



The Builder



2025

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 classes – Youth 9:15, Adults 9:30am

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

ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18!

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

Keep in touch.....

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR TOM.....

The Bible admonishes us to give honor to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7). In this context, the Bible is talking about conferring honor upon people. Yes, there are men and women who, by their integrity and accomplishments, deserve to be honored. When you honor such people, you let them know that you value them highly.

If there are those among us who deserve to be honored, by what greater measure does your Lord God deserve to be honored? Among the many ways to honor the Lord is by sharing Christ through your gifts of love.

So often, people put financial giving to the Kingdom of God at the bottom of their financial budget. Proverbs 3:9-10 says, *“Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”*

Yes, it is a reminder to be giving to God out of the first fruits of our increase.

In Luke 12:15, Jesus said *“Real life is not measured by how much we own.”* Then he goes on to tell the parable of a man who had no regard for God or the things of God. Even with an abundance by which giving would have been easy, this man chose to use his wealth and material goods for the sole purpose of gratifying his own needs and desires. God called him a fool. Luke 12:21: *“Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”*

During this season of stewardship emphasis please show the Lord that you a very high value on Christ and His Kingdom highly. Honor the Lord by sharing Christ through your gifts and offerings of love. When you do, you put the Lord at the top of your financial priority list.



Mark Your Calendars!.....



Saturday, October 18 – 8am – 1pm

Hosted by the Board of Deacons

Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee, Tea 8-11am

Salad Luncheon (freewill offering) 11am – 1pm

Bake Sale – Silent Auction – Craft Items

Preparations:

Join us for the bazaar set – up on Thursday, October 16: 2 – 4 pm

Please bring salads before 10am on bazaar day.

Bring donations of baked goods on bazaar day – 7:30-8am

Bring donated crafts or silent auction items:

Monday October 13 – Thursday October 16 – 9am – 2:30pm



The quilters have produced another stunning quilt for the bazaar and Silent Auction. Don't miss your chance to own it! A sneak peak is pictured to the left. The completed quilt will soon be on display and the bidding will start! "Lots of Triangles!" is a generous queen-size quilt with a lovely dark blue print backing. Thank you, quilters, Helen Lundak, Gertrude Ettleman, Udine Wilton and Rose DeKock!

We need YOU! Baked goods, salads, silent auction items and your time will be appreciated! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex..... or email the church office at: secretary@firstpresnc.org. Thank you in advance!



OCTOBER

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3 **Jeff & Carol Maddox**
- 14 **Larry & Marilyn Brammier**
- 15 **Tom & Janet Osborne**
- 16 **John Shrader**
- 17 **Connie Driever**
- 19 **Tony Reese**
Baylor James
- 22 **Howard Antes**
- 24 **Gracelyn Marion**
- 26 **Jayne James**
- 31 **Cari Godsey**

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: secretary@firstpresnc.org.

Please continue prayers for the following church family and friends: Ed Reed, Carissa Curtis, Justyn Curtis, Pastor Tom & Janet Osborne, Teresa Frields, Doris Martin, Linda Martin, Bill Peterson, and for those unable to attend worship in person. Please call or email the office if you have someone to add to this list.

Serving this month:

Organist: Abby Reese

Scripture: Abby Reese & Preston Scott

Greeter: Kristie Dierking

Facebook/Photographer: Teresa Frields

Sound/Video:

Jane Zimmerman, Preston Scott, & Marv Zimmerman

Prepare Communion: Tony Reese

The church has an opening for a Treasurer position starting January 2026. This is a paid position and will handle the monetary responsibilities for the church. Most of the Treasurer's job duties are completed remotely. Training for the position will be done by Carol, the outgoing Treasurer. Please see the job description posted on the bulletin board or ask Jane for a copy. If interested, submit a resume to Jane in the office by October 10. For further information, please contact the Treasurer, Carol Maddox, or Administrative Committee members Jeff Maddox or Sue LeGrand.



HAPPY RETIREMENT, DANA!

Dana Pursey has retired from Calvert Elementary School, after 17 great years with the school system. Enjoy your retirement!

From: [Auburn Public Schools - District #29](#)

Today, Calvert celebrated Dana's last day! Thank you, Dana for keeping Calvert clean and loving the kids and staff for 17 years! We will miss you and wish you all the best!



Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lunch Bunch Taco John's 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir practice 7pm	2	3	4
5 Sunday School: Youth 9:15am Adults 9:30 10:30 Worship & Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	6	7	8 Lunch Bunch Hong Kong 11:30 Quilters 1pm No Choir practice	9	10	11
12 Sunday School Youth 9:15am Adult 9:30am Worship 10:30am 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	13 Food Pantry UMC 3-5pm	14	15 Lunch Bunch Valentino's 11:30 Quilters 1pm Deacons & Session 6:30	16 Bazaar set up – 2-4pm	17	18 Annual Fall Bazaar! 8am – 1pm
19 Sunday School Youth 9:15am Adult 9:30am Worship 10:30 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	20	21	22 Lunch Bunch Taco Bell 11:30 Quilters 1pm Choir practice 7pm	23	24	25
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FOOD PANTRY FOR OCTOBER – donations of soup and crackers will be greatly appreciated this month! Thank you!!



It was great to have Christian Heaton join us for church and honor us with special violin music. Tom Hemphill and Janna also joined us that morning! It was wonderful having all of them back in our church family for worship and fellowship!



Welcome Baby Magnolia James Zaroban!

This darling little girl was born on Sunday September 21 to parents Nathan and Madison and big sis Sedona! Grandparents Ken and Carla were there to celebrate the birth.

Congratulations to the Zarobans!



Welcome Baby Dorothea (Dorie) Margaret James!

This little sweetheart was baptized on Sunday, September 14. Her proud parents are Brian and Liz James. The family hosted a coffee fellowship after the worship service that morning and we all got to meet the newest member of our church family!



There were lots of smiles going around in church and fellowship that day- God is good – all the time!

What is World Communion Sunday?

World Communion Sunday is observed on **the first Sunday in October**, bringing together Christians around the world to share in the sacred act of communion on the same day. This special occasion invites believers from many traditions and backgrounds to pause and reflect on their unity in Christ, despite cultural, language, or denominational differences. Whether celebrated in a quiet countryside church or a vibrant city congregation, it serves as a gentle but meaningful reminder that the Christian faith is deeply rooted in community — a global community bound not by walls or rituals, but by grace and shared belief.

History of World Communion Sunday

The roots of World Communion Sunday trace back to 1933, when the Reverend Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh introduced a unified communion service as a gesture toward Christian unity. In those early years, Kerr envisioned that Christians across denominational lines might feel connected by sharing in the Lord's Supper on the same day, even if they worshiped separately.

By 1940, the idea gained broader traction. Over time many denominations embraced it, not with the goal of merging worship styles but to emphasize that, in faith, Christians around the world share in one body through Christ.

Why is World Communion Sunday important?

World Communion Sunday serves as a reminder that Christian faith is not limited to a single congregation or denomination but is a global fellowship. When believers around the world pause on the same Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist, it highlights how despite differences in language, culture, liturgy, or theology, there is a bond of spiritual kinship. In a fractured world, that symbolic unity invites Christians to look beyond local divisions and remember the deeper unity we have in Christ.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

They say a smile is worth a thousand words. OCC shoeboxes produce a lot of smiles! Please share a few today. Pick up your preprinted boxes from church today, fill, return and the joy begins. We ask that they be filled and returned by November 16. Thank you so much for supporting this project!