

September 6, 2020  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord.

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.”

1 Peter 3:15-16

“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

### The Church Gathers To...

#### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mark Galbraith

#### Preparation for Worship

*Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.*

#### Prelude

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here, BWV 706

J. S. Bach

### Praise Almighty God

#### Call to Worship

L: Some of your people gather in sanctuaries

C: **while others create sacred spaces, in their living rooms, back yards, or online platforms.**

L: Yet, all join to worship you,

C: **God who is with the scattered and gathered. Some of your followers are going out to serve and work, while others stay at home, helping children and grandchildren learn virtually.**

L: Yet, all seek to follow your example,

C: **Jesus who calls the scattered and gathered. Some care for others by shopping for them, while others plant seeds of peace and hope.**

L: Yet, whether gathered or scattered,

C: **all seek to live out your gifts, Spirit of us all.**



1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb;
2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His throne;
3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb;



we will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who\_ is the great I Am.  
 we will wor-ship Him in righ-teous-ness, we will wor-ship Him a - lone.  
 He is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all\_ praise to Him we give.  
 hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who\_ is the great I Am.

## Children's Message

Sarah Greim

## 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 -

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Faithful God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that, left to our own devices, we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

## Assurance of Pardon

L: Upon your confession, hear God's good news for you:

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: **Amen.**

## Listen for God's Word

### Scripture Readings

1 Peter 3:15-16

Hebrews 10:25

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"The Purpose Driven Church: Sharing...it's just all about.....sharing!"

Rev. Mark Galbraith

## Respond to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

L: God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**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 both 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. Amen.**

## 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](http://fpcdavenport.org), and click on "Donate Now,"  
use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>, or mail your check in to the church office

"Agnus Dei" from *A Little Jazz Mass*

Bob Chilcott

Rebroadcast from August 2019 Bix Jazz Liturgy

Sanctuary Choir

Alex Gilson, piano; Dave Bennett, clarinet; Steve Pikal, bass; Hal Smith, drums

## Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

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

## Prayer of Dedication

L: Together we pray:

C: **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with your Word of life, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for Faithful Service: Pastor Jennifer Jennings, Chair, MCC-PEI, RuthAnn Tobey-Brown, Chair, Personnel Committee - FPC-D

Pastor Jen: Pastor Mark Galbraith was clothed with Christ in Holy Baptism, and called by God through the voice of one holy, catholic and apostolic Church to give particular service as Interim Pastor.

**C: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and celebrate God's call to all who minister among us.**

## Session Representative:

L: Let us give thanks to God for our journey together in this ministry:

L: For friendships made, for joys celebrated, and for times of nurture and growth

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and promises kept

C: **Thanks be to God.**

For our fellowship in Jesus the Christ, and for the love of God and communion of God's Ever-Active presence which has sustained us

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Jen: Do you, the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church-Davenport, release Pastor Mark Galbraith from service as your Interim Pastor?

**C: We do, with thanksgiving to God for his faithful ministry among us and with us.**

Pastor Jen: Do you, Pastor Mark Galbraith, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

**Pastor Mark: I do, with thanksgiving to God for our partnership in ministry we shared, and for all that has been accomplished.**

Pastor Jen: Let us pray together:

**C: Loving God, Alpha and Omega, you are both the beginning and end. Our ending and our beginnings are rooted in your love. Whether near or far, we are held close by your love, and are kept safe from any lasting loss. Let our ministry and partnership end with your blessing, Touch everything we have learned together and celebrate with your gracious love and shalom. Help us to live in gladness and courage and we continue this journey of transition, reconciliation and wholeness. In every time and place, may we offer our highest and our best, because you gave us your best, finally in Jesus the Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray together his disciples' teaching prayer:**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Jen: Representing the Presbytery of East Iowa, I witness these words of celebration, thanksgiving, forgiveness and release. Pastor Mark, the Presbytery rejoices with you in the ministry we have shared together, and we pledge to you our continued support and prayers.

With thanks to the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the ministry of this congregation, and for the faithful service of God's servant Pastor Mark Galbraith, and in the confidence for God's abiding wisdom and gracious leading in the time ahead, this interim pastoral call is now dissolved. Pastor Mark and people of God of First Presbyterian Church, with God's help and love, may your lives be blessed and your labors fruitful, and you offer yourselves gladly in the service of our Lord. And may God's people declare with joy:

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITH YOU



1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro- tect - ing hide you,
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick confound you,
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you;



with a shep-herd's care en-fold you:  
dai - ly man - na still pro-vide you:  
put un - fail - ing arms a-round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
smite death's threat-ening wave be-fore you:

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

From Highest Heaven Come I Here, BWV 700

J. S. Bach

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Death:** William H. Schelar, August 19, 2020

**Prayers are Welcome for:** Carlen Brinser; Nancy Buening (*mother of Rebecca Buening-Ferris*); Grant Gilson (*father of Alex Gilson*); family of Nancy Hoffman; Family of Don Hultgren; Jolene Keeney; Betty Nelson (*mother of Tim Nelson*); Dorothy Schelar and family (*death of husband and father Bill Schelar*); (Phil Schwister; Florabelle Smith (*mother of Jim Smith*); Wilton Retirement Community; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

## 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 Styrt, Matt Bishop, Darren Long, Jim Middleton, Dr. Andy Edwards, Pam Paulsen, Heather Calvert, Kristine Oswald, and Jeanne Sherwood.

## Drive-In Communion and Evening Prayer - Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

It's been far too long without sharing communion, so please join us for a drive-in communion service Wednesdays at 7:00 PM! To make this prayer service as safe as possible, it'll be very different from our Sunday morning services. The service will only last about 15 minutes, so that attendees can comfortably keep their car windows up (you are encouraged to turn off your car engine). The service will be broadcast over FM radio. There will be no printed bulletins - instead, the order of worship will be sent out via the e-news each week. Each household will bring their own bread and juice, so that we can't spread disease via communion elements. There will also be a box for depositing offerings on the way out of the parking lot. We'd love to see you at the service, this Wednesday or any Wednesday after!

## Christian Education for Youth (CEFY) Fall 2020

### Teachers Needed

We are in need of adults to teach Sunday school, which begins on September 13 at 10:30-11:00 AM via Zoom. Teachers are scheduled at your convenience; every Sunday, twice a month, even once a month. We can use you! Don't care to teach regularly but still want to help? Subs are needed as well. We will start the year with online classes and move to in-person when we can. If interested, please contact Paula Hartmann (ppelhartmann@aol.com.) You can also call the church office.

### Sunday School Begins September 13!

Attention parents! Sunday School begins September 13 at 10:30-11:00 AM via Zoom! We will start online but hold in-person activities as allowed. We are currently ironing out a schedule to include the choirs. A registration form will be emailed to parents. Paper copies of the registration will be available in the church office. Please register your child so we know who to invite to the online meetings. Please check the Facebook page and weekly e-News for updates. Please contact Rev. Styrt or the church office if you have questions.

### Kirkwood Choir and Kirkwood Club Begin SOON!

ALL Kirkwood children (grades 1-5) are encouraged to participate in Kirkwood Choir and Kirkwood Club activities this fall! Please mark your calendars for Wednesdays from 6 PM-6:30 PM each week. (Please notice the time change from previous years.)

On September 16 and 23, Kirkwood Choir will be gathering on zoom from 6:00-6:30 PM. Miss Linda will send an email with a link to parents.

On September 30, Kirkwood Club will have an activity from 6:00-6:30 PM. Miss Sarah will send information to parents.

During the same time slot (Wednesdays, 6:00-6:30 PM), some weeks there will be choir activities and other weeks there will be a club activity planned. Kirkwood Club activities are being scheduled for one Wednesday each month. Kirkwood Choir will be gathering on all other Wednesdays when school is in session. We will provide more information as the fall unfolds.

It will be marvelous to see all of your faces and hear all of your voices again, soon! If you have questions, please contact Linda Bengfort or Sarah Greim. Thank you!

### Sunday Sermon Series:

During Sunday worship on September 6, Pastor Mark will conclude the sermon series "The 5 Purposes of the Church." Based on Dr. Rick Warren's *The Purpose-Driven Church*, the 5 purposes of the Church, i.e., **worship, evangelism, learning, fellowship and service** will be explored. This teaching sermon series is a follow-up and expansion of the Mission Study PowerPoint presentation.

## Highlights from the August Session Meeting

- Approved plans for a drive-in style weekly communion service in our parking lot.
- Our Sunday services in July averaged 130 watches each week.
- Amended our re-opening policy to provide guidance for church-sanctioned activities off campus.
- Expenses exceeded income for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive month. Please keep up on your pledges and non-pledge donations.
- Approved expenditures from the Capital Maintenance Endowment Fund to repair the elevator motor in the CE building.
- Reviewed items related to the transition from Pastor Galbraith to the Bridging Pastor. Rev. Pat Halverson has agreed to serve in worship and pastoral care. Rev. Pam Saturnia, First Presbyterian Church, Muscatine, will provide leadership to the staff and Session.
- Received information from the Presbytery of East Iowa regarding disaster relief efforts related to the recent wind storm. Volunteer and donation information can be found at <https://peia.org/disaster-assistance-information/>
- Approved and forwarded to the congregation a slate of candidates for the Bridging Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Approved and forwarded to the congregation changes in the call of Pastor Katie Styrt to assume duties as the Associate Pastor of Christian Education.

## 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

**Virtual Coffee Hour** - Sundays, immediately following Worship Watch Party

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

Join the fun on Friday, September 11!

**Online Harpsichord Recital** - Tuesday, September 15, 12:00 PM

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, September 15 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by William Byrd, Johann Froberger, and J.S. 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!

**Bible Basics 201: Romans** – *Tuesdays, 6:15 PM – please note new day*

Paul's letter to the Romans is an in-depth example of the early church's struggles with religious tradition and civil authority. As always, anyone is welcome to join us! ***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.

***Tuesday, September 8: Micah***



## Financial Summary for the Month of July 2020

	July 2020		July 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	50,907	57,210	62,876	65,185
Custodial Accounts Income	5,720	-	11,786	-
Compensation Expenses	48,693	48,037	43,509	58,754
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	9,071	17,855	16,039	23,880
Custodial Accounts Expenses	5,720	-	11,786	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(6,857)</b>	<b>(8,682)</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>(17,449)</b>
	2020 Year-To-Date		2019 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	519,256	549,948	539,135	526,750
Custodial Accounts Income	99,532	-	59,773	-
Compensation Expenses	343,191	348,614	324,606	354,605
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	95,802	136,905	136,366	184,725
Custodial Accounts Expenses	99,532	-	59,773	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>80,263</b>	<b>64,429</b>	<b>78,163</b>	<b>(12,580)</b>

All numbers are rounded.