



The Builder



2020

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

First Presbyterian Church

1005 1st Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

Sunday School for all Ages - 9:15am

Sunday Worship - 10:30am

Sunday Sermon Preview - Thursday, 10am & 7pm

Below are important dates to remember. We look forward to being together again as soon as possible! Remember to pray for each other everyday and especially on the following days:

Come to the Table - Communion is ordinarily served on the first Sunday each month

Palm Sunday - April 5 * Maundy Thursday * Good Friday

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord - April 12

Keep in touch.....

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Special Note: Pastor Tom is sharing Daily Devotionals and Messages on Facebook!

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Dear Friends,

THIS IS CRUCIAL!

Easter is here again! And if there is any event crucial to our understanding of the Christian faith, it is Easter. What we believe about Easter is preserved for us in the historic creeds of our faith. Perhaps that is why creeds are so important: they serve as reminders of the content of our faith.

One of the earliest creeds is the Apostle's Creed. About the resurrection it says: "On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead."

Another popular creed is the Nicene Creed. It too, refers to the resurrection: "The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father."

Both of these creeds were written over 1,600 years ago. The word "creed" comes from the Latin word *credo*, meaning "I believe." It's always a good exercise to review what we believe. Some people like to write down their thoughts in the form of a credo. William Sloan Coffin, for many years the minister at Riverside Church in New York City, has published a book called *Credo*. In it he defines a creed as that "to which I give my heart." I really like that definition.

At this holy time of the year, let me ask you a question— to what have you given your heart? To what are the affections of your heart anchored? Whatever it is, that's your creed! Want to know what you believe—then look inside your heart. I encourage you to take care to nurture the affections of your heart.

This year at Easter, I hope that you will take time to thank God for sending us a Savior who has conquered death and the grave. Let us praise God, for Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tom

April

Birthdays & Anniversaries!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Lonnie Martin	4
5 Richard Hoch Jane Zimmerman	6	7	8 Tom & Ruth Weddle	9	10 Jennie Mercer	11 John & Pat Wehling
12 Kaycee Driever	13 Cassel Frerichs	14	15	16 Summer Godsey	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Curley Temple	24 Carissa Curtis	25
26 Kristie Dierking	27	28	29	30 Nathan Hodges		

If you have additions or corrections to the Birthday and Anniversaries calendar, please don't hesitate to let Jane know! Please call the office or email your information to secretary@firstpresnc.org.

Bible Study



Join Pastor Tom and the others for *Sunday Preview*! These study sessions will assist you in getting more out of the approaching Sunday morning worship service each week. Classes are held every Thursday at both 10am and 7pm giving you a choice of a time that best fits your schedule. These classes are not only Biblical, but historical, informative and enjoyable!

Also - join the men at *Scooters* each Thursday morning at 6:30 for *Men's Study Group* – *all are welcome!*



Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lunch Bunch @ Subway 12pm Quilters 1pm AA 8pm	2 Men's Study Gp at <i>Scooters</i> 6:30am AA12pm Sunday Preview 10am	3	4 AA 8am
5 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9:15am Worship/ Communion 10:30	6 AA 12pm Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	7 AA 12pm	8 Lunch Bunch @ Arby's 12pm Quilters 1pm Deacons 5:15pm Session 6:30pm AA 8pm	9 Men's Study Gp at <i>Scooters</i> 6:30am AA12pm Sunday Preview 10am Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm	10 Good Friday	11 AA 8am
12 Easter Resurrection of the Lord - Breakfast 7:30-9:30am Sunday School 9:15am & Worship 10:30	13 AA 12pm	14 AA 12pm	15 Lunch Bunch @ Taco John's 12pm Quilters 1pm AA 8pm	16 Men's Study Gp at <i>Scooters</i> 6:30am AA 12pm Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	17	18 AA 8am
19 2 nd Sunday of Easter Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30am	20 AA 12pm Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	21 AA 12pm	22 Lunch Bunch @ Hong Kong 12pm Quilters 1pm AA 8pm	23 Men's Study Gp at <i>Scooters</i> 6:30am AA 12pm Sunday Preview 10am & 7pm	24 Food Bank of Lincoln at First United Methodist Church 12-1pm	25 AA 8am Arbor Day Celebration
26 3 rd Sunday of Easter Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:30 Hunger Offering	27 AA 12pm	28 AA 12pm	29 Lunch Bunch @ Valentino's 12pm Quilters 1pm AA 8pm	30		

THIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS OF COURSE, A 'SHOULD BE' RATHER THAN CURRENT!
Please know that we are thinking of our church family and friends every day and praying for your health and safety. Pray that we are worshiping and enjoying fellowship together in the very near future!



Left: Doris Martin was honored for all her years of service to First Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women and her fellow church members. If there is work to be done, Doris is always among the first to volunteer. This special lady was given flowers, a special pin and a certificate at a presentation on March 8, during our 'Gifts of Women' worship service.

Below: The women and children performed with the Krystal Bells to the music of *This Little Light of Mine*! Please keep that light shining on all of us in these months ahead!



This little light of Mine – I'm gonna let it shine!



Pastor Tom shared little lights with all the children on Sunday, March 15 during Children's Time. No one knew at that time that we were going to need that light more than ever when gray skies and Covid 19 spread over our nation, changing the direction of our daily lives, communication with each other and our interactions with one another. Keep living in His light with faith - patience - grace - empathy - understanding - love.

Did we mention SUNSHINE! Take a look at the SUNSHINE below! These precious little ones should bring a smile to all of us!



Above left: Alexander John Frerichs is all smiles as he has his picture taken by Krisitie Dierking! To all of his family - stay happy and healthy!
Above right: Little miss Rachel Rose Anderson came into the world on Thursday, March 23. Josh and Tanya (Reese) are her parents, Tony and Kim Reese, some really proud grandparents and Abby and Preston can't wait to hold her --- always an honor for an aunt and cousin!



Stewardship Sampler for April

Proverbs 3:5-9 *Trust in the Lord with all you heart, honor God with your first fruits.* Proverbs offers a lot of pithy one-liners that can be used to reflect on our call to stewardship and generosity. They could even be used as a basis for a stewardship campaign, like Proverbs 3:0. It is helpful to see it in the larger context as well, not only is this a call to give generously from our first fruits, it is a reminder to trust in God, follow God, and seek god's wisdom. All of these are forms of stewardship and all are deserving of our attention and reflection, even as we seek to inspire generous financial giving.



Please keep all of our Church members, friends and extended families in your prayers in addition to Christine Allgood, Kathy Duffy, Patrick Berge, Howard & Dee Antes, Kevin Driever, Tom & Janet Hemphill, Amy Fields, and those serving in the military: Grant Williams, Justyn Curtis, Greg McKnight & Shawn Decker