



The Builder



2024

The newsletter serving the families & friends of:

First Presbyterian Church - 1005 1st Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am

Sunday school: Youth at 9:15am, Adults at 9:30am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: 1st Sunday of each month

**Sunday Worship services are posted on our Facebook page:
First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City Facebook**

Keep in touch.....

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Pastor's Message

THIS IS CRUCIAL!

The Easter season 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 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. A great place to do that is at church in worship with others. Please get to church this Easter season! Please take the time to thank God for sending us a Savior who has conquered death and the grave. Join the singing, for Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Amen.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Happy Birthday Jane Zimmerman
- 8 Happy Anniversary Tom and RuthAnn Weddle
- 12 Happy Birthday Kaycee Driever
- 13 Happy Birthday Cassel Frerichs
- 15 Happy Anniversary Tony & Kim Reese
- 16 Happy Birthday Summer Godsey
- 24 Happy Birthday Carissa Curtis
- 25 Happy Birthday Sedona Zaroban
- 26 Happy Birthday Kristie Dierking

Many happy returns to the day of thy birth, may sunshine and gladness be given, and may our dear Father prepare us on earth for the beautiful birthday in heaven!

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

Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese

Scripture: JoAnn Martens

Sound/Power Point: Jeff Maddox/Jane Zimmerman

Coffee Fellowship: JoAnn Martens

Greeters: Helen Lundak & Gertrude Ettleman

Camera: Marv Zimmerman/Alexis Dierking

Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields

Acolytes: Youth

Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Dee Antes, Ed Reed, Jan Bolejack, Jen Stoakes, Edith Simmerman, Sandi Roth, and for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call or email the church office if you have someone to add to this list.



Tara Maddox Ribble will be honored at a **Spring Shower on Sunday May 19**. Please plan to join us for this shower and luncheon from 12-2pm at the church.

JoAnn Martens, Janet Osborne and Carla Zaroban will host this special celebration for Tara.

Further details will be forthcoming.



Calendar Of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	2	3 Lunch Bunch Little Ted's 11:30am Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	4 Memorial Service for Loran Patton 9:30 visitation 10:30 service	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:15 Adult SS 9:30 Worship/Holy Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	8	9	10 Lunch Bunch Keeping Room 11:30am Quilters 1pm Deacons 5pm Session 6:30pm	11	12	13
14 Sunday school 9:15 Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30	15 Food Pantry at UMC 3-5pm	16	17 Lunch Bunch Subway 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	18	19	20
21 Sunday School 9:15am Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30am	22	23	24 Lunch Bunch Keeping Room 11:30am Quilters 1pm Choir 7pm	25	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:15am Adult SS 9:30 Worship 10:30am Hunger Offering	29	30				

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR REGULAR GIVING.



Symbols of Lent: The Sunday school students and teachers carried the cross into the sanctuary and each week a symbol of Lent was added to the cross.



Gifts of Women Sunday was celebrated on March 10. The highlight of the morning was honoring our Abby!

Abby Reese: Elder, Clerk of Session, Organist, Choir Director – you get the picture. She is our super hero. Many thanks, Abby for all that you do for our church and its members. Family and friends enjoyed the celebration with Abby. Abby received a certificate, pin and flowers from the church. Representatives from Homestead Presbyterian Women also arrived with flowers and best wishes for Abby.

Laura Osborne was our pulpit supply that morning and had a wonderful “Mary and Martha” message for us.

Several other women participated by greeting, reading scripture, leading the service, & providing music, camera and PowerPoint.





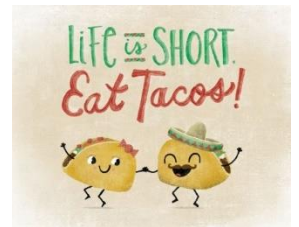
Sunday School Fiesta – Sunday, May 5 – 11:30am

Everyone is invited!



We will have TACOS with all the fixings!

Stay tuned for further information! 😊



Join us for a
Community Chorus!

The Nebraska City Ministerial Association will present a special evening program on the National Day of Prayer, May 2nd.

We are forming a **community chorus** to sing for that program. The plan is to sing two anthems. We will practice on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock on April 3, 17, 24 and May 1 at First Presbyterian Church.

We invite all who like to sing to come join us for this special event. Questions can be directed to Pastor Tom Osborne at presbypastortom@yahoo.com



CONGRATULATIONS!

Left: JOEL PURSEY was recently honored at an Awards Banquet for **15 years of service** to Nemaha County Hospital Auburn, Nebraska

Right: FOY THAYER, a resident of Ambassador Health of Nebraska City has been named **Otoe County Veteran of the Month**



Easter Sunday
at
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