

**Presbytery of North Central Iowa
Prayers for the Churches
2023**

The Commission on Ministry invites all congregations in the Presbytery of North Central Iowa to be in prayers for one another throughout the year. We hope in this way to share the spirit and power of prayer as we reflect on our oneness in Jesus Christ. The North Central Iowa Presbytery Bicentennial History – 200 Years Celebrate the Journey book will give you more understanding of each congregation as you pray. If you do not have a copy of the book, contact the Presbytery office.

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>CHURCH AND PASTOR(S)</u>
January 1, 2023	Presbyterian Mission Agency - deployed mission workers
January 8, 2023	First, Maxwell – CRE Adrian McMullen
January 15, 2023	Salem, Lincoln – Rev. Gary Catterson and Rev. Brad Braley
January 22, 2023	First, Kamrar – Rev. Bob EnTin
January 29, 2023	First, LeRoy, Minnesota – Rev. Dr. John Kerr
February 5, 2023	Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls – Rev. Dr. Dave Kivett Rev. Johnny Janssen
February 12, 2023	First, Fort Dodge – Rev. Dr. Austin Hill Rev. Sara Hill
February 19, 2023	United, Goldfield –
February 27, 2023	First, State Center – CRE Kelly Kopsa and Carol Tripp, Co-Pastors
March 5, 2023	United, Traer – Rev. Brice Hoyt
March 12, 2023	First, Conrad –
March 19, 2023	First, Jesup – CRE Dawn Person
March 26, 2023	United, Clarion –
April 2, 2023	First, Marshalltown – Rev. Bryan Kunz
April 9, 2023	First, Algona and First, Irvington –
April 16, 2023	First, Waterloo – Rev. David Feltman
April 23, 2023	United, Garner – CRE David Skilling

April 30, 2023	Pray for the Ministers in North Central Iowa who are active in Specialized Ministry – Rev. Al Polito Rev. Dr. Linda Smith Rev. Kerin Lang Sorensen
May 7, 2023	First, Toledo – Rev. Dr. Tom Bower
May 14, 2023	First, Greene – Rev. Joan Thomas
May 21, 2023	Unity, Waterloo – Rev. Christine Kaplunas
May 28, 2023	First, Mason City –
June 4, 2023	First, Cedar Falls – Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee
June 11, 2023	Pray for honorably retired pastors in the Presbytery of North Central Iowa (not currently serving churches) – Rev. Bruce Baillie, Rev. John Bates, Rev. David Beckmann, Rev. Fran Beyea, Rev. Doug Darnold, Rev. Dan Emmert, Rev. Tamara EnTin, Rev. Jerry Evelsizer, Rev. Dr. Patricia Gadelmann, Rev. Denise Group, Rev. John Hanna, Rev. Wesley Harker, Rev. Jack Mauldin, Rev. Marian “Pete” McCart, Rev. Larry Mitchell, Rev. Gordon Moen, Rev. Charles E. Orr, Rev. John Osborn, Rev. Mark Pell, Rev. Mary Wilber, Rev. Dr. S. Glenn Wilson, Rev. Cathy Young
June 18, 2023	Pray for the PC(USA) Special Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing Pentecost Peace & Global Witness Christmas Joy
June 25, 2023	Pray for the National Staff of PC(USA)
July 2, 2023	First, Boone – Rev. John Pea
July 9, 2023	First, Lakota – CRE Kent Madison
July 16, 2023	Pray for other Minister members of North Central Iowa – Rev. Ben Acosta, Rev. Le Anne Clausen de Montes, Rev. Joy Ridge Edeker, Rev. Barbara Huisman, Rev. Dr. Richard King, Rev. Betsy Thompson
July 23, 2023	Lakeshore Center at Okoboji – Rev. Sara Sutter, Director Serena Lynch, Program Director Steve Sutter, Office Manager Rev. John Hanna, Maintenance
July 30, 2023	First, Ackley – CRE Diane Martin
August 6, 2023	Northminster, Ames – Rev. Jim DuBois
August 13, 2023	Westminster, Waterloo – Johnny Craig
August 20, 2023	First, Albion – CRE Charlie Flick
August 27, 2023	Collegiate, Ames – Rev. Dr. Brett Becker Rev. Jen Hibben Emily Sprunger

September 3, 2023	Theological Institutions related to the PCUSA
September 10, 2023	Eden, Rudd – Rev. Dixie Laube
September 17, 2023	Greater Greene County Presbyterian Ministries – Rev. Bill Kem (Grand Junction, First; Jefferson, First; Payton First) CRE Wendy Pittman
September 24, 2023	First, Reinbeck and First, Grundy Center – Rev. Steve Tyykila
October 1, 2023	Bethany, Grundy Center – Rev. Dr. Tom Wiles
October 8, 2023	Lone Rock – CRE Walt Reemtsma
October 15, 2023	Barclay, Waterloo – CRE Larry Fuson
October 22, 2023	Central, Nevada – Rev. John Molacek
October 29, 2023	McCallsburg – Rev. Tom Poppe
November 5, 2023	Amity, Reinbeck – CRE Darryl Widmayer
November 12, 2023	Burt – CRE Kent Madison CRE Walt Reemtsma
November 19, 2023	First, Woden – CRE Diane Wilson
November 26, 2023	East Friesland, Ackley – CRE Lynn Arends First, Steamboat Rock – CRE Lynn Arends
December 3, 2023	St. Paul's, Washburn – Rev. Dr. Clemens Bartollas
December 10, 2023	Grand Ji Vante (formerly The Presbyterian Village) – Diane Martin, Chaplain
December 17, 2023	Pray for the Presbytery Staff: Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope, Administrative Executive & Stated Clerk RE Amgad Beblawi, Mission Executive Rev. Ian McMullen, Pastor to the Presbyteries Jeannie Stolee, Office Manager
December 24, 2023	Pray for The Synod of Lakes and Prairies Staff: RE Elona Street-Stewart, Synod Executive Rev. Dr. Deb DeMeester, Leadership Development RE Jim Koon, Financial Services and Treasurer Rev. Pam Prouty, Stated Clerk Amy Hartman, Financial Services Associate Gretchen Milloy, Office Coordinator
December 31, 2023	Pray for Churches Searching for Pastors

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

Following are some sample Prayers from the **Book of Common Worship** published by Westminster/John Knox press in 1993

For the Church

Almighty and ever-living God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth,
hear our prayers for this congregation.
Strengthen the faithful,
arouse the careless,
and restore the penitent.
Grant us all things necessary for our common
life, and bring us all to be of one heart and
mind within your holy church; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Mission of the Church

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to reconcile the world to yourself.
We praise and bless you for those
whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit
to preach the gospel to all nations.
We thank you that in all parts of the earth
a community of love has been gathered together
by their prayers and labors,
and that in every place your servants call upon
your name; for the kingdom and the power and
the glory are yours forever. **Amen.**

For the Proclamation of the Gospel

By your word, O God, your creation sprang
forth,
and we were given the breath of life.
By your word, eternal God, death is overcome,
Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are
given a new life in the power of your Spirit.
May we boldly proclaim this good news,
by the words of our mouths and the deeds of
our lives,
rejoicing always in your powerful presence;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

For a Meeting of the General Assembly, Synod, or Presbytery

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called
disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them
one church to serve you. Be with members of
our *General Assembly/synod/presbytery*. Help
them to welcome new things you are doing in
the world, and to respect old things you keep
and use. Save them from empty slogans or
senseless controversy. In their deciding,
determine what is good for us and for all
people. As the *General
Assembly/synod/presbytery* meets, let your
Spirit rule, so that our church may be joined in
love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having
gone before us, is coming to meet us in the
promise of your kingdom. *Amen.*

For Courage in Christ's Mission

Toyhiko Kagawa (1888-1960) O God, show us
clearly the heart of the kingdom of God. We
do not protest even if our life is destined to lead
to the cross, or if the way leads to our losing
our lives. We will march in the face of distress
and contrary winds. Teach us how to dispense
with unnecessary things. Let us go forward
without fear of death in order to fulfill our
mission simply, surely, and steadily. Reveal to
us our station clearly, and strengthen us to
teach and guide, by our example, all persons,
even those who are ruled by evil. We pray that
you may find us worthy to work through us.
Amen.