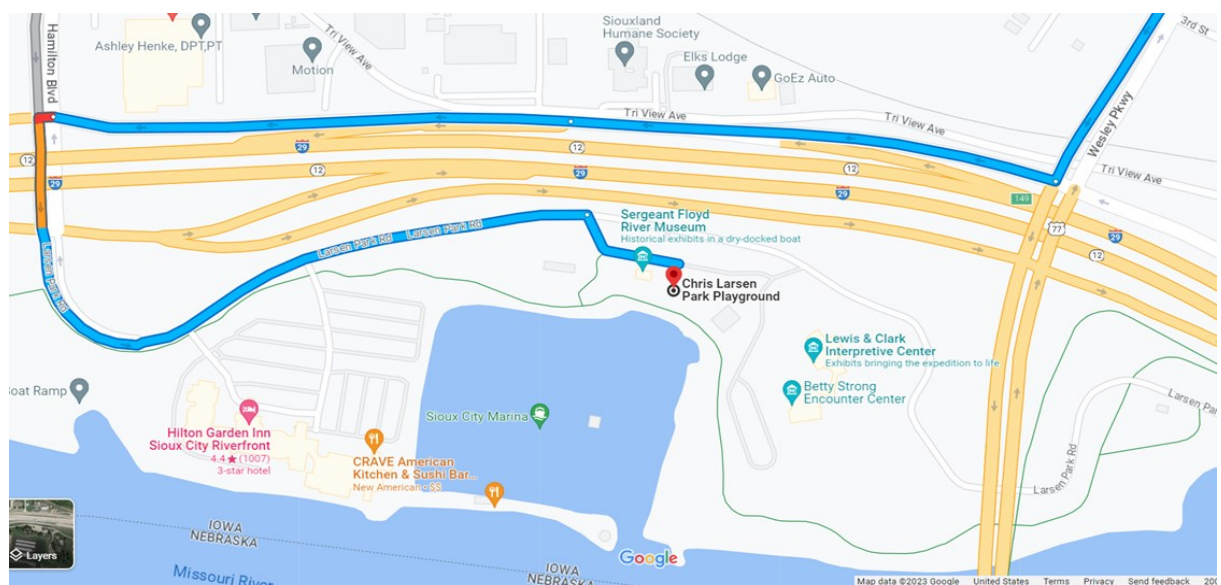
Westminster – side dishes

Faith United – vegetables and salads

First South Sioux – desserts

(In case of severe weather or morning temperatures over 90 degrees, First Presbyterian Church of Sioux City will be our backup location.)

We hope you'll join us!



The Member Care Committee is looking for people willing to knit or crochet prayer shawls. There are instructions for both knitting & crocheting in the church office. What is most important is the final size! The shawl should be approximately 4 feet long by 2 feet wide. Each shawl will take 3 skeins of yarn. Thank you!



Do you enjoy helping others? Do you have a couple of hours to give? We're looking for volunteers to help prep or serve and clean up at the Siouxland Soup Kitchen. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Kathy Zebert at 224-6236-6150 or zeb-kjm@gmail.com. We do have a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary where you can pick when you are available to volunteer.

Here is a picture from our last volunteers. Also, thank you to Suzan Stewart and Linda Williams for doing the prep before the group below came to serve and clean up.

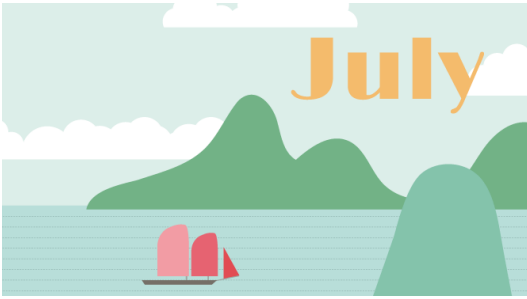


Please join the Lunch Bunch on July 9th after our worship service down at Famous Dave's BBQ. Great food, conversation and fellowship! Contact Patty Rarick so she can give them a head count.

605-670-2707 Patty's cell.



Your staff would like to wish you a safe and fun 4th of July!

**Acolytes:**

July 2: Sage Pierson
 July 9: Harper Rohlena
 July 16: Hazel Rohlena
 July 23: Emmett Rohlena
 July 30: Harper Rohlena

Greeter/Usher:

July 2: Vicki Ackerman, Anne Cowley, Kathleen Morfitt
 July 9: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family
 July 16: Anne Cowley, Butch & Mary Floyd
 July 23: Steve & Brenda Bradley, Lowell & Judy Vos
 July 30: Bob & Pat Anderson, Neva Pierce

Lectors:

July 2: Pat Anderson
 July 9: Jane Vereen
 July 16: Gerald Messersmith
 July 23: Anne Cowley
 July 30: Andrea Rohlena

Tellers:

July 2: Jeff Stanley & Lance Eybers
 July 9: Brenda Bradley & Lance Eybers
 July 16: Sarah Steill & Curtis Burns
 July 30: Sarah Steill & Curtis Burns

In case of a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Mark Bedford 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.

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Sioux City, Iowa



2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	3	4 <i>Office closed</i>	5	6	7	1 & 8
9 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Lunch Bunch at Famous Dave's	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	17 12:15 Admin/Fin	18	19	20	21	22 <i>RAGBRAI</i>
23 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	24 <i>Newsletter Dead- line</i>	25	26	27 <i>Print Newsletter</i>	28	29
30 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	31	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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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
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

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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.***