

September 27, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Exodus 17:1-7
Philippians 2:1-13

Psalm 78:1-4,12-16
Matthew 21:23-32

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,
so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katie Styr

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Dave, Heidi, & Mason Pedersen

In a time of bitterness and pain,

God raised up Moses, and changed the lives of a people.

From the shadow of death,

God raised up Jesus, and changed the lives of all people.

In every time, and in every place,

God raises up witnesses, people whose lives are changed forever.

Let us worship God!



1. The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn-ful won - der This world sees her op-pressed,
4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
5. Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
 Her char-ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 By schis-ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



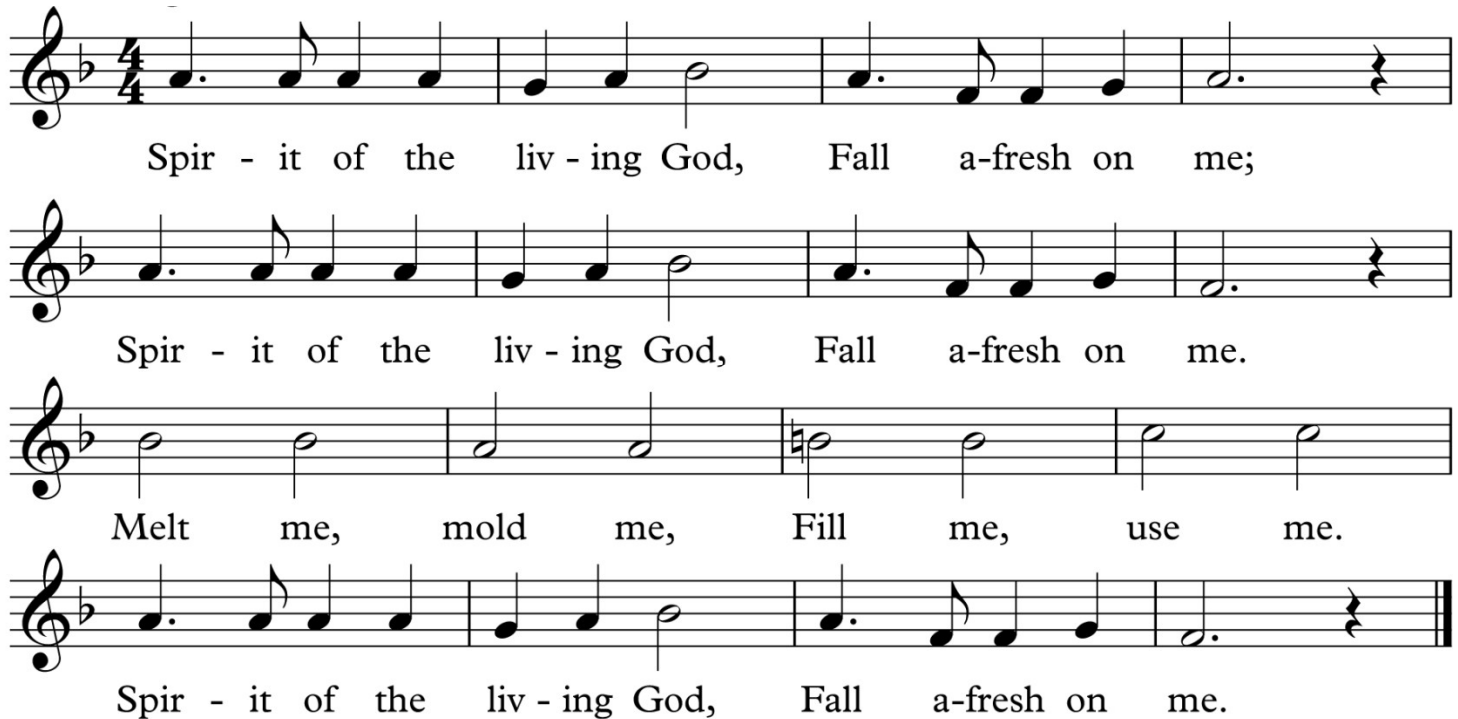
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great church vic - to - rious Shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession - Sing *"Spirit of the Living God"* one time.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me;
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.

Prayer of Confession

Louise Hales

Almighty God, you tell us what it will take to follow you, but we want to argue. You show us the way to your kingdom, and we seek a smoother path. We confess our struggle to be transformed into disciples. Loving God, the demands of our society pull us away from your heart. We idolize the rich, powerful, and successful, but you are on the side of the weak, poor, outcast, and oppressed. Forgive us when we look for you in the wrong places. Refresh our weary spirits so that we might go forth to serve your people in Christ's name. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "Spirit of the Living God" one time.

Assurance of Pardon

Louise Hales

It's too easy to think that money will give us happiness or power will earn us grace. But Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ, and live like servants, we will find true freedom.

Christ offers us forgiveness and freedom! Thanks be to God.

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Liz Terrill

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Beyond Best in Show"

Rev. Brian Ellison

Stated Clerk, Synod of Mid-America

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

Pam Paulsen

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

Air from *Orchestral Suite No. 3, BWV 1068*

Alex Gilson – Cello, Matt Bishop - Piano

J. S. Bach

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

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

Prayer of Dedication

Heidi Pedersen

We will not only proclaim our faith with our words, but with our lives and these gifts we offer to you. Bless these gifts, so that they may provide for your people. Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

Wash, O God Your Son and Daughters

BEACH SPRING



1. Wash, O God, your sons and daughters, new-born creatures of your
2. Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your mild may we be
3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined, all your



womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like Christ from death and
fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing
ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship,



tomb. Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and
bread. God, re - new us; guide our foot - steps, free from sin and all its
praise! We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter washed and Spir - it -



light. Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
snares, one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
born. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans form!

Charge and Blessing

Benediction

Rev. Katie Styrt

Postlude

Fuga from *Organ Sonata No. 2, Op. 65*

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Family of John Arnold; Marlene Gaston and family (*death of Robert Gaston*); Grant Gilson (*father of Alex Gilson*); Craig Van Hook and family (*death of Nancy Van Hook*); Dorothy Schelar and family (*death of husband and father Bill Schelar*); Wilton Retirement Community; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

Administrative Review Committee Update

On Monday, September 21 the Session met with the Administrative Review Committee of the Synod. Their mission is to help the congregation with the work of reconciliation and healing. At this first meeting the committee introduced themselves and outlined their task. This is the first of a number of meetings with the Review Committee and we will keep you updated as the meetings progress.

Outside Service on Sunday, October 4

On Sunday, October 4 the congregation is invited to worship together in the parking lot for a 45 minute service of worship at 9:30 AM. We will continue to worship outside in this manner as long as the weather permits. We ask the congregation to follow the guidelines for our communion service. That means bringing your own bread and juice, wearing a mask, a chair, and having the bulletin on a device or printed out at home. The service will not be live streamed, but it will be recorded. We hope you will join us.

ACE Christian Education - Today, 10:45-11:45AM

Join us for ACE! We'll be meeting on Zoom at this address:

<https://zoom.us/j/91539050753?pwd=b2JYN0VyOW52N0ZESHQ2YUhyelhtUT09>,

or you can call in by dialing 312-626-6799 and entering the meeting ID 915 3905 0753 and passcode ACE. This week we'll watch a short video from Professor Walter Brueggeman and discuss faith in the world today.

Women of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 10:00 AM – FPC west parking lot by the Kildalton Cross

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 10:00 AM – FPC west parking lot by the Kildalton Cross

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 10:00 AM - FPC west parking lot by the Kildalton Cross

Christian Education for Youth (CEFY) Fall 2020

Sunday School is Online!

Attention parents! Join us on Zoom for Sunday School! We meet from 10:30-11:00 AM every Sunday for Bible stories, sharing, and learning together. For security, the Zoom link is being emailed - please be sure to register for Sunday school (or contact Pastor Katie) so we can get your kids involved!

Kirkwood Club - Wednesday, September 30, 6:00 PM

Until it's safe to meet inside, Kirkwood Club will be a monthly evening of socially-distanced activities outside. You're invited to join us for our first evening from 6:00-6:45 PM on Wednesday, September 30! We'll hang out in the Iowa Street parking lot and play games. Have your kiddos wear masks and come prepared to have some silly fun!

To get Kirkwood Club updates, email Katie at styrt@fpcdavenport.org, or text @fpcdkids to 81010.

Youth Updates

To get invites for youth group and Sunday School events, please email Katie at styrt@fpcdavenport.org or text @612thgra to 81010 to get text message updates!

CROP Hunger Walk QC – Sunday, October 4, 12:30 PM

The youth of our church will be doing their own version of the crop walk on Sunday, October 4!

Walkers - we will meet at Leach Park in Bettendorf at 12:30 PM on Sunday, October 4. We will walk the bike path west to the Lindsay Marina and back. It should take us an hour.

Congregation - you can help us out by donating funds. Bring a check to the church office or donate online at http://www.crophungerwalk.org/quad_cities. We are also holding a drive-through donation for hunger on Friday, September 25 from 5:00-6:30 PM in the church parking lot. Please come, say hi, and donate to our cause!

For over 50 years, people across America have raised money for hunger and emergency relief programs around the world and around the block. The CROP Hunger Walk continues to raise funds to provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self- help development around the world.

Spring Confirmation Class

Calling all 7th and 8th graders! Instead of asking the class to meet over Zoom, we're planning on doing an intensive confirmation class from March-May. This will enable us to meet in person with fewer restrictions, and maybe even have a lock-in or retreat! Until then, the confirmation class is being invited to join the **senior high Sunday School** program, which will include service projects every few weeks instead of remote learning. Get excited for the spring!

Peace and Global Witness Offering - Season of Peace

The Peace and Global Witness Offering is received during the season of peace, which is collected on World Communion Day, Sunday, October 4, 2020. This offering joins Presbyterians together as active peacemakers, enabling the church to promote the peace of Christ by directly addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

Join Us for These Weekly Events Online!

For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook:

Worship Watch Party - Sundays, 9:30 AM

Midweek Prayer - Wednesdays, 12:00 PM, via Zoom

Drive-In Communion and Prayer – Sundays at 9:00 AM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

We now offer Drive-In Communion on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM, in addition to Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. The 9:00 AM service allows time to drive home to watch our online worship service.

Please bring your own elements to either 15-minute service.

Stump the Organist! – Every other Friday, 12:00 PM

Join the fun on Friday, October 9!

Online Harpsichord Recital - Tuesday, September 29, 12:00 PM

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, September 29 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by Antonio Soler and François Couperin on the church's Lindholm harpsichord. The video will be available on the church's Facebook page. Enjoy some Baroque music with your lunch!

Bible Basics 201 – Tuesdays, 6:15 PM

Join us on Zoom to discuss scripture and faith in contemporary music. We'll meet on Tuesdays from 6:15-7:15 PM on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98965381440?pwd=TUdyMXltRTMrRXdfWnBEZ0NEKzBYUT09>.

If you'd like to call in, you can call 312-626-6799 and enter 989 6538 1440 for the ID and 240979 for the password.

COVID Reopening Updates

Each week our Pandemic Response Team meets to plan for church activities during the pandemic. You can find highlights from each meeting here on our blog: <https://www.fpcdavenport.org/covid-blog/>. Please contact any team members with

questions: Rev. Katie Styr, Matt Bishop, Darren Long, Jim Middleton, Dr. Andy Edwards, Pam Paulsen, Heather Calvert, Kristine Oswald, and Jeanne Sherwood.

News from the Finance Office

	August 2020		August 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	52,322	50,860	49,739	65,185
Custodial Accounts Income	4,072	-	3,117	-
Compensation Expenses	46,746	48,038	50,335	59,338
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	14,888	26,275	19,488	23,391
Custodial Accounts Expenses	4,072	-	3,117	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(9,312)	(23,453)	(20,084)	(17,544)
	2020 Year-To-Date		2019 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	571,578	600,808	588,874	591,935
Custodial Accounts Income	103,604	-	62,890	-
Compensation Expenses	389,936	396,652	374,941	413,943
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	110,690	163,180	155,854	208,116
Custodial Accounts Expenses	103,604	-	62,890	-
Surplus (Deficit)	70,952	40,976	58,079	(30,124)

All numbers are rounded.