

March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Exodus 10:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Psalm 19
John 2:13-22

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.
1 Corinthians 1:25

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Pat Halverson

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen

Johannes Brahms

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 19)*

We have come to worship the God of creation

The heavens proclaim God's glory, day and night.

We have come to listen as God speaks

The words of God revive our souls, make us wise, and bring joy within.

We have come to renew our faith

May the Spirit lead us in grace, righteousness and service to others.



1. The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn-ful won - der This world sees her op-pressed,
4. Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
 Her char-ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 By schis-ms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis-tressed,
 and mys-tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

Children's Message

Sarah Greim

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we believe you are God above all "gods," and you alone are worthy of our worship. But, we are often challenged to a divided allegiance. We make excuses for our faithlessness, for "bending" your commandments, for our self-promotion, for our unwillingness to make whatever sacrifice of service you call us to make. Forgive us. Guide us with your Holy Spirit to listen to your voice, heed your wisdom and serve others in your name according to your will. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord hears the prayers of the humble and forgives their sin. In Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Not-So-Gentle Jesus

Rev. Pat Halverson

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.

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

Calming Peace

Cathy Moglebust

The Vesper Bells (Pre-recorded)

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Please sing the Doxology.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we offer to you these gifts with the prayer that you guide us to use them wisely to proclaim your love and serve others as you lead us. 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

We All Are One in Mission

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1. We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,
2. We all are called for ser - vice To wit - ness in God's name;
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed And let our song be heard.



Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, Our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion Com - pels us from a - bove
To touch the lives of oth - ers By God's sur - pris - ing grace
We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,



To plan and work to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
So ev - ery folk and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

Benediction

Rev. Pat Halverson

Postlude

Ich ruf dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639

J. S. Bach

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Jamie Johnson, Scott and Bonnie Johnson (*death of husband and son Nic*); Jolene Keeney and family (*death of mother*); Bev Koos; Rebecca Koos; Lasala family (*loss of Frank's father, Felice*); families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters; FPC members and all others receiving the COVID vaccine.

Virtual Silent Auction for Ireland Trip, Ends March 17 - Support Our Music Mission Outreach

During these short cold days of winter a team of FPC musical leprechauns have been building a Virtual Auction site (<http://fpc.betterworld.org/auctions/st-patricks-day-silent-auction>) where church members and visitors can bid on new items, collectibles, and services from the comfort of their homes beginning March 1 with the finale day being (of course) St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The finale event will take place on March 17 at 7:00 PM via Facebook Live (from the church's Facebook page), and will include Irish music and information about auction items and the 2022 choir tour; bidding ends at 8:00 pm on that day.

Here is a wee samplin' of auction items!

Private pool party complete with margaritas	John Deere collectibles gift basket
\$100 Biaggi's gift card	Handy Man for a Day
Handmade hardwood snack table	Signed and framed photography
Hawthorne and Halverson original artwork	And so much more!

All funds raised during this 17-day virtual auction will support our Sanctuary Choir's Music Mission Outreach in Ireland in July 2022. Mission projects taking place in Ireland will be shared in future Broadcasters and pre-trip programs.

It's Easy to navigate, check your items, and pay online (<http://fpc.betterworld.org/auctions/st-patricks-day-silent-auction>;

It's Fun to learn what your church friends are donating;

It's for a Good Cause — music and mission!

85th Birthday Card Shower for Dennis Johns, Cards Due By Monday, March 22!

Long time FPC member Dennis Johns is turning 85 this month and his family would like to throw him a card shower. If you would like to send him a birthday card, please mail or drop off your card to the church office. We will put the cards together and send them to him. We must receive cards no later than Monday, March 22 in order for them to be included in the mailing.

Easter Candy Needed, Please Bring Donations By Wednesday, March 24!

The church is holding its first ever Drive-Thru Easter Bag Dash! Sunday March 28 from 1:00-2:00 PM, kids ages one through sixth grade can dash across the lawn for a bag of Easter treats! Church members can help by donating Easter candy. Please bring donations to the church office by Wednesday, March 24. Our youth thank you!

Deacons' Toilet Paper Drive, Through Wednesday, March 31

It's toilet paper time! 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. 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.

Food Pantry Donations Needed!

Remember when church was in person? How you walked into the narthex and saw ushers with bulletins? Maybe a bulletin board with information about an upcoming event? And then you put your canned goods in the Food Pantry basket? Friends, the need for those Food Pantry donations is still with our community. Please know you may drop off goods in the church office during the week. Monetary donations are also accepted. All donations go to The Center on Brady St.

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.

March 10 March 17 – IN RECESS

To get youth group updates, email Sarah Greim (sgreim@gmail.com), or text @612thgra to 81010 (or add @612thgra on the Remind app).

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 March 24, and April 28. Hope to see you there! To get Kirkwood Club updates, email Sarah Greim (sgreim@gmail.com), or text @fpcdkids to 81010.

Youth Events - Grades 6-12

Until COVID rates go down, Youth Group 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 March 28 and April 18.

Calling all kids! Drive-Thru Easter Basket Dash – Sunday, March 28, 1:00-2:00 PM

Easter egg hunts may be cancelled, but don't despair -- the church is holding its first ever drive-thru Easter Basket Dash! Sunday March 28, kids ages 2-6th grade are welcome between 1:00-2:00 PM. Parents enter the east lot on Iowa St. Your child will be directed to an area where they can grab an Easter bag off the lawn and then return to their vehicle. Social distancing measures will be followed.

Sunday School packets for April can also be picked up during this time for those who need them.

Mark your calendars! Don't miss the fun!

Confirmation Class – Postponed Until Fall 2021

This intensive class will include service activities, worship leadership, and learning about other faiths. Our fantastic teachers this year will be Sarah Greim, Al Frohlich, and Amy and Mike Saskowski! More details to come!

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 Paula Hartmann; ppelhartmann@aol.com) 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.)

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

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

Adult Christian Education (ACE): Self-Development of People Panel – Sunday, March 14, 10:45-11:45 AM

Join us for a panel presentation and Q&A all about the PC(USA)'s *Self-Development of People* program! SDOP partners with community groups to provide change by, for, and with low-income people. Presenters will be Margaret Mwale, PC(USA) Associate for Community Development and Constituent Relations, Mandy Adams Henderson, Chair for the National SDOP Community & Church-Wide Relations Committee, and Rev. Dr. Bec Davis, SDOP Committee Member.

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! Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information.

March 9: 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 9-week class is designed for those wanting to revisit many of favorite childhood Sunday school stories or even hear about them for the first time. All are welcome. Join in anytime. Here are some up-coming lessons. Contact Mark Jones for additional information or handout material (mkjones@mchsi.com).

March 10 – Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, Chapters 1-6 in the book of Joshua.

March 17 – The story of Sampson and Delilah, Judges, Chapters 13-16.

March 24 – The gospel stories of the last supper, Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-39, John 13: 1-38.

Zoom information for Bible Basics 101:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 938 0481 7828 Passcode: Jonah

Presbytery Mission and Social Justice Team 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 began on Sunday, February 21 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

Links to documents for the 2021 Annual Congregational meeting can be found on the FPC website at <https://www.fpcdavenport.org/sp022821>. You may also request a paper copy of any or all of the documents by contacting the church office.

Highlights from February 2021 Session Meeting

- Nancy Chapman and John Gere updated the Session on the stained-glass window restoration project. They provided a brief history of restoration work completed, information on additional work that is needed, and the potential funding sources for that work, including the status of grant proposals.
- Approved a motion from the Pandemic Task Force that will allow for the start of outdoor Sunday worship and communion as early as March when weather allows.
- Approved a motion from the Personnel Committee for Sarah Greim and Paula Hartmann to assume responsibilities in Christian Education for the short-term.
- Received an e-mail from the Synod Administrative Review Committee that their final report is should be provided to the Session and the Presbytery of East Iowa on March 1, 2021.
- Appreciation was given to Rev. Dr. Pam Saturnia, FPC Muscatine, who has been our Moderator since September 2020. This was her last Session meeting with us. Rev. Kathy Stoner-Lasala will assume that duty in March.