

October 1, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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October Worship Service Info



Sunday, Oct 1—18th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 21:23-27; Jesus on Authority

Sunday, Oct 8—19th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 21:28-32; Jesus on Obedience

Sunday, Oct 15—20th Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 22:15-22; Jesus on Taxes

Sunday, Oct 22—21st Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 23:1-12; Jesus on Pride

Sunday, Oct 29—212nd Sunday after Pentecost
Revelation 7:9-17; Prayers of Adoration

Friends,

...one of his disciples said unto him, "Lord, teach us to pray..." And he said unto them, "When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name..."

From Luke 11:1-2 (King James Version)

Friends,

Before a NASCAR race in 2011, a pastor named Joe Nelms caused a sensation as he delivered the invocation. In the prayer, he thanked God for brands of cars and auto products. He used a line from a Will Ferrell movie, thanking God for his "smokin' hot wife". Nelms then stole racetrack commentator Darrell Waltrip's catchphrase, finishing with "In Jesus' name, boogity, boogity, boogity, amen!" Many people speculated on whether this was a "good" prayer. Was it appropriate? Was it irreverent?

Part of my ministry is to encourage our congregation in all of our spiritual practices, including prayer. That's why I try to encourage people, during meetings or classes, to volunteer to pray. When I do, however, there's usually a moment of awkward silence. Some people don't wish to pray in public because they're afraid they'll look foolish. I hope that we can all take assurance from Pastor Nelms' prayer that there are no "wrong" words to say when we pray. However, I will say that there is a right attitude to prayer. Prayer should be heartfelt and sincere. Prayer should be pure in heart, aimed toward God without prideful concern for impressing anyone else. And even when we pray about our fear, our anger, or our grief, prayer should also be reverent.

From our All Saints' Day remembrance on October 29th through Thanksgiving, we'll dedicate our worship services to different kinds of prayer. We'll cover prayers of adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication or, more simply, "Wow!" "Oops!" "Thanks!" and "Gimmie!" I hope that as we explore all these ways of praying, we can all find our own voices, in every situation, to speak with the Lord.

Friends, let us pray with faithfulness, knowing that God wants to be in touch with us, even if our words may seem plain. God has given us every resource we need. As we read above, Jesus has given us the basic template of how to pray. And God's Holy Spirit helps us pray even when we cannot find words ourselves.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

Romans 8:26

As for Pastor Nelms, his prayer, while unexpectedly challenging, had some great qualities. If you watch a video of the prayer, you cannot deny his enthusiasm. He expressed the joy that God could create through that auto race for participants and spectators alike. And for once, everyone in attendance was LISTENING to the prayer!

Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19²⁰

In Christ, boogity, boogity, boogity, amen!

Pastor Mark

MY COMMITMENT TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR 2024

To be submitted to the church in person or by mail by October 31st, 2023

In grateful recognition that all my time, treasure, and ability come from God,

I gladly join with others in the support of Christ's church.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

I pledge \$ _____ for the worship, education, pastoral service, church upkeep, and mission of the church.

To be paid _____ Per Week _____ Per Month _____ Other _____

I understand that I can adjust this commitment at any time by contacting the church office.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please keep a copy of this pledge as a reminder of your commitment to the work of Christ for 2023

Mary's Music Notes—



Looking ahead.....

October 1 Choir

October 8 Choir

October 15 Handbells

October 22 Choir

October 29 Choir

Reminder that anyone can join us in choir or handbells....Wednesday nights-

5:30 Supper

6:00 Handbells (subs needed too)

7:00 Choir

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.

Please join us for our new Adult Bible Study, "**BIBLE 101 – THE BASICS**". We'll meet in the Vincent Lounge at 9:30 Sunday mornings and at 6:15 Wednesday evenings.

Men, you are invited to our **MEN'S BREAKFAST** at 9:00 on Saturday, October 14th. We'll meet at the Brightside Café at 4th and Nebraska in downtown Sioux City. Parking is free on weekends.

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

**2023
CROP HUNGER WALK**

BUILDING global RESILIENCE

This years Crop Walk is set for October 15th, 2023.

It starts at 1:00pm, starting a 3.5 mile walk to Grace United Methodist Church. Walkers are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item, donated to the food bank at the Agency. This is Sioux City's only inter-denominational event. The food & 25% of the money raised stays in Sioux City. The rest helps fight worldwide hunger.

Income & Disbursement Summary Through August 31, 2023

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

**2023
Per Capita
amount
is \$48.46.**

Income

All pledges, non-pledges & loose collection	\$ 213,224.33
Other operating income	\$ 10,034.35
Restricted donations	\$ 2,945.89
Per Capita	\$ 1,259.37
Total Income	\$ 227,4635.94

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 14,648.86
Ministry*	\$ 81,938.11
Music	\$ 32,123.14
Christian Discipleship	\$ 231.64
Building & Grounds	\$ 71,080.41
Office and Admin	\$ 12,699.51
Assessment	\$ 11,732.88
Other**	\$ 20,874.86
Personnel Payroll	\$ 83,025.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 309,759.96

Gain or Loss	\$ (100,890.47)
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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.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER



Previous Months Worship Attendance Report

Sept 3	52 in sanctuary
Sept 10	57 in sanctuary
Sept 17	69 in sanctuary
Sept 24	75 in sanctuary

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.



October birthdays

2nd - Damon Baier
 6th - Sarah Benton
 9th - Sya Lynn Bates
 10th - Caroline Steill
 15th - Carl Rarick
 17th - Easton Boettcher
 18th - Jeff Stanley

21st- Andrea Rohlena
 23rd - Kim Stanley
 24th - Sarah Steill
 29th - Peter Macfarlane
 30th - Joyce Strasser

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.*

Join First Presbyterian Church at the Orpheum on Tuesday,
 February 13, 2024. Show begins at 7:30 pm.

Group tickets are \$37.60 for seating in a P4 section with
 the group. Payment is due to First Presbyterian Church by
 check or online by October 27.

Higher priced tickets in other sections may be available
 upon request.

Please sign up at church in the back of the sanctuary or
 contact Barb Davis at (402) 679-6640 or Patty Rarick at
 (605) 670-2707 prior to October 27th.



October anniversaries

2nd - Tim & Amy Hynds
 2nd - Chris & Mandy Ellis
 10th - Ben & Brandi Erickson
 17th - Craig & Barb Davis

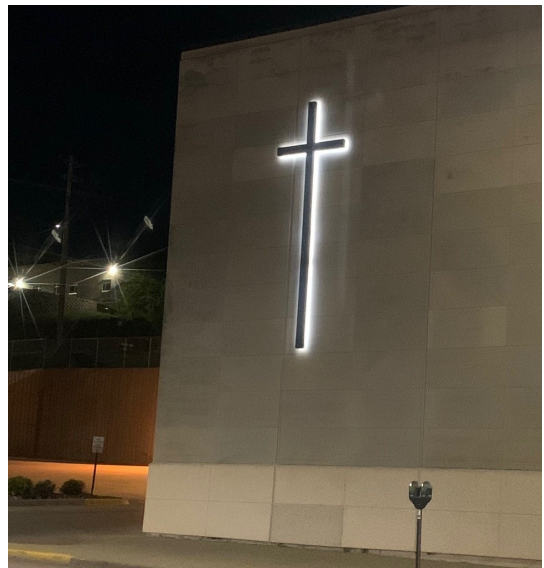


Anne Cowley was the
 winner of the wall
 hanging at the first
 night of bells and
 choir.

Congratulations,
 Anne!



Thank you to Ron & Linda Bowden for making sure the cross
 on the church that was in honor of Linda's parents shines
 brightly. It looks awesome!





Blessing - of the - ANIMALS

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 8

2 p.m.

Shepherd's Garden

(Downtown-619 6th Street, Sioux City)

Join us for the blessing of the animals which are so much part of our lives.

Please, keep your pets leashed, caged,
or secured on your laps, as needed.

*We will also be accepting donations to
benefit Noah's Hope Animal Rescue*

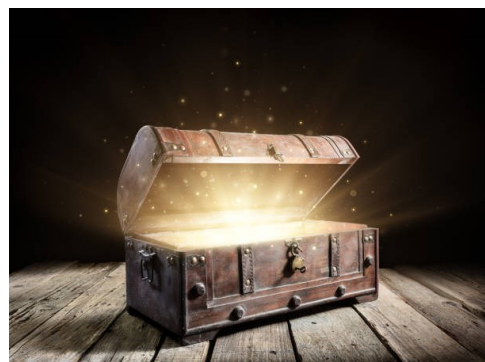
Sponsored by the Presbyterian Churches of Sioux City and
South Sioux City

First Presbyterian's Treasurers Brunch

On Sunday, October 15th after service, the Member Care Committee is hosting a brunch for our First Treasurers-our members 80 + years young. We would like to invite you and any family members to join in the celebration. Come and enjoy good food, good conversation & good friends.

Please contact Kathy Zebert at 224-636-6150 to let her know how many will be attending with you. **Transportation is available if needed**

Our 1st Treasures are truly a treasure to our congregation.



LUNCH BUNCH

Member Care has scheduled lunch Bunch for Sunday, October 8th after church at Chili's 110 Nebraska St. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy lunch, good conversation and some awesome food. Please contact Vicki Ackerman (712-490-3959-text or leave message) to know how many in your party will be coming so reservations can be made.



If you are interested in providing Chancel flowers for Sunday worship please give Mandy Ellis a call (712)203-1280 or call the church office. We welcome any flower arrangements from your garden, the farmers market, or wherever you purchase flowers. We will also be glad to order them from our regular florist, Petal Pushers.

Mission Committee Projects



Community Action Agency of Siouxland is asking for a food item donation—can goods or peanut butter. There will be a box in front of the office.

Message from Nick O'Brien—For clothing items, we are in need of new under wear. Sizes M, L, XL and 2XL.

These items may be dropped off in the church office and Karen will facilitate getting them to Nick.

The Warming Shelter is in need of new under wear for men & women.

The Mission Committee is looking for a few new members. Fresh ideas, and many hands make it so much easier. Please consider donating your time to this worthwhile endeavor. It will do you heart good!

First Presbyterian Church is starting up a Presbyterian Women Circle. They will have their first meeting/gathering on October 3, 6:30 pm, in the home of Kathy Perley, 524 Pelletier Dr. In order for her to know how much dessert she needs to make, please RSVP by Oct 2 to 712-253-7825. All women are welcome & encouraged to come.

Other dates for your calendar: Nov 7 6:30 at church & Dec 5, 6:30 at Patrice's.



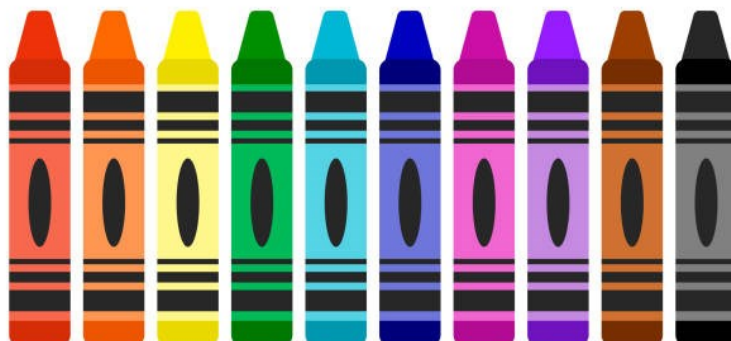
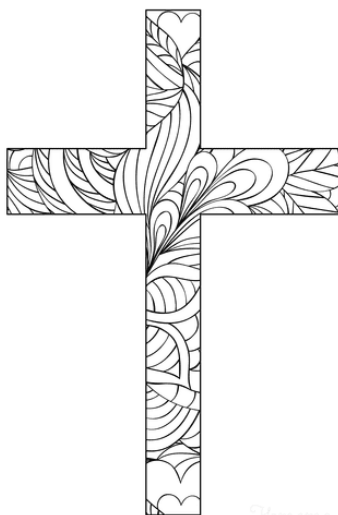
First Presbyterian Church's Fall Festival

November 1, 2023 @ 6:30

Sheldon Jackson



Games, crafts, coloring - come join us for all the fun!



**Acolytes:**

Oct 1: Harper Rohlena
 Oct 8: Hazel Rohlena
 Oct 15: Emmett Rohlena
 Oct 22: Sage Pierson
 Oct 29: Aidan Hunt

Lectors:

Oct 1: Juliana Mayne
 Oct 8: Paul Johnson
 Oct 15: Michael Rohlena
 Oct 22: Anne Cowley
 Oct 29: Linda Williams

Tellers:

Oct 1: Vikki Jacobs & Lance Eybers
 Oct 8: Jeff Stanley & Kathy Zebert
 Oct 15: Curtis Burns & Brenda Bradley
 Oct 22: Kathy Zebert & Sarah Steill
 Oct 29: Sarah Steill & Lance Eybers

Greeter/Usher:

Oct 1: Vicki Ackerman, Anne Cowley, Barb Davis & Neva Pierce
 Oct 8: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family
 Oct 15: Butch & Mary Floyd; Lowell & Judy Vos
 Oct 22: Anne Cowley, Kathleen Morfitt, Chris Hunt & Juliana Mayne
 Oct 29: Vicki Ackerman, Bob & Pat Anderson, Barb Davis



In case of a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Mark. His phone number after hours is 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
1 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	2 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds 5:30 Personnel	3 6:30 Presbyterian Women's Group @ Kathy Perley's	4 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	5	6	7
8 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission 11:30 Lunch Bunch 2:00 Chamber Music	9	10	11 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	12	13	14
15 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Handbells 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	16 12:15 Admin/Fin	17	18 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	19	20	21
22 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons	23	24 7:00 Session	25 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study	26 4:30 Memorial <i>Newsletter Dead-line</i>	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship	30 5:00 Staff 5:30 Music & Worship <i>Print Newsletter</i>	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. * Childcare offered during Sunday worship & Wednesday evenings			

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
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Office Administrator 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 & Larry Goodman, Jr.

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.



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