

October 4, 2020
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Philippians 3:4b-14

Psalm 19
Matthew 21:33-46

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Cantabile

César Franck

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Let us Praise the LORD and give thanks to God

For God is good; God's steadfast love is everlasting.

We worship God as one people.

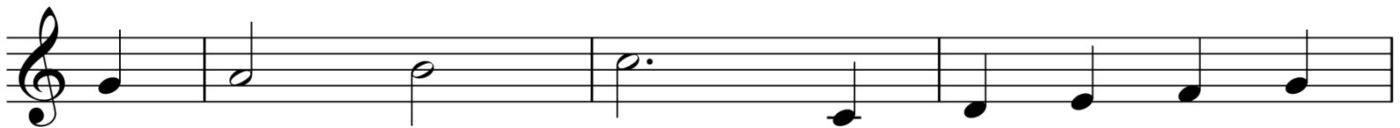
May we know the nearness of God this day.



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2. God's king-dom can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;
3. His king-dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4. Re - joice in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Jeduge, shall come



Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri-umph ev - er - more;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus given:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.



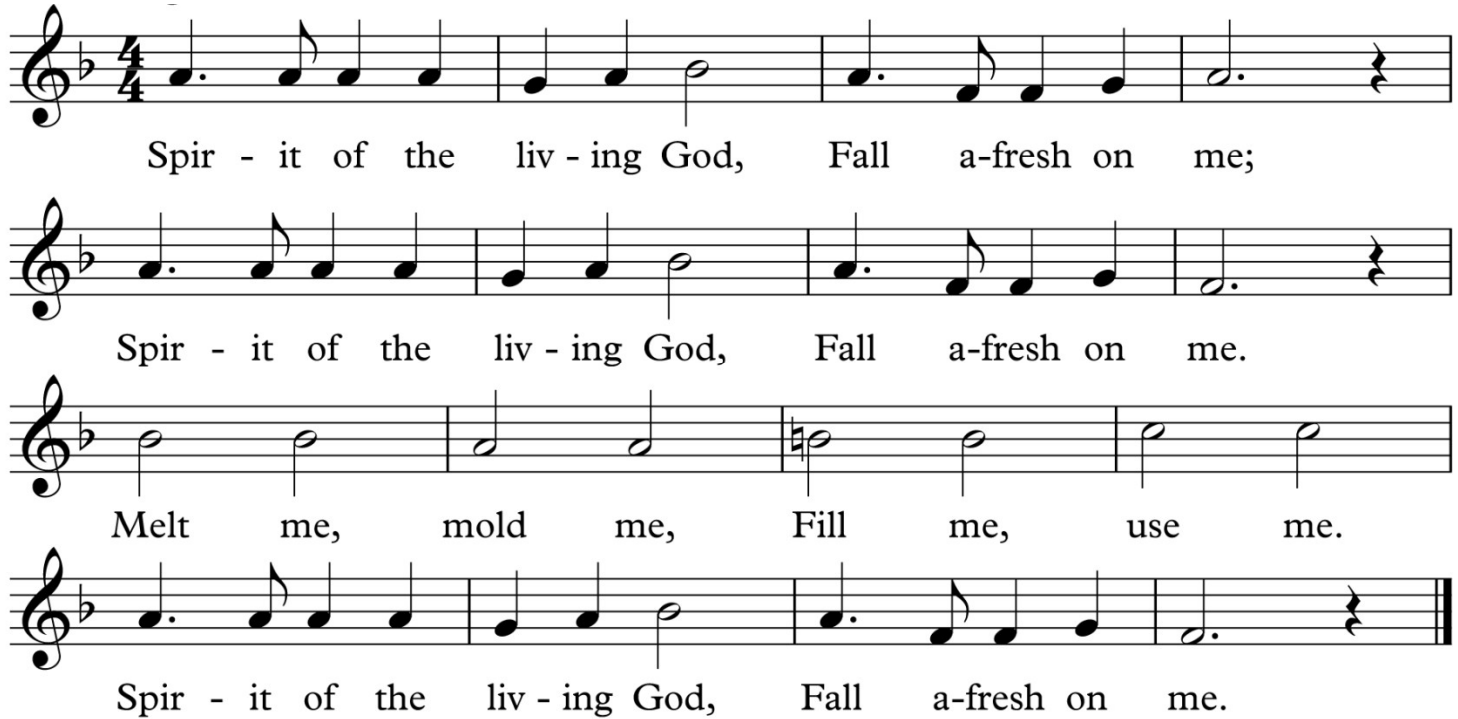
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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

Gracious and Eternal God, as we draw near to you, so much pulls us from inner peace. Of course we are saddened by the big issues in the news day after day. We admit our faith falters in this time of uncertainty, and we may begin to worry, or try to take control, or covet what we don't have, or complain in anger. The inner peace you promise eludes us. Forgive our wanderings away from you, and restore to us the joy of our salvation and our hope in you alone. May we know you are near. We believe you have not abandoned us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Pardon

The God of all creation is also the God of mercy and love for us all. God hears our prayer and forgives without strings attached.

In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:4-13

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Pam Saturnia

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

Tenor – David Bowles Edwards, Organ - Alex Gilson

*May the Bread of Angels
Become bread for mankind;
The Bread of Heaven
puts All foreshadowings to an end;
Oh, thing miraculous!
The body of the Lord will nourish the poor,
the poor, the servile, and the humble.*

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

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

Prayer of Dedication

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

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE



1. Be Thou my___ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my___ wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3. Rich - es I___ heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4. High King of___ Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



Thou my___ best___ thought, by day or by night,____
thou my___ soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;____
thou and___ thou___ on - ly, first in my heart,____
Heart of___ my___ own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,____



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy___ pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O___ Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my___ trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O___ Rul - er of all.

Charge and Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

Chorale No. 2 in B Minor

César Franck

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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*); Dawn Hickenbottom (*loss of her father*); Sharon Hickenbottom; Katie Styrt and family (*death of mother, Lisa Brown Jasa*); Craig Van Hook and family (*death of Nancy Van Hook*); 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 – Sundays, 9:30 AM

Today 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.

Women of Hope Bible Study

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!

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!

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; 563-505-0471.)

CROP Hunger Walk QC – Today, 12:30 PM

The youth of our church will be doing their own version of the crop walk today!

Walkers - we will meet at Leach Park in Bettendorf at 12:30 PM today. 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/quadcities>.

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.

Bibles for 3rd and 4th Graders – Sunday, October 18, 3:00 PM

Our 3rd and 4th grade students will be receiving Bibles to help them continue on their faith journey. This year, we're handing out Bibles in a drive-through celebration! Families with 3rd and 4th graders, come to the Iowa St. parking lot from 3:00-4:30 PM on Sunday, October 18 to come say hi and get your brand new beautiful Bible! We can't wait to see you.

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

Drive-In Communion and Prayer – Sundays at 9:30 AM and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

We now offer Drive-In Communion on Sunday morning at 9:30 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, October 13, 12:00 PM

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, October 13 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by Christophe Graupner and Domenico Scarlatti 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 6: Genesis 38, Tamar's Trick

October 20: Acts 4-5, Sharing or Death

October 13: Genesis 9-10, 19, Problems with Fathers

October 27: 1 Samuel 28, Saul's Seance

Session Highlights from September 2020

- We were led by Rev. Dr. Pam Saturnia, FPC Muscatine, who served as Moderator.
- We watched a short video that highlighted derecho recovery efforts by the Presbytery of East Iowa.
- Approved a request from Jay and Sherry Williams to rejoin FPC. Welcome Jay and Sherry.
- Received a report from the Stewardship Committee about the upcoming Stewardship Campaign which will be a little later in the fall than usual. You will hear more.
- Our current year financials continue to show monthly deficits.
- The Bridging Pastor Nominating Committee is meeting regularly as they prepare for interviews. They are gathering church information to provide to candidates and determining what questions to ask candidates.
- Session approved a Sunday morning drive-in style service in the church parking lot. It will include communion and more. It will last about 40 minutes. This begins October 4, 2020. Look for more information about this. Videos of Sunday worship will continue to be available on Face Book and the church website.
- The members of the Synod Administrative Review Committee met with the Session for about one hour. They spoke to us about what they have been doing so far. They asked the Session some questions and listened to the Session's thoughts and concerns. They plan to meet with the Session again during our October meeting. The meeting with them was encouraging.

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.