

## FPC Calendar for the week of November 19 - 26, 2017

(Also visit <http://www.fpcdavenport.org/Calendar.html>)

### Sunday, November 19; *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Food Pantry Sunday*

9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS  
10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series - IN RECESS I  
10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel  
10:00 AM Sunday School Thanksgiving Breakfast - Fellowship Hall  
10:00 AM Pie Sale Fundraiser - Fellowship Hall  
10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - IN RECESS  
10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - IN RECESS  
11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room  
4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room  
5:30 PM ACT and EPIC Fellowship - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302

### Monday, November 20

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym  
12:30 PM BTC Book Club - Parlor  
5:30 PM Hospitality & Welcoming Committee Meeting - Von Maur Hall  
6:00 PM Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth Committee (CEFY) - Parlor  
6:00 PM Congregation Development & Fellowship (CDF) Committee Meeting - Room 304  
6:15 PM Worship & Music Committee - Director of Music's Office  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105  
7:00 PM Session Meeting - Von Maur Hall  
7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - Doanldson Room

### Tuesday, November 21

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room  
3:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304  
6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - Gym

### Wednesday, November 22

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym  
9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor  
12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room  
4:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner - Fellowship Hall  
5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - IN RECESS  
6:00 PM Matin Bells Rehearsal - IN RECESS  
6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - IN RECESS  
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service - Sanctuary  
7:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Pie Fellowship - Fellowship Hall  
7:15 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - IN RECESS

### Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day / Church Closed

### Friday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday / Church Closed

### Saturday, November 25

No Scheduled Church Activities

### Sunday, November 26; *Christ the King Sunday*

9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS  
10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series - IN RECESS I  
10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time - IN RECESS  
10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - IN RECESS  
10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds  
11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary  
1:00 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Parlor, Sanctuary  
4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - IN RECESS  
4:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS  
5:30 PM ACT and EPIC Fellowship - IN RECESS  
6:00 PM Handbell Dress Rehearsal - Chapel, Sanctuary



## CARING FOR FPC

### Daily Unity Prayer

FPC encourages all members and friends to take a moment to pray around noon every day. This is when all members and friends ask of themselves: "Am I living as a Disciple of Christ?" Send this text message, FPCUNITYPRAYER, to the number 22828 to opt-in to receive the daily Unity Prayer email message. You may also sign-up on the church's website or by calling the office (563-326-1691). The prayer is also on the church's Facebook page, so "like" and "share" with others. Listen to God when you pray.

### Is it Time to Update Your Information?

Please contact the church office ([office@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:office@fpcdavenport.org); 563-326-1691) if you have a new phone number or email address, so we can update the church database and stay connected

### Do you want to help collate the newsletter and special mailings?

Interested in volunteering to help collate the newsletter and other special mailings from time to time? Please contact the church office ([office@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:office@fpcdavenport.org); 563-326-1691), so we can add your name to our collater volunteer list. It's a fun group, easy work, and you're helping the church.

### Please Share Your Viewpoint!

The Church Government and Personnel Committee is interested in your viewpoint. How do you think things are going at First Pres.? Have you observed something that others might have missed? Please feel free to express a joy or concern and share your viewpoint by filling out a Viewpoint card and dropping it in the locked Viewpoint Box on the Welcome Desk. All viewpoints will be kept confidential and will only be viewed by the Church Government and Personnel Committee.

### Church Government & Personnel Committee Open Forum

Sunday, December 3, 10:00 AM

To foster open communication, the Church Government & Personnel Committee will be available for church members to bring them any concerns they may have at 10:00 AM in the Chapel.

### New Member Sunday - Sunday, December 10, 10:00 AM

On Sunday, December 10, new members will be welcomed by the Congregation at the 9:00 AM service and briefly introduced at the 11:00 AM service with a reception at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Tammy Mayhew (563-326-1691; [mayhew@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:mayhew@fpcdavenport.org)) if you have any questions about becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, November 19, 2017

*The announcements that follow inform you of various First Presbyterian Church ministries, programs, and events to which you are invited. Please save this publication; take it home and keep it for easy reference.*

### Angel Tree Gift Tags Available Today!



Believe it or not, it's almost that time of year when we start thinking about Christmas and how we might provide for those unable to provide for themselves. FPC's tradition of supporting the Angel Tree Project will continue this year, but with some changes. We are teaming up with Bethany for Children & Families to provide Christmas gifts to Quad City children who receive Bethany family services. Bethany's social workers and therapists have submitted over 450 names for gifts so far this year, and are

thrilled that they will have FPC's help in meeting that need. Bethany's AT Project will allow us to reach a greater diversity of needy children than in past years.

Gift tags will be available for pick-up between services in Fellowship Hall today. Each tag includes the name, age, size, gender and gift suggestions for a child. You can participate by picking up one or more tags, then returning an unwrapped gift or gifts to Fellowship Hall by December 10. Total gifts for each child should not exceed \$45. Our gifts will be delivered to Bethany which will wrap and deliver them to each child's caregiver in time for Christmas. Because of confidentiality rules,



### Food Pantry - Today

Food items collected will be donated to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry at *The Center*. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please mark your check or giving envelope "Food Pantry." You may also bring your contribution to the church office through the week.

### Sunday School Thanksgiving Breakfast -Today 10:00 AM

It's our annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. There will be NO upstairs Sunday School this morning -- instead, all Sunday School youth were asked to bring a breakfast casserole or pumpkin pie to Fellowship Hall. Following the 9:00 AM worship service, the congregation is invited to this breakfast hosted by the youth of the church. Youth are asked to help serve food, clear plates and visit with members.



### Pie Fundraiser - Today, 10:00 AM

The Sanctuary Choir will be selling homemade pies to raise money for the mission components (refugee assistance) of the June 2018 Germany Music Outreach trip. Pies are available for a free-will donation.

### Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship

Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 PM

The traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship begins at 7:00 PM on November 22, the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. The evening is great time for the church family to recount blessings and give thanks to God.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Listen for God When You Pledge



As you consider your pledge for 2018, please remember that our pledges are not just numbers on a page; they are testimony to our willingness to listen for God and to do God's work in the world.

We have encouraged you to Listen for God when you worship, when you sing, when you pray, and even when you pledge. With your pledge, we can continue to enhance and expand our ministries to the congregation, the neighborhood, and the world beyond, as we discern God's will for us, and as we discern Christ's hopes for us.

You may place your pledge in the offering plate on Sunday morning or online pledging and giving can be set-up by visiting the church website at: [www.fpcdavenport.org](http://www.fpcdavenport.org).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

### ACT and EPIC - Today, 5:30 - 7:00 PM

ACT and EPIC, our Middle and High School Youth Groups for 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades, are rehearsing for the Christmas Pageant.

### Kirkwood Club - Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 - 7:15 PM

This week, at Kirkwood Club, our elementary school youth group for children in first through fifth grade, will be in recess. Enjoy the Thanksgiving break.

### ACT and EPIC at the Davenport Food Pantry

Tuesday, November 28, 4:00 - 8:00 PM

The middle and high school youth at FPC will be volunteering at the new Davenport Food pantry at the former J. B. Young Elementary School on Tuesday, November 28 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. We have agreed to take at least 20 volunteer spots: parents also welcome to volunteer! Let Tiffany know if you are able to take one of these spots.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

### ACE Von Maur Hall Series - Sundays, 10:00 AM

November 19 - ACE in recess, please attend the Thanksgiving Breakfast.

November 26 - ACE in recess for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Our December ACE presentations will reflect on historic Christmas messages! Come and CONNECT with the deep insight of Mark Jones and Jim Tucker as they lead us toward a more meaningful Christmas experience.

### December 3 - *The Nuremberg Market and the Commercialization of Christmas*

Jim Tucker will be presenter, so expect a twist!

### December 10 - *Murder in the Cathedral*

Jim Tucker and Mark Jones will present the history and intrigue around the 1170 murder of Thomas à Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, as depicted in the T. S. Eliot play, "*Murder in the Cathedral*." We will also reflect on the meaning of the Christmas sermon delivered by Becket in the play before his murder.

### December 17 - *Christmas Sermons*

From last week's Christmas sermon by Thomas à Becket, we move to Christmas sermons by other famous preachers. Mark Jones will share excerpts from these sermons that reflect the times in which they are delivered and ways in which Christmas was celebrated. You will hear from George Whitefield, Charles Spurgeon, Martin Luther King, Jr., and others.

December 24 and December 31 - ACE in recess. We wish you all a Blessed Christmas!

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### Backpacks and Socks Needed for the Boys and Girls Club

Starting today, there is a tree in Fellowship Hall where you may leave backpacks and socks for the Boys and Girls Club that meets here at FPC. If you are able to donate either of these items, please place them under the tree by Sunday, December 17. Thank you!

### Christmas Joy Special Offerings During the Season of Advent

Please join in assisting our past and present church workers. Half the offering received will provide assistance for students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges to pursue their professional and leadership goals and half will go to the Board of Pensions program that offers financial assistance to current and retired Presbyterian church workers in need.



### Meal Service of Scott County

Meal Service of Scott County, Inc., is an outreach program designed to provide eligible Scott County residents with hot lunches during the week. Meals are prepared to meet clients' specific dietary needs and are delivered to their homes by volunteers between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. To find out more about who is eligible, the cost, or how you can volunteer or make donations, please contact Julie Belman, Executive Director, 563-323-1628.

### Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 PM



Attention crocheters and knitters...prayer shawls are symbolic of God's presence during our times of need, and the congregation's love and support. The group meets monthly in the church parlor to socialize while we create and anyone with an interest in knitting or crocheting a shawl is invited. If you are unavailable to meet, feel free to make shawls as your time allows and drop them off at the church office.

## FELLOWSHIP

### Between The Covers (BTC) Book Club

Monday, November 20, 12:30 PM

Looking for a good book and fellowship? Join the BTC book club on Monday, November 20 at 12:30 PM in the Parlor. We'll enjoy dessert and Sherry Luxton will lead our discussion of the book, *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*, by Kelli Estes. Please call hostess Irene Huffman (309-787-6941) to RSVP.



### Ugly Sweater Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange

Friday, December 8, 6:00 PM

Wear your most awesome Christmas sweater and bring your favorite Christmas dish to share with the group at the annual Ugly Sweater Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange here at FPC. Childare will be provided.



### Manna and More Breakfast - Sunday, December 10, 8:15 - 10:30 AM



Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service. A special invitation is extended to families and those attending ACE to join us at 8:15 AM for breakfast and fellowship. This month there will be waffles with cherry compote, a few pancakes, sausage and fruit. Adults - \$3, children (12 and under) - \$1.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Gift Card Sales Table - Today, 9:30 AM

The Sanctuary Choir is selling gifts cards to help fund the June 2018 Music Outreach trip to Germany. Gift cards make perfect, easy, and convenient stocking-stuffers and holiday gifts. You may purchase physical gift cards or order additional cards in Fellowship Hall every week leading up to Christmas. We have cards ready for purchase to retailers such as Amazon.com, Starbucks, Target, Cinemark, Old Navy, TJ Maxx, and Village Inn; additionally, we can order gift cards to hundreds more retailers easily. We hope you will consider helping out by participating in this stress-free fundraiser.



### FPC Handbell Ensembles: An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols Wednesday, November 29, 6:00 PM

No Ticket Required

Kickoff the liturgical season of Advent with a twist on a traditional Service of Advent Lessons and Carols. While there will be sung congregational carols, most of the music will feature FPC's bell ensembles: Vesper Bells, and the newly formed Matin Bells (middle-school and high school age youth) and Kildalton Quartet (an auditioned four-in-hand ensemble).

### Musikgarten - Sunday, December 3, 10:20 AM

Classes are a musical experience designed to bring the joy of music to parent/caregiver and children, infants through age three. Activities include songs, movement, focused listening and use of simple instruments. Classes meet from 10:20-10:50 AM. Please contact Kathy Middleton ([middleton@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:middleton@fpcdavenport.org), 563-505-0471) if you have questions or would like more information.



### Christmas Concert: "And on Earth Peace"

Saturday, December 16, 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 17, 4:00 PM

Complimentary Ticket Required

The Christmas concerts at FPC have become a much anticipated event in the Quad Cities. This year's concerts, on the third weekend in December, feature many of the church's great ensembles: the *Sanctuary Choir*, *Chamber Chorale*, *Vesper Bells*, *Celebration Singers*, and *Cecelian Carolers*, accompanied by full orchestra and dancers.

Building upon FPC's role as a leader against violence in our community, the theme of this year's Christmas concerts is Peace. The concerts feature many beloved carols based on the central theme of the peace of Christ, as well as some new works. The centerpiece is of the concerts is a gloriously nostalgic work by twentieth-century English composer Gerald Finzi titled "In Terra Pax," a rarely performed masterwork.

Be sure to reserve your complimentary tickets in advance. Tickets will be available for pick up in the office beginning Monday, November 20.



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2017

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, the Chancel Guild will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be part of this wonderful tradition, please complete the form and send it to the church office or place it in the offering Plate. **The deadline for making memorial donations is December 10, 2017.**

In Memory or Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one)

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_