

November 1, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

608 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51101



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November Worship Service Info



Sunday, Nov 5—21st Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 32; Prayer of Confession

Sunday, Nov 12—22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 86:1-7; Prayers of Supplication

Sunday, Nov 19—23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 100; Prayers of Thanksgiving

Sunday, Nov 26—Christ the King

Rev. Mike McCallum

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4

Friends,

For centuries, these words have offered comfort to people in a world of constant change. Some retailers, however, seem to have forgotten the need for appointed seasons. Over the last few years, we've all grown used to seeing Christmas decorations in stores as early as September.

According to church tradition, November 1st is All Saints Day, a day to remember fellow Christians who have passed on. In fact, the word "Halloween" is an updated version of "All Hallows Eve," the evening before All Saints Day. But I've heard that many retailers are trying to turn November 1st into the new "Black Friday," the day those stores expect consumers to start their holiday shopping. How long will it be before we end up watching Fourth of July fireworks to the tune of "Jingle Bells"?

Now I have great respect for people who can plan their Christmas shopping this far ahead. I've spent a few frantic Christmas Eves in shopping malls wishing I had been that forward thinking. But it's times like these that remind me of the old quip that "Time is nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once." I don't want to celebrate HallowThanksMas! All of these holidays have their own meaning, and their own season.

Yours, Lord, is the day, yours also the night; you established the luminaries and the sun. You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter.

from Psalm 74:16-17

Friends, the Bible tells us over and over that God has given an order to time, separating day from night, planting from harvest, and summer from winter. The church calendar gives us many opportunities to celebrate all the different ways in which God works in our lives. And this year's calendar offers one small but significant bit of comfort. Usually, the first Sunday of Advent takes place the weekend after Thanksgiving. This always makes me feel like I'm being rushed into the Christmas season. This year, however, the first Sunday of Advent is also the first Sunday of December, which seems to me to be the natural order of things. This year we have an extra week to finish the leftover turkey before we start to prepare for the coming of the Christ child. In Christ's appointed season. In God's good time.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth ... You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

from James 5:7-8

In Christ,
Rev. Mark Bedford

Mary's Music Notes—

Looking ahead.....

Nov. 5 Choir

Nov. 12 Choir

Nov. 19 Handbells

Nov. 26 Choir

Reminder that all are welcome to join us any time.....

Wednesday evenings:

5:30 Meal

6:00 Handbells

7:00 Choir

Mary Benton, Director of Music



Jason Kishiku is in need of a gently used bicycle. Jason was a member of our congregation who has moved up to Akron.

If you have one you and want to get rid of it or know someone who has one, please call Jason at 712-904-7290.

Thank you!

Siouxland Soup Kitchen gave our Mission Committee a list of items they are in need of for the upcoming winter months.

Coats, jackets
Sweatshirts
Boots
Warm Socks
Tennis shoes
Underwear
Blankets

If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office and Karen will be sure to get them to the Mission Committee.

Thank you!

Reminder: The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday in observance of the holiday.

We are in need of chancel flower providers. If you would like to donate chancel flowers, please contact Mandy Ellis at 712-203-1280. You can order one or two bouquets. You can purchase your own and bring them with you, or you can have Karen order them for you and bill you later. Please consider donating flowers. Thank you!

Income & Disbursement Summary Through September 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	\$ 246,439.92
Other operating income	\$ 10,841.42
Restricted donations	\$ 2,945.89
Per Capita	\$ 1,307.83
Total Income	\$ 261,535.06

Disbursements

Mission	\$ 20,565.53
Ministry*	\$ 90,997.21
Music	\$ 33,204.30
Christian Discipleship	\$ 306.54
Building & Grounds	\$ 77,690.33
Office and Admin	\$ 13,702.37
Assessment	\$ 13,199.49
Other**	\$ 26,190.96
Personnel Payroll	\$ 94,753.34
Total Disbursements	\$ 370,610.07

Gain or Loss	\$ (109,075.01)
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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

Oct 1	68 in sanctuary
Oct 8	70 in sanctuary
Oct 15	56 in sanctuary
Oct 22	68 in sanctuary
Oct 29	77 in sanctuary



Be sure to set your clocks back before you go to bed Saturday, November 4th. Otherwise, you will more than likely be the first person to arrive for worship on Sunday and Rick may put you to work!

November birthdays

13th - Carter Hunt
 16th - Gabby Uhl
 16th - Tim Stodden
 20th - John Mayne
 22nd - Julie Reeder

22nd - Brandon Wagner
 26th - Juliana Mayne
 27th - Suriana Uhl
 27th - Sabrina Stodden
 28th - Nancy Wenell



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.*

2nd - Terry & Carol Beaumont
 12th - Jeff & Patty Rarick
 15th - Brant & Ashley Mozak
 19th - Brian & Katie Haak



2024 Pledges—we have received 35 pledge cards as of 10/31/23. Here is our totals:

Pledges \$148,580.00

Prepays \$110,010.00

Total \$258,590.00

Budget as of 10/31/23

\$492,443.00

Difference of **\$233,853.00**

Please turn your pledge cards in as soon as possible.

Come Gather Together to Give Thanks
Please Join Us For a
Friends Giving

When: Sunday, November 5th

Time: 12:00 noon

**Where: First Presbyterian Church of
South Sioux City, Nebraska**



In Everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus concerning you. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18



Donations of canned or boxed foods are welcome.
These will be donated to the Siouxland Food Bank.

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 meet in the Vincent Lounge at 9:30 Sunday mornings and at 6:15 Wednesday evenings.

Our congregation's **ANNUAL MEETING/ CORPORATION MEETING** will take place after worship on Sunday, November 19th. We hope you'll be present for this important moment in our church's life.

Pastor Mark will be on vacation from Tuesday through Sunday, November 21-26. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Rev. David Koehler, pastor of Faith United Presbyterian Church, at 712-730-4478 or at Faithupc@outlook.com.

First Treasurers Brunch

On Sunday, October 15th, Member Care hosted a brunch for our First Treasurers. Our members 80+ years. They all served on one or more committees, participated in choir, bells, & Christian Ed. Everyone expressed the beauty of the church & how they have contributed to its improvements. The best advice for our younger members is to be active and keep attending.

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



The lunch bunch will meet on Sunday, Nov. 12 at Pickerman's, Soup & Sandwich, 1762 Hamilton Blvd. right after church. Please let Anne Cowley (712-204-5182) know if you plan to come.



**Acolytes:**

Nov 5: Hazel Rohlena
 Nov 12: Harper Rohlena
 Nov 19: Aidan Hunt
 Nov 26: Emmett Rohlena

Tellers:

Nov 5: Vikki Jacobs & Curtis Burns
 Nov 12: Kathy Zeibert & Brenda Bradley
 Nov 19: Vikki Jacobs & Lance Eybers
 Nov 26: Sarah Steill & Curtis Burns

Lectors:

Nov 5: John Mayne
 Nov 12: Chris Hunt
 Nov 19: Andrea Rohlena
 Nov 26: Barb Davis

Greeter/Usher:

Nov 5: Lowell & Judy Vos, Chris Hunt & Juliana Mayne
 Nov 12: Butch & Mary Floyd, Neva Pierce & Kathleen Morfitt
 Nov 19: Vicki Ackerman, Bob & Pat Anderson & Barb Davis
 Nov 26: Michael & Andrea Rohlena family

Your office staff would like to wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving.

The church office will be closed on November 26th and 27th in observance of the holiday. We will back to the office on Monday, November 30th.



In case of an emergency in the First Presbyterian Family please contact the church office. If after hours please contact Pastor 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
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>			1 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 6:30 Fall Festival 7:00 Choir	2 7:00 Chamber Music	3	4
5 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Choir 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Member Care	6 11:30 Endowment Committee 5:30 Bldg. & Grounds	7 6:30 PW @ church	8 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Mission	13 5:30 Personnel	14 7:00 Called Session meeting	15 5:00 Christian Discipleship 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	16	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Handbells Bible Study 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Annual Meeting	20 12:15 Admin/Fin 7:00 Holiday Light Parade	21 <i>Mark out</i>	22 <i>No Activities</i> <i>Newsletter Dead-line</i> <i>Mark out</i>	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Choir Bible Study 10:00 Coffee 10:30 Worship 11:30 Deacons <i>Mark out</i>	27 5:00 Staff 5:30 Music & Worship	28 7:00 Session <i>Print Newsletter</i>	29 5:30 Meal 6:00 Handbells 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir	30		

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
Twitter@1stChurchSCIA

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
Custodian.....Rick Heinemann

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.***