

## FPC Calendar for the week of December 3 10, 2017

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

### Sunday, December 3; *First Sunday of Advent*

9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary  
9:00 AM AdventWreathers - Gym  
9:55 AM Congregational Meeting - Election of Church Officers - Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS  
10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series: *The Nuremberg Market* - Von Maur Hall  
10:00 AM Church Government Open Forum - Parlor  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall  
10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - Gym  
10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - Room 307  
11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary  
1:30 PM Liturgical Dancers Rehearsal - 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, December 4

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym  
3:00 PM Salvation Army Meal Site Preparation - Fellowship Hall Kitchen  
3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Third Floor CE Building, Room 310  
5:30 PM Salvation Army Meal Site Serving - offsite  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105

### Tuesday, December 5

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room  
3:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304  
3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Third Floor CE Building, Room 310  
4:30 PM Buildings and Grounds Committee - Finance Office  
6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - IN RECESS  
6:30 PM ACE Committee Meeting - Parlor

### Wednesday, December 6

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym  
9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor  
12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room  
2:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Third Floor CE Building, Room 310  
4:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner - Fellowship Hall  
5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room  
6:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Group Advent Prayers - Donaldson Room  
6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall, Gym  
7:15 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - IN RECESS

### Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room  
3:00 PM Boys and Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304  
3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Third Floor CE Building, Room 310  
5:30 PM Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting - Finance Office  
5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall  
6:00 PM Vesper Bells - Chapel  
6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - Gym  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

### Friday, December 8

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym  
6:00 PM Young Adult Ugly Sweater Party - Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, December 9

8:00 AM Liturgical Dancers Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
8:30 AM Church Officer Training - Parlor  
5:00 PM First Night Out Leaves for Clinton Christmas Lights Tour - FPC parking lot

### Sunday, December 10; *Second Sunday of Advent; New Member Sunday*

8:15 AM Manna and More - Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary  
0:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor C.E. Building  
10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series: *The Nuremberg Market* - Von Maur Hall  
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## CARING FOR FPC

### Is it Time to Update Your Information?

Please contact the church office (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; 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.

## FPC SESSION NEWS

### Session Meeting Highlights, November 20, 2017:

- New members Ron and Diana Dalton, Colleen Duenas, and Kim and Sue Evans, were joyfully approved and will be introduced and to the congregation in worship on December 10, 2017.
- A Congregational Meeting was called for December 3, 2017, at 9:55 AM in the Sanctuary, to approve the Slate of Officers for 2018
- Cookie Sale between services on December 10, 2017, was approved, with proceeds going to the Mission Fund for Refugees under the direction of the Worship and Music Outreach Committee
- Stewardship Season is upon us and all member pledges are due in at this time.
- Joint Budget Meeting for 2018 will be December 14 at 5:00 PM
- Gift of Warmth Hope Project is set for Tuesday December 19, 3:00-5:30 PM. Extending care, hope and listening ear to the community through a gift of warmth -- mittens and hot cocoa. Please donate gloves and mittens to the church office and you are invited to attend the event.
- Phase 1 of the Art Glass Repair Proposal, to preserve the beauty and integrity of the windows, was unanimously approved
- Communion dates for 2018 were approved
- Building Use Guidelines & Procedures revision was approved
- January Session meetings will be moved to the fourth Monday of January each year in recognition of the federal Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
- Continue to hold the APNC in your prayers as they work to bring an Associate Pastor to work among us.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, December 3, 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.*

### Congregational Meeting - Today, 9:55 AM

Church officers for the Session, Board of Deacons, and Foundation Board of Trustees will be elected today at 9:55 AM. The nominations for Elders are Nancy Chapman, Samantha Crow, Barbara Ehrmann, Michael Ferris, Judy Hawthorne, Dick Koos, Pam Paulsen, and Jim Woods. The nominations for Deacons are Ted Brown, Jay Champlin, Meredith Ellard, Julie Grothusen, Mike Grothusen, Sharon Simmonds, Doug Wells, and Don Wood. The nomination for the Foundation Board of Trustees is Robert Lamb.

### Church Government & Personnel Committee Open Forum

Today, 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 Parlor.

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

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. Expect a twist today when Jim Tucker presents *The Nuremberg Market and the Commercialization of Christmas*.

### Advent Prayers - Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 PM

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christmas. The Contemplative Prayer Group is offering Advent Prayers on three Wednesday in Advent - December 6, December 13 and December 20. All are invited to take time apart for scriptures, shared readings, and silent prayer. We will begin at 6:30 PM in the Donaldson Room (just off the front of the sanctuary on the east side). Advent Prayers will last 30 minutes but you are welcome to stay longer in this sacred space.

### 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. Childcare will be provided. PLEASE REMEMBER TO RSVP to Tiffany (horvath@fpcdavenport.org)!



### Christmas Cookie Sale - Sunday, December 10, 10:00 AM

A busy holiday season calls for help with baking cookies and the Worship and Music Committee is here for you! That's right, cookies and treats will be available for purchase on Sunday, December 10, with proceeds going to the Mission Fund for Refugees.





## STEWARDSHIP

### Church Officer Training

Saturday, December 9 or Saturday, January 6, 8:30 AM

Newly elected officers, please plan to attend church officer training on either Saturday, December 9 or Saturday, January 6, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM in the Parlor. Currently serving Elders and Deacons may also attend. Installation and Ordination of church officers will be on Sunday, January 7, 2018, during the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office (563-326-1691) about the training date you will attend.

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

Next 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) if you have any questions about becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church.

### 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

### Sunday School - Today, 9:00 AM

Sunday School will meet in the gym today for a group activity where we learn about Advent and create Advent Wreaths together. **\*\*PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE A PART OF THIS\*\*** Everyone meets after the 9:00 AM service in the gym.

### ACT and EPIC - Today, 5:30 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 Eve Pageant. We are off script tonight!

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

Everyone is welcome to be part of Kirkwood Club, our elementary school youth group for children in first through fifth grade. This Wednesday we will be doing a Lenten craft. There is plenty of fun and fellowship for all who attend.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

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

#### 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.

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### 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.



### Angel Tree Gifts - Due By Sunday, December 10!

Please return your unwrapped Angel Tree 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, congregational members cannot be involved in delivering the gifts. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Doug Wells at 563-370-6457.

### 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.

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

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!

### Hope Project Glove Giveaway - Tuesday, December 19, 3:00 PM



Join us for the next Hope Project at FPC! We're giving the gift of warmth with a hot cocoa and glove giveaway. Meet by the porte cochere entrance along Kirkwood Boulevard, on Tuesday, December 19, from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. Everyone is invited to participate in providing this gift of warmth as we extend care, hope, and witness to the community as the heart of the city. Gloves and mittens may be donated by dropping them off in the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. This ministry is a form of listening to those in our community and making connections through Hope Projects. For more information, contact Diane Pumphrey ([pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org); 563-326-1691, ext. 205).

### 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.

## FELLOWSHIP

### 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.



### Musikgarten - Today, 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 Suggested*

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 *Cecilian 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.

## MAKE A NOTE OF IT

**Christmas Eve Services:** There will be one service of worship at 10:00 AM on the morning of Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve Family Service will be at 4:00 PM, the Christmas Eve Communion Service will take place at 9:00 PM and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will occur at 11:00 PM.

**New Year's Eve Service** - There will be one service of worship at 10:00 AM on December 31.

**The church will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.**

**Committee reports for the 2017 Annual report are due December 31, 2017.** For more information, contact Diane Pumphrey ([pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org)).

**Installation and Ordination of Officers** will take place on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

### 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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