

June 28, 2020
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Genesis 22:1-14
Romans 6:12-23

Psalms 13
Matthew 10:40-42

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”
Colossians 4:2

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev Mark Galbraith

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Turkish March (from *the Ruins of Athens*)
Cecily Ferris, flute

Ludwig van Beethoven

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. There is a time to be gathered together,

And a time to stay apart from each other.

There is a time to celebrate the past,

And a time to dream for the future.

There is a time to celebrate our blessings,

And a time to ask God for help.

In every time, God's love is steadfast.

Let us worship God!

Anthem

The Call
Marty Bowles Edwards, soprano

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Children's Message

Rev Katie Styr

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession - Sing “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” one time.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Lord, send your Spir-it in this place.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that there is so much we don't know. We are still learning how to keep each other safe, instead of putting others at risk so we can feel more normal. We are still learning how to listen to others, instead of assuming we are always right. We say that you are our God, but we ignore your teachings. Help us to learn and grow together as one church. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” one time.

Assurance of Pardon

Rejoice, for God is patient, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know that your sins are forgiven through the grace of Jesus Christ, and God shows us a better way to live. Thanks be to God!

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Reading

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Psalm 102:1-2, 25-28

The Old Testament page 616
The Old Testament page 553

Message

A Time for Prayer

FPC Family

Respond to God's Word

Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Refrain



Fine



1. Each lit - tle flower that_ o - pens, Each lit - tle bird_ that sings:
2. The pur - ple-head-ed_ moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the_ win - ter, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to_ see them, And lips_ that we_might tell



God made their glow ing_ col - ors, God made their ti - ny_ wings.
The_ sun - set, and the_ morn - ing That bright-ens up the_ sky.
The_ ripe fruits in the_ gar - den: God made them ev - ery_ one.
How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.

Affirmation of Faith

selected from the Confession of 1967

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, God breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference. The church is called to bring all people to uphold one another in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The Lord's Prayer - (Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

To donate, please visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org, and click on “Donate Now,” use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>, or mail your check in to the church office

Advance Australia Fair

Peter Doods McCormick

American Patrol
Cecily Ferris, flute

F. W. Meacham

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Please sing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: Old Hundredth, 592 in the hymnal.

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, thank you for all the amazing gifts you have given us. Thank you for the good food we eat, and the people we share our meals with. May we use our blessings to give other people in our community reasons to be thankful, too. Amen.

Go To Serve With God’s Blessing

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

The Great Gate of Kiev (from *Pictures at an Exhibition*)
Patrick Downing, piano

Modest Mussorgsky

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Death: Marsha Pedersen – June 24, 2020

Prayers are Welcome for: Mary Katherine and family of Ben (*friends of Don Wood*); Carlen Brinser; Nancy Buening (*mother of Rebecca Buening-Ferris*); family of David Galbraith (*Pastor Mark’s cousin*); Nancy Hagen (*mother of Colleen Dueñas*); Jim Keenan (*death of his sister and brother-in-law*); Jolene Keeney; Betty Nelson (*mother of Tim Nelson*); Don Pedersen and family (*death of wife and mother, Marsha*); Tracy Riedesel and family (*death of mother and grandmother, Dee Dee Mueller*); Glen Roebuck and family (*death of his mother, Charlotte Roebuck*); Wilton Retirement Community; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ANNUAL MEETING – Today, June 28, 10:30 AM

The Annual Congregational Meeting, that was originally scheduled for March 22, 2020, is rescheduled for today at 10:30 AM, via Zoom, immediately following the 9:30 AM online worship service.

The link for the Zoom meeting is available below and you may join via zoom or phone:

Meeting ID: 843 3110 2033
Password: 316447
One tap mobile
+13126266799 US (Chicago)

The purposes of the meeting are:

- 1) To review all things ministry-wise at FPC-D for 2019 and vote on attendant motion items and,
- 2) Approve The Rev. Katie Styr's terms of call.

There will be a follow-up meeting on Sunday, July 26, at 10:30 AM, via Zoom, for presentations on "The Way Forward." A Zoom link will be provided as we get closer to this date.

The agenda, and annual report for today's Annual Meeting are available on the the e-news and website for you to download. You may also request the office to have printed copies mailed to you. Voting will be done by paper ballot.

Please make every effort to attend this important Annual Meeting, so we can exceed the needed quorum of 60 members.

Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84331102033?pwd=NkgzYU1xbnJlS0NQeWlQN3h6V2cydz09>

Mark Galbraith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Annual Meeting

Time: Today, 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting – **online or via telephone**

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A Letter from Pastor Mark and Pastor Katie

God's beloved people:

Words continue to escape us as we try to describe our collective outrage over the atrocity of what happened to Mr. Floyd in Minneapolis.

It demonstrated that the ugliness of racism still is alive in our nation, and must be addressed by all people of goodwill and faith. Like all forms of sin, racism has a nasty habit of being ubiquitous, affects all of us, and continually needs to be called out and overcome by all of us.

It was an instance of an abuse of power, that happens in all sectors of life, that must not be tolerated. Changes must happen so moments like this do not continue. Many military and civilian servants of our nation are also disgusted and outraged at the inexcusable abuse of power that was on display. We rightly expect accountability and justice to be had, in this instance, as in all.

It has led to peaceful demonstrations calling out again for dialogue and constructive change across all segments of our society, change that is needed more than ever. It has also led to ugly destruction and violence, and those responsible are to be held accountable.

So what can we do as a community of faith?

We can come together as a community! Pastors Mark and Katie have begun conversations with Pastor Rogers Kirk of Third Missionary Baptist Church about how both of our communities can come together to share worship, fellowship, and find ways to express common support and voice for our community in these times. We believe that this is an opportune time to revive a previous pulpit exchange relationship both congregations enjoyed. Stay tuned for further developments.

We can act! Take time to donate to organizations which are rebuilding communities and working to stop violence. Speak up for justice. Learn about the history of racism and violence, so we can work for a better future. If you're not sure where to start, ask Pastor Katie for resources, which the ACE Committee is working on.

We can pray! Let us pray for:

- Our president, Congress, governor, state legislatures, and all in elected leadership for wisdom in their leadership and decisions.
- All who wear the uniforms of our nation, whether civilian or military.
- All congregations, faith-based organizations, and human service organizations to come together and find practical and life-giving solutions to the divisions and oppression, racial and otherwise that those in our community experience, especially people of color and all who are disenfranchised, and that impact all of us.
- That each of us, equipped by God's Word, filled by God's ever-active presence, become part of the change we want to see happen in our nation and our communities.
- For the officers involved in that abuse of power, the family of George Floyd and the families of these officers, and for all involved in the investigation and responsible for the exercise of justice.
- For all who have experienced damage because of the riots and for those who caused the damage.
- For all who march for peace that they become agents of peace in our communities.

We continue to be agents and witnesses to God's transformative word in Jesus Christ that transforms us and our hearts. Because in the end, this is the only solution that lead us to action as Christians. It is the only solution that will solve the problem of human sin and brokenness that manifests itself in moments like these. It is the one unique gift that God has entrusted to the church, in all her expressions, to offer to our world, that is deeply broken by all expressions of sin manifest before us, and needs wholeness and resurrection.

As Dr. Martin Luther King says: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness. Only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that."

As the scriptures say in 1 John 2: 9-11: Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

And: John 13:34-35 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

May God's Shalom abound in our world today!

Pastors Mark and Katie

Other Ways to Experience Worship

We know that not everybody is comfortable with sharing worship services digitally. If you would prefer to receive a DVD of Sunday worship, please contact the church office with your information. If you would prefer a written transcript instead, let the church office know. We want everybody to be able to praise God during this strange time!

Worship Watch Party

Our worship services are pre-recorded so that they can have closed captions and higher video quality. However, we miss praying with you all at the same time! If you do too, join us on Facebook every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Go to our church Facebook page and join our worship video watch party - you'll be able to chat with other people and know that we're worshipping together. Be with you then!

Bible Basics 201 – Letter from a Birmingham Jail

As a brief departure from our regular programming, we'll do a four-week study on Rev. Dr. King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." This letter is being considered as an addition to the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Book of Confessions. Everyone is welcome to join this study, not just Bible Basics regulars! Join us on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/96343292274?pwd=RmttNUc2aXcrSENjeTJyRFB6eER4dz09>, or call 312-626-6799 and enter Meeting ID: 963 4329 2274 and Password: 597055. We'll meet on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15pm.

Our schedule:

July 1 - Is There a Right Way to Protest? - Pages 4:11-7:15 and selections from Luke 11 and Matthew 21

July 8 - The White Moderate and the White Church - Pages 7:16-12:10 and Revelation 3

July 15 - Looking Forward - Pages 12:11-14 and 1 John 1

Midweek Prayer

Join us on Facebook live for a brief time of prayer and scripture! Go to the church's Facebook page at noon on Wednesdays for community prayer. Post your prayer requests in chat during our time together, or watch the video devotional anytime. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still watch these devotional videos at any time by going to <https://www.facebook.com/fpcdavenport/live>.

Attention Gardeners, or Those Who Want to Get Outside and Play in the Dirt!

The neighborhood garden is planted and needs weekly maintenance (weather providing). The Deacons are asking anyone to adopt a week – you can pick whenever in that week to weed or water if needed.

Weekly availability:

6/28 – 7/4	7/5 – 7/11	8/2 – 8/8
	7/12 – 7/18	8/9 – 8/15
	7/19 – 7/25	8/16 – 8/22
	7/26 – 8/1	8/23 – 8/29
		8/30 – 9/5

Please contact Debbie Keenan (815-621-8009; dkeen0912@gmail.com) to get on the schedule! Thank you for your part in watching our garden grow to feed our community!

Broadway Musical: Guys and Dolls - POSTPONED

The FPC-PAS production of the Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls* has been postponed to next spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This decision was made with the health of our congregation, cast, crew, and community at heart.

If you already have a ticket, either individually or as part of a PAS season ticket package, it is transferrable to the new dates - there is no need for a ticket reissue. We anticipate announcing a new date in the coming weeks. At that time, if you are unable to attend the new performance dates, you will have the option of requesting a full refund on the ticket price by emailing bishop@fpcdavenport.org. Alternatively, you may donate your tickets to the Performing Arts Series, and this donation will be counted as tax-deductible.

Stump the Organist!

Join us Friday at noon on Facebook Live for Stump the Organist! FPC Principal Organist Alex Gilson will take your requests for sacred hymns and work his improvisatory magic. Tune in from the comfort of your home to test the knowledge and creative prowess of your organist.

Online Harpsichord Recital - Tuesday, July 7 at Noon

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, July 7 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by Nicolas Lebègue and CPE Bach on the church's Lindholm harpsichord. The video will be available on the church's Facebook page. Enjoy some Baroque music with your lunch!

Musikgarten and Cherubs Have Gone Virtual!

We launched on Sunday, March 29 and will continue our Zoom classes until we can get back to seeing each other in person. We'll meet for Cherubs at 8:45 AM on Sunday mornings and continue right into Musikgarten from 9:00-9:30 AM. You can stay on for both classes or choose the one you want to attend. If you are reading this and have young children who would like to join us but are not on my email list, reach out to me and I will add you so I can send you the link each week. It's probably going to be noisy, we'll probably have a glitch here and there and it will undoubtedly be a little chaotic but that's ok! We all need to see each other and talk and laugh with each other. For more info, contact Kathy Middleton, kathryn15@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed

During this time of isolation, FPC members have been calling each other to check in and offer resources. We need more callers! If you're willing to call (or text, or message) fellow church members and check in on them, please contact Katie to get a list.

Need a Mask?

Need a mask? The CDC recommends wearing a cloth mask for times when it is difficult to keep a six foot distance, such as grocery shopping. If you need a mask, please contact Pastor Katie.

Information from the Finance Office

	May 2020		May 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	47,645	57,470	60,537	65,185
Custodial Accounts Income	21,426	-	7,259	-
Compensation Expenses	46,671	47,558	48,445	48,797
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	12,295	18,550	20,277	29,583
Custodial Accounts Expenses	21,426	-	7,260	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(11,321)	(8,638)	(8,186)	(13,195)
	2020 Year-To-Date		2019 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	420,976	446,318	421,674	396,380
Custodial Accounts Income	91,621	-	30,920	-
Compensation Expenses	246,270	252,536	238,843	247,637
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	72,891	98,485	105,393	132,714
Custodial Accounts Expenses	91,621	-	30,920	-
Surplus (Deficit)	101,815	95,297	77,438	16,029

All numbers are rounded.