

April 25, 2021  
Fourth Sunday after Easter

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Acts 4: 5-12                      Psalm 23  
1 John 3: 16-24                 John 10: 11-18

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.  
I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.  
So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

John 10: 16

### The Church Gathers To...

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

**Preparation for Worship**

*Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.*

**Prelude**

Improvisation

Alex Gilson

### Praise Almighty God

**Call to Worship**

*based on 1 John 3: 16-24 and John 10: 11-18*

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd; I lay down my life for the sheep.”

**“We know love by this: that we share our lives for each other.”**

“Let us love, not just in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

**“By this we know that Christ abides in us, by the Spirit we have been given.”**

Hymn

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

LAUDA ANIMA



1. God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the  
 2. God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the  
 3. God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the  
 4. God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er  
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar  
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er  
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble -



of the heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the  
 in the dark - ness, God the bea - con of the  
 of the har - vest, God the source of all we  
 turn - ing proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed



land: you are womb of all cre - a - tion; we are form - less; shape us now.  
 free: you are fount of all de - liv - erance; we are aim - less; lead us now.  
 eat: you are host at ev - ery ta - ble; we are hun - gry; feed us now.  
 truth: you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment; we are search - ing; meet us now.

Children's Message

Elder Sarah Greim

Call to Confession

*adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org*

We know the voice of God, our Gentle Shepherd. We know God's call upon our lives.  
 Yet we shut our ears and our hearts; we refuse to follow when our Shepherd calls.

Let us acknowledge our need for our Shepherd's forgiveness:

Prayer of Confession

*adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org*

**Loving God, we confess that we fail to hear your voice calling to us in the cries of the world. We get overwhelmed; we feel helpless; we wonder how we can make a difference. We fail to act because problems seem too big for us; we focus on our own problems rather than seeing your face in our neighbors. Call us back to you and help us to hear your voice. We pray in the name of Jesus our Shepherd; Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

*based on 1 John 3:19-20*

“We ... reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.”

Friends, in the name of Jesus our Shepherd, our sins are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

As we turn to the pages of Scripture, and listen for your Word in the words, deepen our trust in our Good Shepherd. Teach us to love, not just in words, but in truth and actions, as Christ commanded us; Amen.

### Scripture Readings

1 John 3: 16-24

John 10: 11-18

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Love on the Hoof

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

## Respond to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
For you are with me; your rod and staff comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God**

Luke 6: 38

Jesus said, “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” We give of our life and labor to the Lord.

*In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.*

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“use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>, or mail your check in to the church office

**‘Tis Me, O Lord**

Harry T. Burleigh

Ted Brown – Bass, Alex Gilson - Piano

**Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God**

*Please sing the Doxology.*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures here be -  
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly  
known: Cre - a - tor, Word and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Invitation to the Table** adapted from Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), [lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com](http://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com)

Our Shepherd God blesses us with peace as tranquil as a flowing stream; calls us to rest in care; offers comfort when fears beset us; and fills us to overflowing with love. Come, join our Good Shepherd at the table he has set.

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

adapted from Thom M. Shuman, [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

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 ....**

... With all those gathered in your fold from scattered places and times,  
we sing your praise and our thanksgiving:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, Good Shepherd of all peoples.**

**Still waters, green pastures, sparkling stars**

**join all creation in praising you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comforts us.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

... We pray in Jesus' name, using the words that he taught us:

## The Lord's Prayer

## Words of Institution

## Communion of the People

*We partake of the elements that we brought with us today.  
If you have no elements with you, for everyone's safety in these pandemic times, we extend a blessing to  
you:*

May you always remember:

God is with you, just as with those Hebrew ancestors so long ago.

God is with you, just as with Jesus and his friends that night on which he was betrayed.

May you always remember:

Even in pandemic times, you are still God's beloved.

You are still the followers of Jesus, who washes our hearts of doubts and fears.

You are still comforted by the Spirit, in whom you trust, you hope, you live.

May you always remember:

God is with you . . . God is with you . . . God is with you ...

... in remembrance; Amen.

## Prayer Following Communion

Good Shepherd, at this table you have cared for us. May this promise sink deep in our hearts so we may learn to trust. You have restored us. Open our eyes to the ways in which we are broken, so we may also see your mending. You have formed us into a community. Mold us in a way that creates room for the world. You have embraced the fallen, the abandoned, the isolated, the lost. We entrust to you all who seek healing, hope and safety. We ask it for your love's sake; Amen.

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

### Hymn

### The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My ran - somed  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth; And where the ver - dant  
Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

### Charge and Benediction

adapted from Rev. Nathan Nettleton, <http://www.laughingbird.net>

Place your trust in the Good Shepherd,  
and love, not just in words, but in truth and action.  
Believe in your Shepherd Jesus,  
and love one another, as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.  
May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.  
And may the Holy Spirit abide in you  
and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

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## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Death:** Stanley R. Hill, April 11, 2021

**In Our Prayers:** Bev Koos; Rebecca Koos; Barb Thede; families and victims of gun violence, abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters; FPC members and all others receiving the COVID vaccine.

### **Highlights from April 2021 Session Meeting**

- The Session received an update from Nancy Chapman and John Gere on restoring and preserving the church’s stained-glass windows. Because of the size and cost of the work needed, the project has been divided into two phases. The Session gave approval to Nancy and John to proceed with a grant application of up to \$50,000 for the first phase. The required \$25,000 in matching funds has been received from a charitable trust created by FPC members.
- Pastor Kathy Stoner-Lasala reported that she and the Clerk met with the members of the former CG&P Committee to receive their comments on the recently published Synod ARC report. Those comments were documented and will be shared with Session who will decide on future actions.
- The task force charged with identifying a person to facilitate a reconciliation process is preparing to interview three potential candidates. The task force is comprised of members from FPC, the Presbytery of East Iowa, and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies
- The Session made assignments to various committees to work on the seven recommendations made to FPC in the Synod ARC final report. Work on these items is to begin immediately.
- Y-T-D finances show income exceeding expenses, thanks to the continued support of the congregation.
- The Session approved a recommendation from the Pandemic Task Force for our summer worship schedule which will begin June 6. The schedule will include an 8:30 am outdoor service and a 10:00 am indoor service. The 10:00 am indoor service will initially allow 25 people to attend in Fellowship Hall. Reservation will be required. Precautions will include masks, physical distancing, no singing, and the use of air filtration devices. More details will be made available in upcoming bulletins and E-news.

### **New at FPC: The Caring Closet**

It's spring and time to clean out those closets. If you have any items that you no longer need, bring any kids, adult clothing or shoes to our new Caring Closet which will be open for business prior to school opening. What is the Caring Closet? It is a free "store" for whoever can use it. We will be accepting items every Monday and Friday beginning

April 12 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Please bring your items to the Iowa door. Can't make it then? Contact RuthAnn

Tobey-Brown at 563-370-6215 and we will set up a time. Please make sure all items are clean and ready for our customers. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up the store or help in the store once it opens. If you would like to help out call me or email me at [ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com](mailto:ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com)

### **Birdies for Charity**



The 2021 John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program has officially kicked off its annual drive to help raise donations for more than 450 Quad City area charities. If you wish to give through Birdies for Charity, please consider First Presbyterian Church of Davenport (#2196) as your designated charity. You can submit your 2021 Birdies for Charity pledge to any of the many charities via mail or online through June 21, 2021. For more information and a printed pledge form, check out the Summer Broadcaster. You can also donate online by going to <https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate>.

### **PAS Virtual Concert: Alex Gilson, Organist - Saturday, May 1, 7:30 PM**

FPC Principal Organist Alex Gilson provides his annual concert, this year a pre-recorded virtual recital of organ masterworks from the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries on the Magnusson Memorial Organ. You may watch the recital on Vimeo for up to two weeks after the date of airing, or request a DVD be mailed to you. On-demand access is \$15/adult and \$10/student and may be purchased from the church website or here: <https://fpc.betterworld.org/events/pas-virtual-concert-alex-gilson>

### **Virtual Trivia Night, Friday - May 14, 6:00 PM**

The Music Outreach Committee will hold a Virtual Trivia Night as a fundraiser for the Sanctuary Choir's 2022 tour to Ireland. This fun, family-friendly evening will take place over Zoom, and requires no technological prowess beyond using Zoom. Similar to in-person trivia events, teams of 8 are \$100/team; alternatively, you can pay \$12.50/person and be assigned to a team. Teams will be able to purchase "double downs" and "mulligans" for additional prices. Participation is limited, so email or call Matt Bishop ([bishop@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:bishop@fpcdavenport.org), 563-326-1291 ext. 201) to reserve your spot.

### **Piano Recital: Juliana Han - Sunday, May 16 - POSTPONED TO PAS 2021-2022 SEASON**



**PAS Musical: *Guys and Dolls*** – Saturday, July 24 & Sunday, July 25

The Music Department of FPC is still planning on a production of the hit Broadway musical *Guys and Dolls* for July 24 & 25. Stay tuned for further details about safety/mitigation procedures. Any tickets purchased for a past show date are transferable to the new dates (Saturday tickets for July 24, Sunday tickets for July 25).

**Adult Christian Education (ACE):** Sundays, 10:45-11:45 AM

**Today:** Testimony Series – God of Action

The goal of the Testimony Series is to free people to live their Reformed faith by remembering, reclaiming and rearticulating what we believe about who God is and who we are so the patterns of our lives embody the liberating love and grace of Jesus Christ.

We will continue to meet via Zoom at 10:45 AM on Sunday mornings:

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

Meeting ID: 915 3905 0753, Passcode: ACE

**Bible Basics 201** - Tuesdays, 6:15 PM

We have begun reading through the Minor Prophets. They are considered minor only because they are short in length but the message can be powerful. Below is our schedule for April. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information. Join in anytime.

**April 27:** Zephaniah

The Zoom address will stay the same. Join online:

<https://zoom.us/j/98965381440?pwd=TUdyMXltRTMrRXdFWnBEZONEKzBYUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440 Passcode: 240979

**Christian Education for Youth (CEFY) Spring 2021**

**Kirkwood Club** - Grades 1-5

Save the date for our upcoming Kirkwood Club activity! On Sunday, May 2 we'll enjoy a private watch party for the movie, *Trolls*. To get all the information about this event email Sarah Greim ([sgreim@gmail.com](mailto:sgreim@gmail.com)). For Kirkwood Club updates, email Sarah Greim ([sgreim@gmail.com](mailto: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.

In recognition of Earth Day, Kirkwood Clean-Up was held Sunday, April 18 from 1:00-1:45 PM. Youth 6-12 collected trash along Kirkwood Blvd. and celebrated with Whiteys' afterward. Supplies were provided by the City of Davenport Waste Commission. Great job doing your part to keep Davenport beautiful FPC Youth!



### **New Committee: Congregational Marketing and Growth Committee**

In November 2020, the Session approved the formation of a new standing committee, the Congregational Marketing and Growth Committee. This new committee is tasked with developing a strategic plan for marketing and communications, acting as a liaison between various committees of the Session and Deacons in an effort to coordinate a uniform marketing strategy to grow the congregation, and hosting events throughout the Quad Cities aimed at promoting the work of FPC and drawing potential new members into our congregation by building individual relationships. Committee members include Mike Bawden, Jenny Ferrell, Jim Keenan, and Jim Middleton, with Jeff Ehrmann and David Bowles Edwards as co-chairs; Matt Bishop is the staff liaison.

The committee has met a few times since January, and is reviewing current marketing materials and staffing questions, enhancements to the website and live-streaming capabilities, and has begun the process of creating a long-range marketing and rebranding plan for the church consistent with our current needs, desire for growth, and feedback provided by the congregation in the Envisioning 20/20 report and subsequent mission studies.

### **Join Online: Worship Watch Party - Sundays, 9:00 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 Paula Hartmann; ppehartmann@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](mailto:kathrynbl5@gmail.com); 563-505-0471.)

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