



# The Builder



## 2026

**The newsletter serving the families & friends of:**

First Presbyterian Church – 170 Years – 1855-2025

1005 1st Corso - Nebraska City NE 68410

Worship on Sunday mornings - 10:30am

Sunday School classes – Youth 9:15, Adults 9:30am

The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Coffee Fellowship - 1st Sunday of each month

Join us for **Maundy Thursday** Worship & Holy Communion – April 2 – 7pm

Worship with us on **Easter Sunday** Worship & Holy Communion

April 5 – 10:30am

Join us for **Easter Breakfast** – 8:30 – 9:30am

Bring a camera for our **Photo Booth** - 9:30 – 10:15am on Easter morning!

**Sunday Worship services are posted on our Facebook page:**

**First Presbyterian Church – Nebraska City Facebook**

**Keep in touch.....**

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Easter thoughts from Pastor Tom.....

Easter is the cornerstone of the Christian faith because it resembles the victory of life over death. This holiday is when we remember Jesus' conquering of sin. In Luke 24:6-7, we read of the angel's proclamation at the empty tomb, declaring, "He is not here; he has risen!"

This **resurrection of Jesus Christ** is the ultimate demonstration of God's love and grace. Through this divine act, we find hope and redemption, as expressed in Romans 6:4, which states, "We too may live a new life."

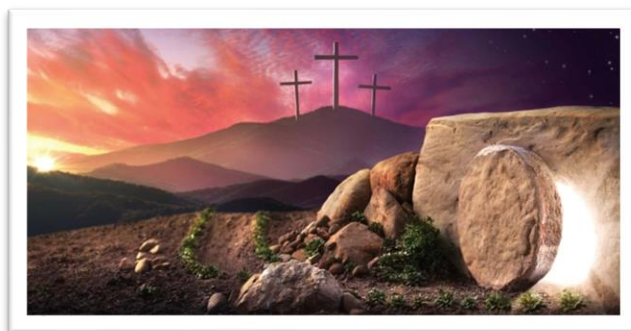
Life these days presents challenges and obstacles that can leave us feeling weary and uncertain. However, as believers, we take solace in the words of Jesus found in John 16:33, where he assures us, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

In addition to being a time when we remember God's love, Easter is also a time when we **celebrate the hope** we find in Jesus. 1 Peter 1:3 says: "In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

At First Presbyterian Church, Easter is a time of joyous celebration and spiritual renewal. In Acts 2:42-47, we see the early church coming together in fellowship, breaking bread, and praising God. Likewise, Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages us to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another."

This Easter Sunday, please join us as we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of new life! We are serving a Breakfast from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. We will have a Photo Booth set up between 9:30 and 10:15. Bring your phone camera and get a picture of your children or grandchildren or your whole family, in front of the empty tomb. It will be a great way to remember Easter 2026! Our Easter worship service will start at 10:30 and include sharing the Lord's Supper.

**We look forward to seeing you!**





- 5 Jane Zimmerman
- 12 Kaycee Driever
- 16 Summer Godsey
- 24 Carissa Curtis
- 25 Sedona Zaroban
- 26 Kristie Dierking

**& Happy Anniversary!**

- 8 Tom & RuthAnn Weddle
- 15 Tony & Kim Reese

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 Anniversary calendar, please don't hesitate to let Jane know! Please call the office or email your information to:

Serving this month: Organist: Abby Reese  
 Scripture: Trent Mangum Greeter: Carol Hammond  
 Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Fields  
 Sound/Video: Kristie Dierking and Marv Zimmerman  
 Prepare Communion: Trent Mangum on Easter, Tony Reese on Maundy Thursday  
 Easter Breakfast: Worship Committee

Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Tom Weddle, Gertrude Ettleman, Marcia Catalone, Nancy Starr, Curt Wurtele, Lonnie & Donna Miller, Ashler Roehler, Dan Stoner, Carissa Curtis, Pastor Tom & Janet Osborne, and for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call or email the office if you have someone to add to this list.

**Nebraska City Food Pantry in April: donations of pasta and pasta sauce will be appreciated. Thanks in advance! 😊**



Bev Sweeney and her twin sister Shirley enjoyed some sister time in Phoenix last month. The Jones twins are from Rifle Colorado. They were two of five sisters. Shirley lives in AZ, and like Beverly, continues to golf. She also bowls in a league. Beverly graduated from business college and Shirley became a nurse. Both sisters had fun celebrating their 85th birthday together in AZ. They toured Sun Valley, ate breakfast out, reminisced, and watched movies.



Graduation for many is just a few weeks away. Phone or email the church office if you have someone.... child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or special friend, that will be graduating this year. Please provide his/her name, school, degree, and plans for his or her future. Include a picture of the graduate if possible!



# Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lunch Bunch Downtowner 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir practice 7pm	2 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Worship & Holy Communion 7pm	3 <b>Good Friday</b>	4
5 <b>Easter Sunday!</b> Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Photo Booth 9:30- 10:15, Worship and 10:30 Holy Communion Easter Day	6  Food Pantry UMC 3-5pm	7	8 Lunch Bunch Little Ted's 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir practice 7pm	9	10	11
12 Sunday School: Youth 9:15am Adult 9:30am Worship 10:30  2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	13	14	15 Lunch Bunch Keeping Room 11:30 Quilters 1pm Deacons & Session 6:30pm	16	17	18
19 Sunday School: Youth 9:15am Adult 9:30am Worship 10:30 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	20 Food Pantry UMC 3-5pm	21	22 Lunch Bunch Subway 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir practice 7pm	23	24	25
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## Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Breakfast – 8:30-9:30am  
Hosted by the Worship Committee

Photo Booth 9:30-10:15  
Bring a camera and take pictures with  
family and friends!

Worship & Holy Communion 10:30am  
Celebration the Resurrection!

## Annual Puzzle Day! 😊



The Deacons hosted Puzzle Day last month. We all agreed that this was a tough one - 500 very tricky pieces! But everyone had a great time that day.... even baby Dorie – her first puzzle day! The fun continued for a few more weeks. Two puzzles were completed – one more is still in progress, and the others were boxed up the day of the party... uncompleted. 😊