

November 8, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalm 78:1-7
Matthew 25:1-3

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve,
whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living;
but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”
Joshua 24:15

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katie Styr

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

We are pulled in many directions.

Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

Right now, right here, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives. Amen.



1. I'm gon-na live so_____ God can use me_____ an-y - where, Lord,_____ an-y -
2. I'm gon-na work so_____ God can use me_____ an-y - where, Lord,_____ an-y -
3. I'm gon-na pray so_____ God can use me_____ an-y - where, Lord,_____ an-y -
4. I'm gon-na sing so_____ God can use me_____ an-y - where, Lord,_____ an-y -



time!_____ I'm gon-na live so_____ God can use me_____

time!_____ I'm gon-na work so_____ God can use me_____

time!_____ I'm gon-na pray so_____ God can use me_____

time!_____ I'm gon-na sing so_____ God can use me_____



_____ an - y - where, Lord,_____ an - y - time!_____

_____ an - y - where, Lord,_____ an - y - time!_____

_____ an - y - where, Lord,_____ an - y - time!_____

_____ an - y - where, Lord,_____ an - y - time!_____

Children's Message

Rev. Katie Styr

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we would not be here if you had not chosen to touch our lives with your love. We cannot hide our wonder that you have chosen us and called us by name. Yet we still struggle with our choices to wholeheartedly serve you. We are often tempted to put ourselves first in our lives, and we ignore how our choices affect others. Forgive us when the choices we make reflect our selfishness instead of your glory. Forgive us when the choices we make revolve around judging or condemning others without first listening to their stories. Gracious and loving God, strengthen us where we are weak so that the choices we make clearly reveal us as your faithful people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, and we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Joshua 24:14-25

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Millions of Choices

Rev. Katie Styr

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

Come unto Him

J. S. Bach

Tenor - Dave Bowles Edwards, Accompaniment - Alex Gilson

Come unto Him, Come unto Him, and He will give you rest,
All ye that labor and are heavy laden,
all ye that labor and are heavy laden,
And He will give you rest.
For His yoke is easy, and His burden is light,
His yoke is easy and His burden is light
Come unto Him, and He will give you rest.
Come unto Him, and He will give you rest.
All ye that labor and are heavy laden,
Come unto Him, and will give you rest
and He will give you rest,
will give, and He will give you rest.
All ye that labor and are heavy laden
and He will give you rest,
and He will give you rest;
Come unto Him and He will give you rest.

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, help us to use these gifts to serve you. May we care for our congregation, our neighborhood, and our world with your guidance. 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

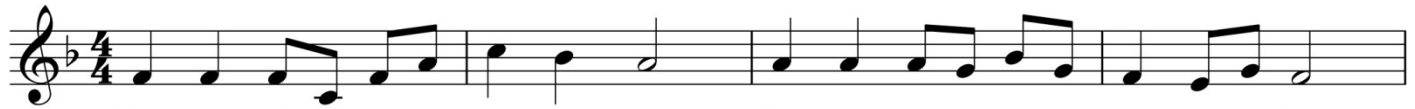
Sharing the Bread and Cup

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

Take My Life

HENDEN



1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction

Rev. Katie Styr

Postlude

Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

J. S. Bach

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Death: Harold, W. Jackson, October 30, 2020

Prayers are Welcome for: family of Harold W. Jackson; 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.

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.

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!

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

4 – 5 lbs of hot mashed potatoes

2 - 1 gallon of green beans, prepared

4 – 8 in pumpkin pies

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 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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

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.

Got the Pandemic Blues? Tired of sticking close to home day after day? Come visit with Kristine Oswald, licensed Social Worker and therapist from Psychology Health Group. We will talk about several things you can do for self-care!

Women of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, November 11, 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 10, 12:00 PM

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, November 10 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by Girolamo Frescobaldi, Jean-François Dandrieu, and Dieterich Buxtehude 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. 10: Joseph and his brothers: Genesis 37, 42-45

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.