

FPC Calendar for the Week of November 24,- December 1, 2019

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

Sunday, November 24

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time/Celebration Station - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Adult Christian Education (ACE) - IN RECESS
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - 3rd Floor CE Bldg.
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - 3rd Floor CE Bldg.
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Room 307
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM Guys & Dolls Auditions - Fellowship Hall, Choir Room
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
- 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) Fellowship - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302

Monday, November 25

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 1:00 PM Craft Club - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Troop 7 Court of Honor and Potluck Supper

Tuesday, November 26

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 9:30 AM The Divine Drama - Von Maur Hall
- 1:00 PM Broadcaster Collators - Von Maur Hall
- 1:00 PM Chancel Guild Christmas Decorating - Chapel
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM The Divine Drama - Von Maur Hall

Wednesday, November 27

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - IN RECESS
- 11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room
- 6:15 PM Bible Basics - IN RECESS
- 6:45 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall, Gym
- 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service - Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Pie Fellowship - Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, November 28; Thanksgiving

Church Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29

Church Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

- 1:00 PM Chancel Guild Nativity Set Up and Christmas Decorating

Saturday, November 30

No Scheduled Church Events

Sunday, December 1; Sacrament of Holy Communion

- 9:00 AM Fellowship Time/Celebration Station - Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Fellowship Time/Celebration Station - Fellowship Hall
- 10:35 AM Cherub Choir - 3rd Floor CE Bldg.
- 10:45 AM Promise Land Sunday School - 3rd Floor CE Bldg.
- 10:45 AM Adult Christian Education (ACE): *A Clear View of Jesus' Birth* - Von Maur Hall
- 10:50 AM Musikgarten - Room 307
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
- 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) Fellowship - IN RECESS

CONGREGATION UPDATES

FRAUD WARNING!

There have been recent emails from dummy accounts which are impersonating church staff. If you receive an email from an unknown address (even with a staff member's name), please do not respond. No church staff member will ask you to give money or gift cards to them via email. If you have any questions or suspicions, please contact the office.

Pastor Katie Styrts on Maternity Leave Until December 29

Pastor Katie will be away on maternity leave until December 29, and looks forward to worshipping with you all then. Until then, Pastors Mark and Pat will be handling all pastoral care and church concerns. Thank you for giving the new family space to welcome Helen into the family.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, December 8, 10:30 AM

On Sunday, December 8, we will have a congregational meeting to elect Elders, Deacons, and the Nominating Committee for the class of 2020 after the 9:30 AM service.

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

FPC Puzzle Exchange!

We have an adult puzzle exchange here at FPC! Please gather your old puzzles and bring them to the church. You can drop them in the office for Colleen Dueñas, or the two window wells to the left of the Deacons' Corner in Fellowship Hall. We will have big-piece and small-piece puzzles. Please remember – this is an exchange, so leave a puzzle for others to enjoy if you take a puzzle. If you would just like to donate your old puzzles, we will gladly accept.

Annual Ugly Sweater Party - Sunday, December 8, 5:30 PM

Are you ready to get your Ugly Christmas Sweater on? Are you sad when you find out that you are too "old" or "young" to attend the party? Well this year you are in LUCK! We will be having an all generations party! Yes, come one, come all! We'll gather on Sunday, December 8, from 5:30-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Wear your ugliest Christmas Sweater, bring a dish to share and a \$10 gift for our gift exchange. There will be a kids party (aka childcare) available. Questions? Please email Sarah Greim (segreim@gmail.com).

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, November 24, 2019

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.

Choir Pie Fundraiser - Today, 10:00 AM

Just in time for Thanksgiving, the choir is hosting a Pie Fundraiser between services today in Fellowship Hall. Homemade pies are available for a free-will offering. All proceeds benefit the mission component of the 2021 Music Outreach Trip to Ireland.

Auditions for Guys and Dolls – Today, 2:00 PM

You are invited to audition for all roles and chorus for the First Presbyterian Church PAS production of *Guys and Dolls*. Performance dates are March 28 and 29, 2020, with rehearsals set to begin in January. To request an audition packet or more information, please email Director of Music Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org).

Craft Club - Monday, November 25, 1:00 PM

Craft Club is the last Monday of every month! Please join us on Monday, November 25, from 1:00-3:00 PM in Von Maur Hall to make crosses. Please bring a piece of wood around seven to ten inches and your favorite scrap of fabric. All other materials needed will be supplied and there will be extra material available. Come on out and have some fun! If you have questions, please contact Colleen Dueñas (nonna428312@gmail.com).



Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship

Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 PM

The traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship begins at 7:00 PM on November 27, the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. The evening is great time for the church family to recount blessings and give thanks to God.

Beginning One 9:30 AM Worship Service - December 1

December 1 we are One in the Spirit.

December 1 is the beginning of Advent, the start of the liturgical year.

December 1 marks the first Sunday of our single, 9:30 AM Service of Worship.

All of your favorite elements of Sunday mornings are prayerfully placed in the schedule printed below. The central element is time for worshipping together. Surrounding the worship time is fellowship time to greet each other and enjoy conversations and friendships new and renewed.

Education time will follow worship and fellowship, beginning at 10:45 AM and concluding at 11:30 AM. Our youngest family members, the Cherub Choir and Musikgarten participants will continue their musical education while children, youth, and adults participate in their age appropriate classes.

Advent is the time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. Advent marks the next step in building our future together as a congregation. The time has come to blend our voices in prayer and praise as we worship together as a united community of faith.

New Sunday Morning Schedule Starting December 1, 2019

Choir Warm-up	8:45-9:15 AM
Worship	9:30-10:30 AM
Cherub Choir	10:35-10:50 AM
Musikgarten	10:50-11:25 AM
Children & Youth Education	10:45-11:30 AM
Adult Education	10:45-11:30 AM
Fellowship Time	9:00-9:30 / 10:30-11:15 AM

Looking forward to worshipping together beginning December 1 at 9:30 AM!

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Note from the Finance Manager

Have you tried our text giving option? In a matter of seconds, you can make a weekly offering, respond to a special appeal, or set up a recurring donation by simply sending a text with the amount you would like to give to our secure account at (844) 945-0497. If you would like to know more about our text giving option, please contact the Finance Office at olson@fpcdavenport.org or 563-326-1691, Ext. 219. Thank you for your spirited generosity!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Today, 10:00 AM

Today, ACE is IN RECESS. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Barb Ehrmann at ptbee02@gmail.com.

Bible Basics - Wednesdays, 6:15 PM, Parlor

November 27 – Bible Basics is IN RECESS.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

Fun Times on Wednesday and Sunday Nights! Hope you can join us!

Kirkwood Club - We are exploring things we are thankful for and how God provides for us. On November 27, we will attend the Thanksgiving Eve service and Pie Fellowship. Friends are always welcomed to join us!

6-12th Grade Youth Group - Today, we will be putting our college care packages together for our church members in college. We will also be discussing our Christmas Eve Service. Friends are always welcomed to join us!

Starting December 4, we will be moving ACT to Wednesday night. We know this might not work for some families, however, we would like to try it for a few months. We hope that by having all youth activities on Wednesday, more families will be able to participate fully. The 6-12th grade will have choir at 6:00 PM and dinner following with youth group. We plan on wrapping up by 8:00 PM on these nights. We also hope to offer weekend opportunities so all our 6-12th grade youth can participate.

Youth, Keep in the Loop!

Keep in the loop by joining our messaging group on Remind! On your phone, enter 81010 as the number, text @612thgra, and then follow the prompts. Sarah Greim will be sending out reminders of what we are doing and dates of activities.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2019

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 Sunday, December 8, 2019.**

In Memory or Honor of: _____

(circle one)

Given by: _____

CARING FOR OTHERS

Angel Tree

Angel Tree! It's 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. We are again 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 Angel Tree 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 and on December 1. Each tag will include 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, congregational members cannot be involved in delivering the gifts. Please contact the church office (563-326-1691) or Doug Wells at (563-370-6457) if you have questions.



Warm Hearts and Warm Hands - Tuesday, December 10, 3:00 PM



First Presbyterian Church likes to reach out to our neighborhood families whenever possible. On Tuesday, December 10, we will be providing a warm cup of cocoa (with marshmallows and candy cane) and gloves, mittens and hats to warm the hands, heads and hearts of our neighbors. This is a meaningful outreach activity that takes place on Kirkwood Boulevard in front of the church door between 3:00 and 5:30 PM. We already have a donation of knitted hats with matching gloves from a non-church member. We need more mittens, gloves and hats for toddlers, kids and adults. You can purchase inexpensive waterproof ski gloves at Menards that are perfect for adult men or women. Inexpensive winter apparel can also be purchased at Walmart, Kohl's, and the Dollar Tree. We will also be providing information about our Christmas services to all those who stop by. Please help us spread the Christmas spirit to our neighbors by donating some hats, gloves or mittens. We will also need a few folks to spread the Christmas spirit as well as the cocoa and winter apparel on December 10. Look for the basket with the sign at the back of the sanctuary. Join us! Any questions, please contact Deacon Cathy Pratscher-Woods (563-349-2288 [text or call]; james.woods@mchsi.com.)

PUNCH Blessing Box Drive - Sunday, January 20



People Uniting Neighbors and Churches (PUNCH) will have a Blessing Box drive on January 20, 2020, as a service project in conjunction with Dr. Martin Luther King day celebration. Blessing Boxes are sites around our Hilltop neighborhood which have food and hygiene products available for those in need. The Deacons have been asked to set up collection boxes. They will be located in the back of the sanctuary and outside the church office. Please help donate much needed items such as: **personal products** - toothpaste and toothbrushes, mouthwash, soap and body wash, lotion, Vaseline, feminine hygiene items, deodorant and sanitizer, razors and shaving cream; **cleaning products** - laundry soap and bleach, bathroom and household cleaners, paper towels, Kleenex. **Socks, gloves, and hats also needed.** These items will be picked up January 20, 2020. Thank you for this opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Any questions please contact Debbie Keenan (815-621-8009).

MUSIC MINISTRY

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8, 9:30 AM and Sunday, December 24, 11:00 PM

The music ministries are pleased to offer two different Lessons and Carols services in December. The Lessons and Carols service is a tradition that developed in England after WWI as church leaders sought to bring more creative worship into the Anglican Church following the war. The service grew in popularity, and many major churches across denominations throughout Europe and America present them each year.

Sunday, December 8, 9:30 AM - An Advent Service of Lessons & Carols

Kickoff the liturgical season of Advent with a candlelight service featuring readings, hymns, and carols sung by the *Chamber Chorale*. This service is an intimate way to prepare our hearts and voice for the season of expectance and the busy weeks that follow.

Sunday, December 24, 11:00 PM - A Christmas Eve Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

For the third consecutive year our Christmas Eve celebrations will include a traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, to end as the clock strikes midnight. This service features beloved Christmas carols from the *Sanctuary Choir* and *Cecelian Carolers*.

The FPC Christmas Concert "Let Heaven and Nature Sing"

Saturday, December 14, 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 15, 4:00 PM

The Christmas Concerts at First Pres. 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*, *Kildalton Quartet*, *Celebrations Singers*, and *Cecelian Carolers*, accompanied by full orchestra and dancers. This year's concert is centered around our calling to be stewards of God's creation. Utilizing carols and readings that feature natural imagery, this concert is both a celebration of our environment and a reminder that we are charged with its protection. As a practical act of stewardship, we are asking for concert attendees to bring non-perishable pet food (in individual, unopened containers) to be donated to King's Harvest Pet Rescue. *Be sure to reserve your complimentary tickets in advance by calling or visiting the church office during regular business hours!*



WORSHIP SERVICES

The Christmas Services of First Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4:00 PM	Children's Christmas Pageant with Carols
9:00 PM	Candlelight Christmas Communion
11:00 PM	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



The 4:00 PM worship service is particularly for families with young children. The *Cherub Choir* and *Kirkwood Choir* will share special music. We will sing traditional carols and experience the wonder of the candle lit service. Blessing of the Babies recognizes infants born since last Christmas and little ones new to the congregation.

At 9:00 PM, Holy Communion will be shared in the hushed quietness of the first Christmas when God "descended the back stairs of Bethlehem" to become one with the human race. Soloists will offer the music for the evening. The Feast of Light will be celebrated as the darkened Sanctuary is transformed by candlelight to symbolize pilgrims coming to see the Light of the World. Several traditional and favorite Christmas carols will be sung during the distribution of the Sacrament.

At 11:00 PM, a "Service of Nine Lessons and Carols" will herald the welcome of Christmas Day. The *Sanctuary Choir* and *Cecelian Carolers* will provide inspiring music. Of course, carol singing will abound. The traditional Service of Darkness and Candlelighting during the singing of "Silent Night" will add a special feeling to the conclusion of this memorable and moving Christmas celebration.