

FPC Calendar for the Week of December 15 - 22, 2019

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

Sunday, December 15

- 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 Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Von Maur Hall
- 10:45 AM Promise Land Sunday School - 3rd Floor CE Bldg.
- 10:50 AM Musikgarten - Room 307
- 4:00 PM Performing Arts Series: Christmas Concert - Sanctuary

Monday, December 16

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 5:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting - Fireplace Room
- 6:00 PM Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth (CEFY) Committee - Parlor
- 6:00 PM Congregational Development & Fellowship (CDF) Committee - Room 304
- 6:00 PM Hospitality & Welcoming Committee - IN RECESS
- 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 - Donaldson Room

Tuesday, December 17

- 9:00 AM Chancel Guild to Reset Poinsettias - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 9:30 AM "A Clear View of Jesus' Birth" - Von Maur Hall
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM "A Clear View of Jesus' Birth" - Von Maur Hall

Wednesday, December 18

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 10:30 AM Library Committee - Library
- 11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 5:30 PM ACT Dinner - Von Maur Hall
- 5:30 PM Tech Task Force - Fireplace Room
- 5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room
- 6:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - IN RECESS
- 6:15 PM Bible Basics - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM Troop 7 Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall, Gym
- 6:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS
- 7:15 PM ACT - Von Maur Hall
- 7:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, December 19

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Vesper Bells - Chapel
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th & 6th grade basketball practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - IN RECESS

Friday, December 20

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

Saturday, December 21

- 10:00 AM PUNCH Meeting - Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport

Sunday, December 22

- 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 Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Von Maur Hall
- 10:45 AM Promise Land Sunday School - 3rd Floor CE Bldg.
- 10:50 AM Musikgarten - Room 307

MUSIC MINISTRY

Musikgarten - Sundays, 10:50 AM

We celebrate setting aside 30 minutes on a Sunday morning – the best 30 minutes of the week – to spend singing and playing with our littlest ones as they learn and grow in a God-centered musical family. Musikgarten is for infants through three year olds and their parents and/or grandparents. Our 30 minute Musikgarten class meets after the service on Sunday mornings from 10:50-11:25 AM in Room 307, following the Sunday School schedule. Come and join us! We would love to celebrate with you! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (kathryn15@gmail.com; 563-505-0471).



The Rose Ensemble - Friday, January 17, 7:30 PM

\$15 adult/\$10 student

Founded in 1996 by Artistic Director Jordan Sramek, The Rose Ensemble is based in St. Paul, Minnesota and enjoys a full schedule of performing, recording, and outreach. Through artistry and scholarly research, the group produces imaginative and inspiring performances and educational programs that strive to connect each individual to compelling stories of culture and spirituality from around the world. The group illuminates centuries of rarely heard repertoire, bringing to modern audiences research from the world's manuscript libraries and fresh perspectives on music, history, languages, politics, and religion. With eleven commercial recordings and a diverse selection of concert programs, The Rose Ensemble has thrilled audiences across the U.S. and Europe with repertoire spanning 1,000 years and 25 languages, including new research in European, Middle Eastern, and American traditions. Recognized as a leader and innovator in the world-wide vocal music scene, The Rose Ensemble tours regularly. Recent appearances include Trinity Wall Street Series, Early Music Now (Milwaukee), the Music Instrument Museum (Phoenix), the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles, and the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. In 2014 The Rose Ensemble was chosen to represent the U.S. at an international Baroque music festival in Bolivia, and later made its debut performance with the Minnesota Orchestra. The group represented the U.S. in Barcelona at the 11th World Symposium on Choral Music in 2017, and took first place in both secular and sacred categories at the 2012 Tolosa (Spain) International Choral Competition. The group can be heard regularly on WFMT Chicago, American Public Media, the European Broadcasting Union, and APM's Performance Today.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, December 15, 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.

The FPC Christmas Concert "Let Heaven and Nature Sing" - Today, 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*, *Celebration 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.



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 candlelit 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 humanity. 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.

Comfy Christmas Service - Sunday, December 29, 9:30 AM

Our service on December 29 will be a very special Sunday! It's a Comfy Christmas service! That means come in your pajamas, grab a cup of cocoa or coffee and get comfy as we read a Christmas story shared on the screen. This service is intended to be comfortable, family-friendly and just a chance for all of us to reflect on peace on the Christmas season. Everyone is welcome!

Congregation Meeting - Sunday, January 12, 10:30 AM

FPC's congregation meeting to elect Elders, Deacons, and the Nominating Committee for the class of 2020 has been reschedule to Sunday, January 12, immediately following the service.

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Nursery Coordinator

*Denotes part-time employee

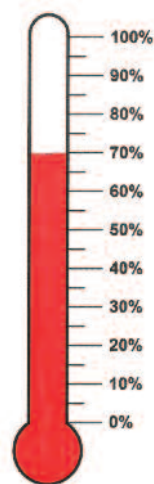
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

Youth Groups - Fun Times on Wednesday Nights! Hope you can join us!

ACT is now on Wednesday nights! We know this might not work for some families, but, 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. We plan on wrapping up by 8:00 PM on these nights. We also hope to offer weekend opportunities so all our 6th-12th grade youth can participate.

1 st -5 th Grade Youth Wednesday Night Schedule	6 th -12 th Grade Youth Wednesday Night Schedule
5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room	5:30 PM Dinner for 6 th -12 th grade - Von Maur Hall
6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall	6:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Sanctuary
	6:45 PM Celebration Singers - Sanctuary
	7:15 PM Youth Group/6 th -12 th - Von Maur Hall

CONGREGATION UPDATES



It's Not Too Late to Pledge

It's not too late to pledge! To date, our congregation has pledged \$580,022 in support of our mission and ministry in the coming year. That's 68% of our goal of \$850,000. If you have yet to pledge, please consider the ways in which First Presbyterian Church enriches your life, and pledge prior to Tuesday, December 31. This stewardship campaign is paramount as we plan for the future. We have an abundance of remarkable people, programs and ministries here at First Presbyterian Church – far too many to list – and this is the time to show your belief and excitement for our shared future.

Pastor Katie Styrnt 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.

The 2019 Annual Report

Committee reports for the 2019 Annual Report are due Tuesday, December 31, 2019. For more information, contact Bobette Maginas in the church office (563-326-1691; office@fpcdavenport.org). The 2019 Annual Congregation Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2020, at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

Inclement Weather Policy

If it is possible, the church will be open for Sunday worship. Any Sunday worship cancellations will be announced on KWQC. However, please stay safe this winter! If you do not feel comfortable driving to church, do not come to church. We (and God) want you to be safe. If the weather is bad during the week, call the church office (563-326-1691). If the church office is closed, all activities are cancelled. Individual events and activities may be canceled at the discretion of the leader of said event.

CARING FOR OTHERS

Christmas Joy Offering: If We All Do a Little, It Adds Up to a Lot

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we step forward to be with young people of color who attend Stillman College (Tuscaloosa, Alabama), Presbyterian Pan American School (Kingsville, Texas), and the Menaul School (Albuquerque, New Mexico), providing financial support for their education and leadership development. We also step forward to be with church workers and their families who have faithfully served the church but find themselves in critical financial need because of changing health situations or an emergency.

Food Pantry Collections for the Center

Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! In December we are collecting pancake mix, ideally one that only requires water, or other baking mixes. If you can, please purchase one or more items for the food pantry each week when you shop. Any non-perishable food, toiletry or monetary donations will be accepted. You can drop your contribution to the church in the back of the sanctuary. If you have questions, please contact Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com; 563-505-4964).

PUNCH Blessing Box Drive - Sunday, January 20



People United Neighbors and Churches (PUNCH) will have a Blessing Box drive on January 20, 2020, as a service project in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King day celebration. Blessing Boxes are sites around our Hilltop neighborhood that have food and hygiene products available for those in need. The Deacons have been asked to set up collection boxes. They are 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 are 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).

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Craft Club - Monday, December 30, 1:00 PM



Craft Club is the last Monday of every month! Please join us on Monday, December 30, from 1:00-3:00 PM in Von Maur Hall to make coasters. You don't need to bring anything, all 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).

Antarctica! Two Church Members Just Returned!

Linda Meadors and Bruce Bufe just completed a two week expedition. See their photos of fjords, penguins/seabirds, icebergs, research stations on the big screen and hear about their experience at the Moline Public Library on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 PM.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED *THE BROADCASTER*

Have You Received Your *Broadcaster*?

The December 2019/January 2020 edition of *The Broadcaster* was mailed on Tuesday, November 26, from the downtown Davenport Post Office. If you haven't yet received your copy of *The Broadcaster*, please contact the office (563-326-1691; office@fpcdavenport.org).

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Ways to Affect Church Giving

There are many ways to give or pay a pledge to FPC. We acknowledge people feel connected in worship through the act of placing their gift in the offering plate each Sunday. This act is very meaningful. In case there is a need for an alternative, here are a few other ways to effect giving to the church.

Automatic Bank Payments (ACH) – This option allows funds to be electronically debited from a checking or savings account and credited to the church's account on a date that the individual chooses. Go to www.fpcdavenport.org and click "Give Now."

Credit Card Payments – This option allows funds to be charged to a credit (or debit) card and credited to the church's account on a date that the individual chooses. Go to www.fpcdavenport.org and click "Give Now." You have the option to help offset the processing fee for these transactions within the instructions.

Give+ Text Option – This option allows you to securely schedule your ACH/ Credit Card payment for donations by simply texting the amount you would like to give to our secure account at (844)945-0497. Please contact the Finance Office for more information.

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Payments – When directing your required minimum distribution to the church, **please notify the Finance Office** so that we can give full contribution credit.

The instructions for directing our Required Minimum Distribution Check are below:

Check should be made payable to: First Presbyterian Church of Davenport
1702 Iowa Street
Davenport, IA 52803

Gifting Stock – When stock is gifted to the church, **please notify the Finance Office** of the following information so we can give full contribution credit:

1. Number of Shares Transferred
2. Company or Stock Symbol
3. Date of Transfer

The instructions to transfer stock are below:
Pershing LLC Tax ID# 13-2741729
One Pershing Plaza
Jersey City, New Jersey 07399

FBO: First Presbyterian Church
1702 Iowa Street
Davenport, IA 52803
Phone (563) 326-1691

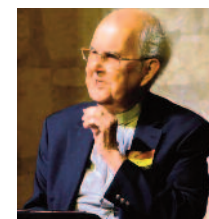
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Year-End Reminder

We ask all of our members to fulfill their 2019 pledge prior to December 31. Donors must deliver checks on or by December 31 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2019. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2020 (January 5) will not qualify for a charitable deduction in 2019, even if the check is predated to or actually written in 2019. However, under the so-called "mailbox exception," checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2019 will be deductible in 2019 though they are not received by the church until 2020.

As always, thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at olson@fpcdavenport.org or 563.326.1691 Ext. 219.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Adult Christian Education (ACE) - Sundays, 10:45 AM

"A Clear View of Jesus' Birth," presented by Dr. Ken Bailey, an ordained Presbyterian pastor and teacher of scripture, resumes today and continues Sunday, December 22 and January 5. ACE will IN RECESS on December 29. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Barb Ehrmann at ptbee02@gmail.com. We hope to see you at ACE!

Bible Basics - Wednesdays, 6:15 PM, Parlor