

November 22, 2020  
Christ the King Sunday

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalm 110  
Matthew 25:31-46

## 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**

Now Thank We All Our God

### Praise Almighty God

**Call to Worship** - Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is God who has made us, and we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.**

Give thanks to God and bless his name.

**For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

# Hymn

## Now Thank We All Our God

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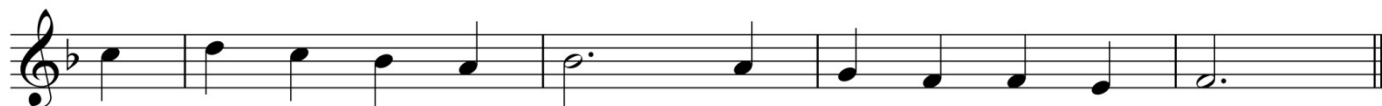
1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,



who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:



who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

## Children's Message

Rev. Katie Styr

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### Prayer of Confession

God of grace, today we acknowledge Christ as ruler of all, but we confess our doubts in this troubled time. Forgive us if we have forgotten to trust in you, if we have doubted your faithfulness, if we have lost our zeal in serving you. We believe we are still your children, and that we are still called to follow and to serve as you lead. We thank you for our many blessings. We thank you for your presence in the dark times. We hope in you for the future. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

The Lord knows our needs and loves us unconditionally. Through Christ you are forgiven. **Amen.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Listen for God's Word

### Scripture Readings

Mark 6:1-13

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Ordinary Messengers

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

**I Don't Feel No-Ways Tired**

Arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Tenor - Dave Bowles Edwards, Piano - Alex Gilson

### 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 ourselves to serve you in whatever ways we can.

**Our faith leads us into discipleship, giving all we have to you.**

We offer these pledges as our response to your loving presence in our lives, so that they may be used to share that love to others near and far.

**The pledges we dedicate today will be the foundation for loving care of our community and support our church.**

These pledges are a promise that we will continue to build our church together.

**Let us prepare for a new year with hope and faith, using our resources to serve God and care for each other.**

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

He Leadeth Me



1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O  
2. Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some -  
3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor  
4. And when my task on earth is done, when,



words with heav - enly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where -  
times where E - den's flow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er  
ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er  
by thy grace, the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I



e're I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
trou - bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me; by his own hand he lead - eth me:



his faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Benediction

Rev. Pat Halverson

Postlude

Little Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578

J. S. Bach

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Death: Paul L. Eckert** – November 17, 2020

**Prayers are Welcome for:** Sharon Boron; 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, place it in the offering as you leave the Drive-In Worship Service, or by going to FPC's website and clicking the "Donate Online" link. **The deadline for making a donation is Sunday, December 13.**

**In Memory or Honor of** (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Today is Stewardship Sunday!

If you haven't done so already, please return your 2021 Pledge Card to the Finance Office. If you need assistance, please contact Kristine Olson at (563) 326-1691 x219 or via email at [olson@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:olson@fpcdavenport.org). Thank you for your continued support of FPC Davenport!

### 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!

### 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.)

### 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)

**Today:** Preservation of the Truth.

Promotion of Social Righteousness.

Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World.

**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. 24: Trees in the Bible

**Women of Hope Bible Study**

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

**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. If you can help, please call the church office or email Paula Hartmann at [ppelhartmann@aol.com](mailto: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

### Drive-In Worship Discontinued

As the weather gets colder, our drive-in worship services will end after Thanksgiving. Due to high COVID rates in our area, we will not be having indoor worship. Join us online at 9:30 AM on Facebook for a digital watch party, or click on <https://www.fpcdavenport.org/sermon-videos/> anytime

### Christian Education for Youth (CEFY) Fall 2020

#### 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, 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.

#### 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 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 Update

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.

Today Youth Group will be online! Join us on Zoom at 1:00 PM for Drawful games – email Pastor Katie to start getting announcement emails.

Save the date for fun on 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).

## 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, December 4 for the final program for 2020!!

## News from the Finance Office

	October 2020		October 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	48,257	56,680	55,743	65,185
Custodial Accounts Income	242	-	5,671	-
Compensation Expenses	39,042	51,258	53,894	61,321
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	10,264	17,015	12,123	20,391
Custodial Accounts Expenses	242	-	5,671	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(1,049)</b>	<b>(11,593)</b>	<b>(10,274)</b>	<b>(16,527)</b>
	2020 Year-To-Date		2019 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	665,511	707,638	702,494	722,305
Custodial Accounts Income	75,813	-	73,408	-
Compensation Expenses	473,146	498,258	489,622	541,585
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	132,088	201,265	182,258	248,498
Custodial Accounts Expenses	75,812	-	73,409	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>60,278</b>	<b>8,115</b>	<b>30,613</b>	<b>(67,778)</b>

All numbers are rounded.

**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.