

**Presbytery of North Central Iowa
Prayers for the Churches
2025**

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 5, 2025	Presbyterian Mission Agency - deployed mission workers
January 12, 2025	First, Maxwell – CRE Adrian McMullen
January 19, 2025	Salem, Lincoln – Rev. Gary Catterson and Rev. Brad Braley
January 26, 2025	First, Kamrar –
February 2, 2025	First, LeRoy, Minnesota –
February 9, 2025	Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls – Rev. Dr. Dave Kivett Rev. Johnny Janssen
February 16, 2025	First, Fort Dodge – Rev. Paul Masters CRE Chris Helton
February 23, 2025	United, Goldfield –
March 2, 2025	First, State Center – CRE Carol Tripp and CRE David Tripp
March 9, 2025	United, Traer – Rev. Brice Hoyt
March 16, 2025	First, Conrad – Rev. John Erthein
March 23, 2025	First, Jesup – CRE Dawn Person
March 30, 2025	United, Clarion –
April 6, 2025	First, Marshalltown – Rev. Bryan Kunz
April 13, 2025	First, Algona – Rev. Tamara EnTin and Rev. Bob EnTin
April 20, 2025	First, Waterloo – Rev. Dr. Randall Argall
April 27, 2025	United, Garner – CRE David Skilling

May 4, 2025	Pray for the Ministers in North Central Iowa who are active in Specialized Ministry – Rev. Al Polito Rev. Dr. Linda Smith
May 11, 2025	First, Toledo – Rev. Tom Bower
May 18, 2025	First, Greene – Rev. Joan Thomas
May 25, 2025	Unity, Waterloo – Rev. Christine Kaplunas
June 1, 2025	First, Mason City – Rev. Dr. Kip Murphy
June 8, 2025	First, Cedar Falls – Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee
June 15, 2025	Pray for the 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. Kerry Carson, Rev. Doug Darnold, Rev. Dan Emmert, Rev. Jerry Evelsizer, Rev. Dr. Patricia Gadelmann, Rev. Denise Group, Rev. Jack Mauldin, Rev. Larry Mitchell, Rev. Gordon Moen, Rev. John Osborn, Rev. Mark Pell, Rev. Mary Wilber, Rev. Dr. S. Glenn Wilson, Rev. Cathy Young
June 22, 2025	Pray for the PC(USA) Special Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing Pentecost Peace & Global Witness Christmas Joy
June 29, 2025	Pray for the National Staff of PC(USA)
July 6, 2025	First, Boone – Rev. John Pea
July 13, 2025	First, Lakota – CRE Kent Madison and Judy Junkermeier
July 20, 2025	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. Kerin Lang Sorensen, Rev. Betsy Thompson. Rev. Amy Wiles
July 27, 2025	Lakeshore Center at Okoboji – Rev. Sara Sutter, Executive Director Steve Sutter, Office Manager Rev. John Hanna, Maintenance
August 3, 2025	First, Ackley –
August 10, 2025	Northminster, Ames – Rev. Jim DuBois
August 17, 2025	Westminster, Waterloo – Rev. Jonny Craig
August 24, 2025	First, Albion – CRE Charlie Flick
August 31, 2025	Collegiate, Ames – Rev. Dr. Brett Becker Rev. Jen Hibben Emily Sprunger
September 7, 2025	First, Irvington – CRE Tony Raw

September 14, 2025	Eden, Rudd – Rev. Dixie Laube	
September 21, 2025	Greater Greene County Presbyterian Ministries – (Grand Junction, First; Jefferson, First; Payton First)	Rev. Bill Kem CRE Wendy Pittman
September 28, 2025	First, Reinbeck and First, Grundy Center – Rev. Steve Tyykila	
October 5, 2025	Bethany, Grundy Center – Rev. Dr. Tom Wiles	
October 12, 2025	Lone Rock – CRE Walt Reemtsma	
October 19, 2025	Barclay, Waterloo – CRE Larry Fuson	
October 26, 2025	Central, Nevada – Rev. John Molacek	
November 2, 2025	McCallsburg – Rev. Tom Poppe	
November 9, 2025	Amity, Reinbeck – CRE Darryl Widmayer	
November 16, 2025	Burt – CRE Kent Madison CRE Walt Reemtsma	
November 23, 2025	First, Woden –	
November 30, 2025	East Friesland, Ackley – CRE Lynn Arends First, Steamboat Rock – CRE Lynn Arends	
December 7, 2025	St. Paul's, Washburn – Rev. Dr. Clemens Bartollas	
December 14, 2025	Grand Ji Vante (formerly The Presbyterian Village) – Diane Martin, Chaplain	
December 21, 2025	Pray for the Presbytery Staff: Rev. Dr. Annika Lister Stroope, Administrative Executive & Stated Clerk RE Amgad Beblawi, Ministry & Mission Executive Rev. Ian McMullen, Pastor to the Presbyteries Jeannie Stolee, Office Manager Laura Scheiber, Communications Associate	
December 28, 2025	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	

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.