

November 15, 2020
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Judges 4:1-7
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Psalm 123
Matthew 25:14-30

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“[Jesus prayed] ...Sanctify them in the truth. Your word is truth”
John 17:17

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katie Styr

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Take My Life and Let It Be

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

We gather in the presence of the Lord

May the truths of God inspire us.

May the love of God sustain us.

Let us sing to God and give thanks. Amen.



1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
3. O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

Children's Message

Rev. Katie Styr

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, the source of all good and all truth, we come with questions and doubts as we see the state of things in our world. Forgive us if we have become selfishly protective of our own little realm and forgotten about the needs of others. Forgive us if we have listened and acted on lies that fit our selfishness. Bring us back to your truths and to your unconditional love for all. May we be channels of your truth and love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord hears and answers the prayer of the contrite. God forgives our sins and purifies us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

Thanks be to God!

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

John 18:37, 38a

Ephesians 6:10-11, 14-18

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Preservation of the Truth

Rev. Pat Halverson

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.

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

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Arr. Richard Walters

Tenor - Dave Bowles Edwards, Baritone - Alex Gilson, Piano – Matt Bishop

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Please sing the Doxology.

Prayer of Dedication

God, the source of all that is good, we offer these gifts as our response to your kindness to us. May they help further your truth and help those in need. Through Christ, our Lord. 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

Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written

WYLDE GREEN



1. Thanks to God whose word was writ - ten In the Bi - ble's
2. Thanks to God whose word is pub - lished In the tongues of
3. Thanks to God whose Word In - car - nate Heights and depths of
4. Thanks to God whose Word is an - swered By the Spir - it's



sa - cred page, Rec - ord of the rev - e - la - tion
ev - ery race. See its glo - ry un - di - min - ished
life did share. Deeds and words and death and ris - ing,
voice with - in. Here we drink of joy un - mea - sured,



Show - ing God to ev - ery age. God has spo - ken:
By the change of time or place. God has spo - ken:
Grace in hu - man form de - clare. God has spo - ken:
Life re - deemed from death and sin. God is speak - ing:



Praise God for the liv - ing Word.

Benediction

Rev. Pat Halverson

Postlude

Toccata in B Minor

Eugène Gigout

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Death: Barbara H. Melby, November 1, 2020

Prayers are Welcome for: family of Harold W. Jackson; family of Barbara Melby: Duane Timm and Jeff Gomez; family of Dick Whisler; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

Christmas Poinsettias 2020

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, the Chancel Guild will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be part of this wonderful tradition, please complete the form and send it to the church office or place it in the offering as you leave the Drive-In Worship Service. **The deadline for making a donation is Sunday, December 13.**

In Memory or Honor of (circle one): _____

Given by: _____

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Pie Fellowship – With a Twist!

Because 2020 has been, well, **2020**...a very challenging year for most of us, it is more important than ever to take the time to reflect and give thanks for what has been POSITIVE in our lives this year as we celebrate Thanksgiving and the beginning of the holiday season.

Please join the FPC family in a creative Pie Fellowship Worship Service on Wednesday evening, November 25 at 6:00 PM. In your cars. In the church parking lot--which will be festively lit with luminaria and a bonfire.

We invite each family in attendance to write what you are thankful/grateful for in 2020 on an index card or piece of paper. One member of each family will exit their car and give your written thanks to a pastor to read to the congregation. Strict safety measures will be adhered to but we will also have fun as we kick-off Thanksgiving together.

And the twist? Rather than ask you for a pie donation as in previous years...as you leave, YOU will be given a pumpkin or fruit pie to enjoy yourself or to donate to a friend or family in need.

We hope to see you there!

Volunteers and Donations Needed for PUNCH's Thanksgiving Dinner!

PUNCH is continuing our tradition of a free community Thanksgiving dinner with a drive-through and delivery meal! Volunteers are needed to portion, hand out, or deliver meals, either from 10:00-11:30 AM or 11:30 AM -1:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day. Donations are also needed to be delivered on Thanksgiving Day to First Baptist Church by 10:00 AM.

Donations are needed:

2- 20 lb. hot turkeys, sliced off the bone

If you can help, please call the church office or email Paula Hartmann at ppelhartmann@aol.com.

2020 PUNCH Free Drive-Up Thanksgiving Dinner, November 26



11:00 am to 1:00 pm or until food runs out

Pick up at First Baptist Church

1401 Perry Street, Davenport, Iowa

To Place order for Dinners

(not required but encouraged)

call 563-323-4435 or 563-323-2765

If you need a meal delivered to you,
please contact Pastor Katie

Menu

Turkey, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Pumpkin Pie

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.

GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH - (Why we exist.....as a church)

November 15

Maintenance of Divine Worship.

Shelter, Nurture, & Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God.

Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind.

November 22

Preservation of the Truth.

Promotion of Social Righteousness.

Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World.

Women of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, November 25, 10:00 AM in the Parlor

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, 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, or text @fpcdkids to 81010.

Kirkwood Choir Schedule – Wednesdays, 6:00-6:30 PM

Kirkwood Choir meets on scheduled Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 pm via Zoom. Please contact Linda Bengfort for further information.

November 18 – Kirkwood Club

November 25 – IN RECESS

December 2 – Kirkwood Choir

December 9 – Kirkwood Choir

December 16 – Kirkwood Club

December 24 – IN RECESS

December 30 – IN RECESS

Youth Group Schedule – New Meeting

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 November 22 and December 13. To get youth group updates, email Katie at 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; 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, November 20!

Online Harpsichord Recital - Tuesday, November 24, 12:00 PM

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, November 24 at noon, the final one of the year. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by Élisabeth Jacquet de la Guerre and C. P. E. 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 - *Brothers in the Bible!*

Join us for a new three-part series: *Brothers in the Bible!* We'll explore classic rivalries and reconciliation between brothers in scripture. The class meets 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.

Nov. 17: Jacob and Esau: Genesis 25:19-34, 27-28

Nov. 24: Trees in the Bible

Session Highlights – October 2020

- Approved limited use of the church building for groups smaller than 15 people. Reservations will be required. Masks will be required. Look for more information coming soon from the Pandemic Task Force.
- The Stewardship Campaign is underway. You are being asked to give in FAITH and your belief in God to provide.
- Fall education and fellowship programs are underway with activities for all ages. Please check out the weekly announcements and join in. All are welcome.
- Our monthly budget continues to run a deficit since the pandemic started. Please continue with your pledges and offerings for this year.
- Session met with the Synod Administrative Review Committee a second time to share information, concerns and goals for the future.

Inclement Weather

As the weather gets colder, a reminder - if services need to be canceled due to rain or other severe weather, an announcement will be made that morning over Facebook and local TV. If we get rained out, just join us online for the video service!

Pandemic Task Force Update: Small Groups Able to Meet at Church

The Session has approved ability for small groups to meet in the church. Reservations will be required. Our online room request form will soon be available on the church website; please contact Darren Long to make a reservation in the meantime. Space will be limited to groups of 15 or less for meetings of 45 minutes or less. Facilities staff will approve and assign meeting room space. All attendees will be required to wear a mask from the time they enter the church building until they depart. The assigned meeting room will be set up socially distanced and all meeting attendees will need to remain masked from the time they enter the building until they depart. Currently the church building remains locked and key fobs/cards are disabled, so the meeting organizer will need to ensure someone from the group lets attendees into the building and that the attendance form is completed and submitted to the office after the meeting. At this time, groups using the church will be expected to report to their assigned room, hold their meeting, and depart the church directly after. While the bathrooms will be available, groups are not allowed to bring food or drink. Infractions of these guidelines will result in a group losing the ability to meet at church until restrictions are lifted; this will be enforced by the Head of Staff.