



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are **NEW**, stop by the Welcome Center for
your Welcome Gift!

SUMMER SUNDAYS

We affirm that all people are children of God and are created in the image of God. Believing this, we welcome all individuals into the life, community, and ministry of First Pres. This includes people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental ability, economic status, political belief, background, and past experience. No one is excluded, marginalized, or held outside the warm welcome of this congregation. You can find our full statement on our website.

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SEP**

**ONE 10AM SERVICE
THROUGH SEPT. 6TH**
firstpresnormal.org

**10
AM**

10AM ORDER OF WORSHIP
(When you see the * symbol, you may stand)

PRELUDE	How Majestic Is Your Name (M. Hayes)	Phil Enge, organ
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Matt Wilcox
CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 19)		Ann Lamkey
*HYMN #386	O for a World	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Ann Lamkey
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		
*SONG	More Like Jesus	
SCRIPTURE	Joshua 24:14-15	Ann Lamkey
TIME WITH CHILDREN		Elissa Bailey
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 2:1-16	Pastor Matt Wilcox
MESSAGE	At Our Core	
*SONG	Let It Be Said of Us	
COMMUNITY PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Matt Blue
COMMUNION		Pastor Matt Wilcox
OFFERING INVITATION		Ann Lamkey
OFFERING REFLECTION TIME		
*HYMN #371	Lift High The Cross	
*BLESSING		Pastor Matt Wilcox
POSTLUDE	Psalms 19 (B. Marcello)	Phil Enge, organ

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY:
Carole & Jerry Ringer, in memory of Burnett and Frances Ringer.

AT OUR CORE

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-16

The Main Point

(A quick summary of the sermon.)

Our four core values - Christ-Centered, Authentic Welcome, Vulnerable and Honest Faith, and Children & Teenagers - name the convictions God has woven into the DNA of First Pres and help clarify whom God has called us to be. Living these values together, even when doing so challenges our individual preferences, helps us remain faithful to Jesus and become the church God has uniquely called us to be.

One Question

(A single question to carry with you this week.)

What do our core values reveal about the kind of church we believe God is calling First Pres to be?

What Now?

(A clear, simple next step.)

Identify someone at First Pres who embodies one of your core values. Thank them and tell them specifically what you see in them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark you calendars and get plugged in!

SEPTEMBER STORY STROLL

Our fall Story Stroll is “Plant a Pocket of Prairie,” by Phyllis Root. Experience our prairie while reading about how all of creation is connected. Expand your experience by clicking on the QR codes. The Stroll begins at the Elm Entrance of the prairie path (near the north parking lot) and ends at the Oaks (in the SW corner).

SEPT. 8 & 9 | CHANCEL & BELL CHOIRS BEGIN REHEARSALS

We are actively seeking new members – adults and older youth – for Chancel Choir and Bell Choir. Haven’t played before? No problem. Start dates: Chancel Choir, Sept. 9, 6:30pm; Bells – Sept. 8, 6:30pm. Questions to penge@firstpresnormal.org.

SEPT. 13 | PATHWAY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

September 13 we’ll return to a two-service worship schedule with Traditional Worship at 8:30am and Contemporary Worship at 11am, and we’ll launch a new sermon series - Disciple Steps. Between services (9:45–10:45am), everyone is invited to the Great Hall for brunch, connection, a first look at new Sunday morning opportunities for children, students, and adults that begin the following week, while children enjoy inflatables and games outside. Who will you invite?!?

SEPT. 13 | YOUTH GROUP BBQ!

Student in grades 6th-12th and their parents are invited to join us for a BBQ, 5:30-7:30pm in the Great Hall and Patio. We’ll offer an introduction to this year’s Youth Group schedule, and some games! Please contact Kelli Owens with any questions.

SEPT. 14 | BLESSINGS’ MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

This women’s Bible Study begins on Monday, September 14, 6-7pm in the lounge. We are studying the Gospel of John this year. Please sign up online.

SEPT. 16 | 100 CARING ADULTS CHEERING ON KIDS

One of our local missions partners, Fairview Elementary School, has asked if we can show up to celebrate and welcome the students of our community. On Wednesday, September 16, from 7:15-7:45am, help us cheer on the kids of Fairview! This is our chance to show these kids that their community is cheering them on. We will meet at the school by 7:15am, before the kids start arriving. If you have any questions, please connect with Pastor Matt.

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SEPT. 25 | RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, Sept. 25, 1:30-5pm in the Great Hall. The Red Cross is in critical need of blood donations. They will be collecting regular blood donations, as well as Power Red donations. Each donor will receive a \$15 e-gift card. Our goal is to collect 19 units. Register to give at redcrossblood.org.

SEPT. 26 | MILLION MEALS PACK EVENT

Join First Pres at ISU's CEFCU Arena on Sat., Sept. 26, during the 10:30am–12pm shift by registering on our website or by QR code. After clicking the **first** link/QR, select "Yes" under "General Meal Packer," checking the 10:30am–12pm shift, then complete the rest of the form. Please use the **second** link/QR code to RSVP to Pastor Matt, so he knows you/your family are coming; we will meet at 10am and enter together so we can be seated around the same tables.



STEP 1.
**REGISTER TO
VOLUNTEER**



STEP 2.
**RSVP TO
PASTOR MATT**



RUMMAGE SALE IMPORTANT DATES!

- Sun., Sept. 27–Thu., Oct. 1: Donation Drop-Off, 5:30–7:30pm
- Mon., Sept. 28–Thu., Oct. 1: Donation Drop-Off, 11am–1pm
- Fri., Oct. 2, 4–6pm: Pre-Sale (Day 1- \$5 entry fee)
- Sat., Oct. 3, 8am–12pm : Rummage Sale (Day 2 - free entry)

Our Rummage Sale is coming soon! You can help in multiple ways: donate items (no adult clothing except coats, jackets, hats, shoes; no broken or dirty items please). Consider donating your stuff and helping with cleanup! If you would like to volunteer, please see the sign-up link on our website. You can also sign up in person TODAY and on 9/13, & 9/20. Please take a yard sign to spread the word in your neighborhood. If you need help from our Youth Group to pick up your items, please contact Kelli at kowens@firstpresnormal.org. Sale proceeds will go to our Youth Group and Mid Central Community Action. Our Youth Group will also be having a Bake Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, October 3rd, during the sale. If you have questions, please contact: dana.k.sutton@gmail.com or Irsabick@gmail.com.

Providing 1,500 Thanksgiving
Meal Boxes to families in need!

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BIG GIVE



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Midwest
FOOD BANK



ACCEPTING DONATIONS DURING SEPTEMBER

Please help us feed our neighbors

Please join Home Sweet Home Ministries, Midwest Food Bank, and Thrivent Financial as we come together to collect items for Thanksgiving meal boxes. During September, shop Hy-Vee or your favorite grocery store for the items listed below. Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors in need!

See next page for shopping list >>>

SHOPPING LIST

- ☐ 1 Box of Stuffing Mix
- ☐ 2 Cans of Corn
- ☐ 2 Cans of Green Beans
- ☐ 2 Cans of Cream of Mushroom
- ☐ 1 Box of Mashed Potatoes
- ☐ 1 Envelope of Gravy (no jars, please)
- ☐ 1 Regular Pouch of French Fried Onions
- ☐ 1 Can of Cranberry Sauce
- ☐ 1 Box of Pie Crust Mix
- ☐ 1 Can of Pumpkin Pie Mix
- ☐ 1 Can of Evaporated Milk
- ☐ 1 \$25 Gift Card for a Frozen Turkey

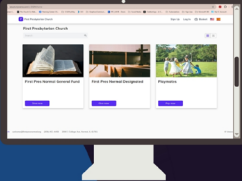
Accepting donations the entire month of September. Please bring donations on Sunday mornings (or during the week) and put them in the sanctuary on the table provided. Thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tue. Sept. 8	5:30pm 6pm 6:30pm	Property Meeting Library Missions Super Committee Great Hall Handbell Rehearsal Lounge
Wed. Sept. 9	6:30pm 7pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary Adult Discipleship Committee Library
Thu. Sept. 10	9am 7pm	Book Group Library Deacons Library
Fri. Sept. 11	11:15am	Worship Band Rehearsal Sanctuary

CONTACT OUR CHURCH STAFF

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Giving is easy and safe!
Contact Mark Briggs with questions



1. Give online
2. Mail a check
3. Set up electronic payments

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SIGN-UPS





Scan the QR code with your phone's camera. When a link pops up, tap it with your finger.