

February 14, 2021
Transfiguration of the Lord

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

2 Kings 2:12
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Psalm 50:1-6
Mark 9:2-9

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth."
Psalm 50:2

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katie Styr

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

A Pleasant Thought

Florence Price

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Come, let us go to the holy mountain
and worship Christ with the disciples!
We will see Christ transformed before us.
We will see our lives transformed before Christ.
Come, let us go to the holy mountain
and worship the Son of God.



1. Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
2. Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
3. Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
4. Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro-found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine
 fur - ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

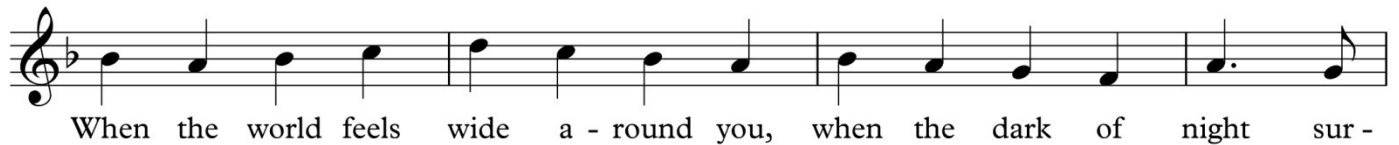
Children's Message

Rev. Katie Styr

Baptism of Harvey William Hennes and Emeline Marie Hennes

Members of the church of Jesus Christ, how will you fulfill your responsibility to support and guide these Christians to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of the church?

**We will welcome them into our life and worship; we will support them with our love and prayers;
 we will learn and grow alongside them in this community of faith.**



Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Prayer of Confession

Jesus came bathed in light, dazzling and radiant...

Forgive us, God, for accepting mediocrity in your name and calling it good enough.

Jesus came appearing with Elijah and Moses...

Forgive us, God, for demanding exclusive expressions of faith even in the face of your expansive vision.

Jesus came while a voice was shouting, "this is my Beloved; listen!"

Forgive us, God, for silencing the voices of others struggling to praise your name. May we be humble before your glory, and fully dedicated to serving your people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Jesus transforms our shortcomings and shows us a better way to live. Through him, our sins are forgiven:

Thanks be to God.

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Psalm 50:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

Selected from the Brief Statement of Faith

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Ministry Together

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

Elegy

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Please sing the Doxology.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, bless these gifts we bring to you, so that they may be used to care for your church and all of your people. Help us to live with generosity and joy as your servants. Amen.

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

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,
In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes.
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;
Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see
Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - sish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

Benediction

Rev. Katie Styr

Postlude

Fanfare and Chorale

Calvin Fuller

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Sharon Boron; family of Jacqueline Mae Butcher; Judy Fritz and family (*death of mother Madelyn Tornquist*); family of Harold W. Jackson; Jamie Johnson, Scott and Bonnie Johnson (*death of husband and son, Nic*); Bev Koos; Rebecca Koos; Cindy and Mark Meinert and family (*death of father and grandfather, Dean Taylor, Sr.*); family of Barbara Melby; Mike Steffenson and family (*death of wife, Jean*); Tom Vaccaro; families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters; FPC members and all others receiving the COVID.

Zoom Farewell for Pastor Katie

Please join a Zoom meeting to say good-bye and best wishes to Katie on Saturday, February 13 from 2:00-2:45 PM.

Katie, we are grateful for your sense of humor, level-headed wisdom and guidance over the last two years (+). We wish you all the best in your new church home in Milan, IL!

The Zoom invitation details are provided below.

<https://zoom.us/j/95015859388?pwd=K09sRjJTRTUybWtLbUJOUXJBZE9vQT09>

Meeting ID: 950 1585 9388

Passcode: 745536

We hope you see you there!!

Deacons' Toilet Paper Drive

Once again, the Deacons are sponsoring a toilet paper drive. From now until March 31 you may bring donations to the church, which will be given to the Humility of Mary Shelter services.

Last year we collected over 1,200 rolls, right before the shortage began. Our goal is 1,500 rolls. Not shopping during the pandemic? Send your monetary donations to the church office. Deacons await to do your toilet paper shopping for you! Let's demonstrate love in action and support this worthy cause.

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club – Monday, February 15, 1:00 PM

Between the Covers (BTC) book club will meet on Monday February 15 at 1:00 PM via zoom. Lin Davis will lead a discussion on *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*. All are welcome whether you've read the book or not. For zoom information, please call Lois Boyer at 563-940-3024.

Ash Wednesday Virtual Services – Wednesday, February 17, noon and 7:00 PM

The Ash Wednesday services will be virtual this year, available on Facebook and Vimeo at noon and at 7:00 PM. You may pick up a bag of ashes from the church that you can impose on yourself or on family members at the appointed time in the service. Pick-up times are Sunday, February 14 from noon until 2:00 PM, and Monday, February 15 from 4:00-6:00 PM; park on Iowa Street just outside the entrance to the church office building, and a masked volunteer will bring the bag of ashes to your car. For the service, you will need the ashes, a kitchen oil (such as vegetable or canola), and communion elements.

Christian Education for Youth (CEFY) Spring 2021

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

The tentative Kirkwood Choir Early Spring 2021 schedule is listed below. The Club meets on scheduled Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 PM via Zoom. Please contact Linda Bengfort for further information.

February 17 – IN RECESS March 3 March 10 March 17 – IN RECESS

To get youth group updates, email Katie at styrt@fpcdavenport.org, or text @612thgra to 81010 (or add @612thgra on the Remind app).

Youth Events - Grades 6-12

Until COVID rates go down, ACT and EPIC will be meeting monthly for games and activities. Save the dates for youth group fellowship activities! Everyone is welcome. We'll also have service activities, time and date *To Be Announced* depending on the project. We'll meet Sundays from 1:00 - 1:45 PM on February 21, March 28, and April 18.

Kirkwood Club - Grades 1-5

Save the dates for our upcoming Kirkwood Club activities! We'll meet on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45 PM on February 24, March 24, and April 28. Hope to see you there! To get Kirkwood Club updates, email Katie at styrt@fpcdavenport.org, or text @fpcdkids to 81010.

Purse for Pastor Katie

In gratitude for Katie's service to the congregation, a purse will be collected as an appreciation and recognition gift for her. Please make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, note "Katie Styrt gift" on the memo line, and bring or mail to the church office by Friday, February 19, 2021.

Lenten Discussion Series - You're Invited!

The Mission and Social Justice Team will be offering a five-week online Lenten video and discussion series entitled, "America's Unholy Ghosts: An Examination of Christianity, White Supremacy, and Racism." Using short videos produced by The Work of the People, Rev. Trey Hegar and Marta Pumroy will facilitate meaningful dialogue with participants after viewing the films during each session. All Presbyterians in East Iowa are invited to participate. Registration will be required in order to receive the ZOOM invitation. The series will be offered on both Sunday nights at 6:00 PM – led by Trey and then repeated on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 PM. – led by Marta.

The series will begin Sunday, February 21, 2021 and Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

To watch a trailer and to register for the event, please go to <https://peia.org/unholy-ghosts/>

2021 Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, February 28, 11:15 AM

The Session has scheduled the 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 11:15 AM. The focus of the Annual Congregational Meeting is to receive reports from 2020 with a look at 2021. Sixty (60) church members are required for a quorum. You are strongly encouraged to join us. The meeting will be conducted on Zoom. Log-in information is provided here.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99339656963?pwd=L0FETjQwUTJ5TWgyWHRpQ0JHdTRNUT09>

Meeting ID: 993 3965 6963

Passcode: 463388

Links to documents to be shared with the congregation will be made available ahead of the meeting. You may request a paper copy of any or all of the documents by contacting the church office.

Welcoming Our New Bridging Pastor, Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala, to FPC March 1!

FPC is pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala as our new Bridging Pastor. Rev. Kathy has enjoyed a distinguished and successful career serving congregations in transitional and transformational ministry in Minnesota, New Jersey, Delaware, Colorado, and Illinois. She holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew Theological Seminary, later teaching in Drew's D.Min. program. Rev. Kathy is married to Dr. Frank Lasala, who recently retired as a physician in Monmouth, where the two currently live. Aside from her passion for restoring historic homes, Rev. Kathy is an avid sports fan. Rev. Kathy's call at FPC begins March 1.

As she wrote in her application, Rev. Kathy is eager to serve in a congregation full of people who will "seek God's Word in the words of Scripture; find our stories in the story of Jesus; bear His story beyond ourselves; expect the Gospel to change lives; respond to what Jesus has done for us with heartfelt worship, rest, service, growth, play, and generosity; know the 'News' is too 'Good' to remain inside the church's walls; welcome searchers longing for significance and purpose in their lives; search out, affirm, and develop the unique gifts by which the Spirit enriches each believer's life; embrace the adventures and struggles of discipleship; train and equip each member for ministry; trust the Gospel to heal racial, cultural, and class divisions; hunger for justice and authentic community; and live by prayerful commitment, safe in the arms of God's love and mercy."

Dick Koos, co-chair of the search committee, writes of Rev. Kathy, "When the search committee talked with her it wasn't long before we felt as though we had known her for a long time—and her energy is quite obvious. The congregation will enjoy her time with us. She is very engaging."

Confirmation Class Begins!

Spring is almost here and it's time to start confirmation! This class is for 7th and 8th graders to officially become church members. So that we're able to meet in person, this year's class will be a little different than before. We'll meet from 10:30-11:15 AM on Sundays from March 7 to May 17. This intensive class will include service activities, worship leadership, and learning about other faiths. Our fantastic teachers this year are Sarah Greim, Al Frohlich, and Amy and Mike Saskowski! Families, you should have gotten an info letter in the mail - if you haven't, please contact the church office.

Join Online: Worship Watch Party - Sundays, 9:30 AM

For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook:

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 meet on Zoom 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.)

Adult Christian Education (ACE): Public Policy and the Presbyterian Church - Today, 10:45-11:45 AM

The PC(USA)'s Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy provides churches with careful studies of pressing moral challenges, guidance on Christian responsibilities, and policy recommendations for faithful action. Rev. Jeromey Howard is a current member of the committee, and will share his experiences and answer questions.

Join us on Zoom at 10:45 AM:

<https://zoom.us/j/91539050753?pwd=b2JYN0VyOW52N0ZESHQ2YUhyelhtUT09>

Meeting ID: 915 3905 0753, Passcode: ACE

Bible Basics 201 - Tuesdays, 6:15 pm

Join us for a series on Reformers and the Reformation, a month-long series studying reformers in our church history!

February 16: Martin Luther

March 2: Jan Hus

February 23: John Calvin

March 8: Bible Translations During the Reformation

We'll meet 6:15-7:15 PM on Tuesdays over Zoom until further notice. The Zoom address will stay the same.

Join online:-<https://zoom.us/j/98965381440?pwd=TUdyMXltRTMrRXdFWnBEZ0NEKzBYUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440

Passcode: 240979

Bible Basics 101 - Wednesdays, 6:45

This class is designed for those wanting to revisit many of our favorite childhood Sunday school stories or even hear about them for the first time. All are welcome. Join in anytime. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information.

Zoom information for Bible Basics 101:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93804817828?pwd=S1R3ZlB2Ly9zeGh3YnJoNEhDaVBjQT09>

Meeting ID: 938 0481 7828

Passcode: Jonah

Highlights from January 2021 Session Meeting

- Approved baptisms for Harvey William Hennes and Emeline Marie Hennes to be celebrated on February 14, 2021.
- Session previously approved an application for a second Paycheck Protection Program loan. The application was completed and the loan approved.
- Approved a 2021 budget. It is a deficit budget. A positive balance from 2020 and the PPP loan will provide assistance in meeting expenses. The approved budget will be presented at our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 11:15 AM.
- Approved the following statement on the U.S. Capitol Violence
The Session of First Presbyterian Church Davenport condemns the attack on the U.S. Capitol Building on January 6, 2021. We are saddened by the deaths of five people. We stand strongly against the destruction of property, the threat to the lives of others, and the intimidation directed at our elected officials. The appropriation of religious beliefs to justify these actions is shameful.
We understand this is a complicated issue. There are many other examples of violence across our country in the last year that are equally concerning. All people must undergo self-examination to determine how they might have contributed to where we are currently as a country. As Christians, we humble ourselves before God and ask for guidance and forgiveness.
As witnesses to our leaders, community and to the world, as far as it depends on us, we renew our belief in the following:
 - Telling the truth.
 - Speaking against violence, hatred, and discrimination.
 - Protesting when necessary but lawfully and supporting moral and ethical purposes.
 - Continuing to work in the world while practicing civility in all of our discourse.
 - Eliminating name-calling and vilification of those who have different opinions.
 - Recognizing the worth of each person and presence of Jesus in everyone we encounter.
 - Continuing to feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, clothe and shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, and show hospitality to strangers,
 - Accepting the multiplicity of differences among and across our society, and promote equality of all.
- As part of our closing, people spoke of their appreciation of Rev. Katie's Styr's ministry, shared personal memories and joys, and gave well wishes.

News from the Finance Office

	December 2020		December 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	175,083	83,646	96,306	65,185
Custodial Accounts Income	5,097	-	18,050	-
Compensation Expenses	(39,029)	(50,348)	(48,438)	(61,320)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(38,874)	(28,785)	(41,461)	(21,891)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(5,097)	-	(18,050)	-
Surplus (Deficit)	97,180	4,513	6,407	(18,026)
	2020 Year-To-Date		2019 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	952,503	865,754	901,893	852,675
Custodial Accounts Income	81,794	-	94,987	-
Compensation Expenses	(550,296)	(598,954)	(589,095)	(664,225)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(187,485)	(248,260)	(245,125)	(290,780)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(81,794)	-	(94,988)	-
Surplus (Deficit)	214,723	18,540	67,672	(102,330)

*****PLEASE NOTE: Year-To-Date Surplus of \$214,723 includes the following:**

2020 Paycheck Protection Program Grant:	\$50,000
Compensation savings due to Open HoS (9/16 - 12/31)	
& suspended Nursery Services:	\$47,983
Associate Pastor Reserve Income:	\$86,851

The surprisingly positive financial outcome reflects that 2020 was a very unusual year for our church. While many aspects of the church's operations were quite unusual, three easily identifiable items that contributed significantly to the surprisingly positive outcome are listed above.