

*Today's recorded service is a collaboration between several churches within our presbytery. Several pastors from other churches helped to lead this service, including Lori Wunder, Jim Bonewald, Heather Hayes, and Michelle Scott. This opportunity was planned by the presbytery's Congregational Development and Vitality Team, which helps connect churches to useful resources.*

October 18, 2020  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Exodus 33:12-23  
Thessalonians 1:1-10

Psalm 99  
Matthew 22:15-22

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”  
Matthew 22:21b

**The Church Gathers To...**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Katie Styr

**Preparation for Worship**

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

**Prelude**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

**Praise Almighty God**

**Call to Worship**

We are united in our love for God,

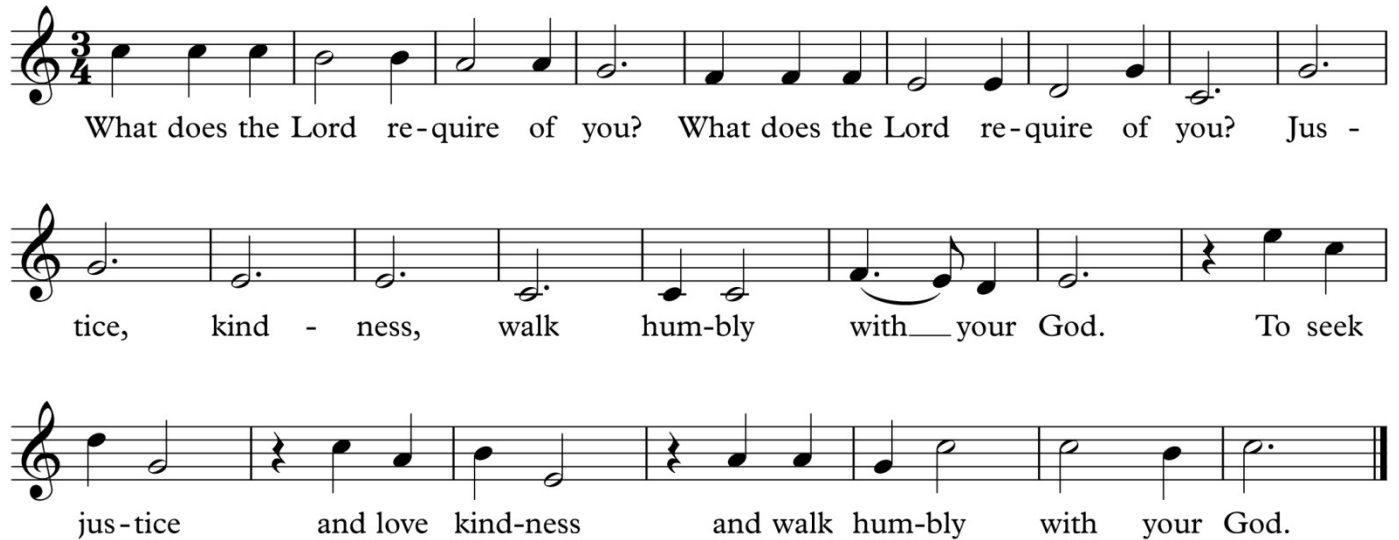
**God’s compassion guides our steps.**

We prepare to hear Jesus’ words today,

**Christ’s grace illuminates our lives.**

We celebrate the Spirit’s call to us.

**The Holy Spirit pulls us into community. Let us worship together!**



## Children's Message

Rev. Katie Styr

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### Prayer of Confession

Let us confess our faults and failings together.

**Merciful God, we admit that we have fallen short of your call in our lives. All of creation belongs to you, and yet we squander our natural resources. We talk about honoring you, and then let selfish motives and greed guide our actions. We complain about problems in our community, but hesitate to help. Forgive us, God. Remind us that through you, we can build a better life together. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

God sees our missteps and gently guides us forward. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

## Listen for God's Word

### Scripture Readings

Exodus 33:12-23

Matthew 22:15-22

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Gods and Emperors

Rev. Katie Styr

# Respond to God's Word

## 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

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen  
Tenor - Dave Bowles Edwards, Accompanist - Alex Gilson

H. T. Burleigh

## 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, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us. We pledge to share our time, our skills, and our money with you, to strengthen our community and care for your people. Amen.**

## The Sacrament Of Holy Communion – *Outdoor Service*

### Invitation to The Lord's Table

### The Great Thanksgiving

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

### Words of Institution

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

# Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

We Will Walk with God

SIZOHAMBA NAYE



We will walk with God, my broth-ers; we will walk with God.



We will walk with God, my sis - ters; we will walk with God.



We will go re - joic - ing till the king - dom has come.



We will go re - joice - ing till the king - dom has come.

Benediction

Rev. Katie Styr

Postlude

Finale from Organ Sonata No. 1 in F Minor, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Death: Dick Whisler – September 30, 2020**

**Prayers are Welcome for:** Family of John Arnold; Leslie DeLaere (*daughter of Sharon Hickenbottom*); Marlene Gaston and family (*death of Robert Gaston*); Grant Gilson (*father of Alex Gilson*); family of Helen Hebbeln (*death of mother*); Dawn Hickenbottom (*loss of her father*); Sharon Hickenbottom; Katie Styr and family (*death of mother, Lisa Brown Jasa*); Duane Timm and Jeff Gomez; Craig Van Hook and family (*death of Nancy Van Hook*); family of Dick Whisler; Wilton Retirement Community; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

## The Music Department Announces the 29<sup>th</sup> Season of FPC's Performing Arts Series

The music department at First Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the twenty-ninth season of The Performing Arts Series, albeit with some important temporary changes as we continue to navigate how the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the arts.

Our plan is to offer a half-season that will begin mid-March and last until mid-May. It is our hope that the delayed start provides enough time for the world to return to a state of normalcy, and that it will be safe to hold in-person concerts. On March 13 we are excited to welcome Hannah Holman, the beloved principal cellist of the QCSO, for a concert of solo and accompanied cello music. On April 2nd we reignite FPC's tradition of marking the crucifixion of Christ through readings and song at our Good Friday Tenebrae service, featuring choirs and chamber orchestra. Principal organist and assistant director of music Alex Gilson will again captivate all of us with his annual recital on the Magnusson Memorial Organ on May 1. Augustana piano professor Juliana Han caps the season with a special free recital on the afternoon of May 16. Additionally, FPC's production of the Tony award-winning Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls* has been rescheduled from last season to April 17 and 18.

Presenting such a season provides an opportunity to give back to the church, without which there would be no Performing Arts Series. In that spirit, we would like to ask our benefactor patrons to maintain their giving level from last season with the understanding that half of the donations will go to support the series, and the other half will be gifted to the church's general fund. This temporary "50/50" fundraising plan allows for the continuation of our church's rich history of providing the highest level of artistic excellence while also aiding the many other great ministries of FPC. If you do not wish for your donation to be divided, you may indicate on the ticket order form. A breakdown of donor levels and subscriber benefits is below.

At all events except for April 2 and May 16, seating is assigned; we ask for your flexibility with seating in case we are still in a situation that would mandate distancing. To ensure that your name is listed in all program booklets, please return the enclosed form and envelope, or order online at <https://www.fpcdavenport.org/performing-arts-series/> by **Monday, November 16**. We look forward to seeing you at our concerts and services this season!

Level	Amount	Benefit
<b>Full Concert Sponsor</b>	\$3,000 & above	4 season ticket packages; 4 additional tickets to any event of your choice. Priority seating and recognition level printed in the programs.
<b>Partial Concert Sponsor</b>	\$1,500 to \$2,999	4 season ticket packages; 3 additional tickets to any event of your choice. Priority seating and recognition level printed in the programs.
<b>Benefactor</b>	\$1,000 to \$1,499	4 season ticket packages; 2 additional tickets to any event of your choice. Priority seating and recognition level printed in the programs.
<b>Contributor</b>	\$500 to \$999	2 season ticket packages; 2 additional tickets to any event of your choice. Recognition level printed in the programs.
<b>Supporter</b>	\$250 to \$499	2 season ticket packages; 1 additional ticket to any event of your choice. Recognition level printed in the programs.
<b>Patron</b>	\$100 each	1 season ticket package; 1 additional ticket to any event of your choice. Recognition level printed in the programs.
<b>Series Tickets</b>	\$20 each – adult \$15 each – student	

MUSIC AT FIRST PRES

# PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

2021 SEASON

HANNAH HOLMAN

*CELLO*

MARCH 13 | 7:30 PM

\$15 ADULT | \$10 STUDENT



GOOD FRIDAY  
*TENEBRAE SERVICE*

APRIL 2 | 7:30 PM

NOT TICKETED



GUYS AND DOLLS

*BROADWAY MUSICAL*

APRIL 17 | 7:30 PM

APRIL 18 | 4:00 PM

\$15 ADULT & \$10 STUDENT



ALEX GILSON

*ORGAN*

MAY 1 | 7:30 PM

\$15 ADULT | \$10 STUDENT



JULIANA HAN

*PIANO*

MAY 16 | 4:00 PM

NOT TICKETED



### **Outside Service – Sundays, 9:30 AM**

We invite the congregation 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.

Continuing study of Professor Walter Brueggeman's book Materiality as Resistance.

### **Women of Hope Bible Study**

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 Schedule**

We hope you had fun at our September Kirkwood Club meeting! Here's the schedule of our fall activities, which will all be from 6:00-6:45 PM at church:

Wednesday, October 28: Halloween Party

Wednesday, November 18: Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, December 16: Cookie Decorating

Hope to see you there! To get Kirkwood Club updates, email Katie at [styrt@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:styrt@fpcdavenport.org), or text @fpcdkids to 81010.

### **Youth Group Schedule**

Until COVID rates go down, ACT and EPIC will be meeting monthly for games and activities. Our meetings will be from 1:00-2:00 PM on Sundays. Save the dates for fun on October 18, November 22, and December 13. To get youth group updates, email Katie at [styrt@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:styrt@fpcdavenport.org), or text @612thgra to 81010 (or add @612thgra on the Remind app).

### **Cherubs and MusikGarten – Sundays, 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

Cherubs and MusikGarten continue to meet this fall on Zoom at new times to coincide with our Sunday School schedule. MusikGarten will meet from 10:30-11:00 AM. Infants through three year-olds and their parents are invited to come to MusikGarten. Cherubs will meet from 11:00-11:15 AM following their Sunday School class that begins at 10:30 AM. Cherubs are in pre-school and Kindergarten. If you have questions about either group, contact Kathy Middleton ([kathrynbl5@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynbl5@gmail.com); 563-505-0471.)

### **Join 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 Facebook

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

Join the fun on Friday, October 23!

**Online Harpsichord Recital - Tuesday, October 27, 12:00 PM**

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, October 27 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by Thomas Tomkins 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 – Tuesdays, 6:15 PM - That's in the Bible?!**

Join us on Zoom to discuss some of the strange and scandalous stories in the Bible! 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.

October 20: Acts 4-5, Sharing or Death

October 27: 1 Samuel 28, Saul's Séance