

April 11, 2021  
Second Sunday of Easter

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 2:19-31

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

How very good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.

Psalm 133:1

### The Church Gathers To...

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Pat Halverson

**Preparation for Worship**

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

**Prelude**

Improvisation

Alex Gilson

### Praise Almighty God

**Call to Worship**

The Lord stands among us and declares, "Peace be with you."

**We look to the Lord to breathe upon us the Spirit of God.**

The One who conquered death promises resurrection life to all.

**We worship the Christ who is with us in life and peace.**



1. Je- sus, you have tru - ly called us. Still, to - day, we hear your
2. Je- sus, save us from poor choic - es. Ha- tred, run - ning like a
3. Je- sus, save us from our weak ness, from de- ceit and from de -



voice. Lead us on - ward, lead us up - ward, till all peo - ple can re -  
thread through the fab - ric of our his - t'ry, mars our faith and leaves us  
spair. Move us on to new cre - a - tion in a world that's free and



joice.  
dead. Meet us in our time of tri - al, fill us with your Spir-it's  
fair.



power. As we stand be - fore op- pres- sion, give us cour - age for this hour.

## Children's Message

Sarah Greim

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### Call to Confession

*based on 1 John 1: 6, 8*

If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true.... If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

### Prayer of Confession

**Ever present God: As the disciples hid behind locked doors in fear of death from enemies, we find ourselves still living behind doors and away from others because a viral death still looms. We admit we are tired of the isolation and cancelled events. Forgive us if we have forgotten to care for one another, especially those experiencing loss. Forgive us if we have lost patience to remain faithful to things we know you call us to be and do. Remind us again of the unity we have in your Spirit, and the power to continue to serve you and others in your name. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

*based on 1 John 1:7*

"If we walk in the light as Christ himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." In Christ we are forgiven.

...

**Thanks be to God.**

## Listen for God's Word

### Scripture Readings

Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 1:1-7  
John 20:19-31

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Now, It's Our Turn

Rev. Pat Halverson

## Respond to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

*Selected from 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11*

**“[This is the] good news ... which you ... received, in which you stand, through which you are being saved ... Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and he was buried, and was raised on the third day ... and appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.... [By] the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace towards me has not been in vain....”**

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

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
Dave Bowles Edwards – Tenor, Alex Gilson - Piano

Arr. Richard Walters

## Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

*Please sing the Doxology.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures 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, al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, we offer ourselves and a portion of what you have given to us. May these gifts be used to nurture faith, to share the good news of new life in you, and to meet needs in our community and world. We pray in Christ's name, 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

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

GELOBT SEI GOTT



1. Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2. The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4. Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Benediction

Rev. Pat Halverson

Postlude

Improvisation

Alex Gilson

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**In Our Prayers:** Jolene Keeney and family (*death of mother*); Bev Koos; Rebecca Koos; Lasala family (*loss of Frank's father, Felice*); Barb Thede; 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.

### **Starting Today, Outdoor Worship Service Begins at 9:00 AM**

As is our custom during the warm months, we will start our outdoor worship service to 9:00 AM. This change allows more time for the commencement of post-service activities, and ensures cooler weather for our in-person attendees during the summer. As always, the live-stream broadcast of our service will be available anytime on Facebook or the church website.

### **Highlights from March 2021 Session Meeting**

- Welcomed Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala to her first FPC Session meeting as our Moderator.
- Heard from the Darren Long and the Building and Grounds Committee about a long list of repairs and deep cleaning that has been accomplished in the time that the building has been largely unused.
- Heard a report from the Commissioners to the 196<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Presbytery. Concerns at Presbytery included the low receipts from Per Capita and the recent closing of several small congregations. Camp Wyoming is accepting registration for summer camps. Alex Gilson provided beautiful music for the meeting's worship service. Thanks, Alex.
- The Personnel Committee is currently working on annual staff performance reviews. They anticipate completing these soon.
- Approved funding for equipment that will allow for live streaming of outdoor worship and other outside events.
- Reviewed the Synod Administrative Review Committee final report. Approved immediate distribution of the report to the congregation. Links to this report will be provided over the next several weeks in the bulletin and E-news. Copies will be mailed on request.

### **Motion 1 - Distribution:**

- Whereas, the Synod Administrative Review Commission (SARC) told Session that it is Session's decision about if and how to distribute their report to the congregation, and
- Whereas, the Presbytery of East Iowa made the SARC report available to all who receive their e-news on Monday, March 8, 2021, and
- Whereas, many members of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church – Davenport have keen interest in the SARC report,
- Session directs Staff to make the SARC report available as quickly and widely as possible. Session expects that distribution will include, but not be limited to, placing the report or a link to the report on the church website, including a link to the report in the next 4 e-news distributions, mentioning the SARC report in the weekly bulletin over the next 4 weeks, mentioning the SARC report in the next edition of the broadcaster, posting the SARC report physically on at least one bulletin board in the church, and mailing a physical copy to anyone who requests it.
- Session further directs that no commentary be attached to the report when it is distributed.

*Please visit the FPC website ([fpcdavenport.org](http://fpcdavenport.org)) to view the Synod Administrative Review Commission (SARC) report.*

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

**Today:** Testimony Series – God in Relationship

**April 18:** Testimony Series – God Who Saves

**April 25:** 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 13:** Hosea    **April 20:** Nahum    **April 27:** Zephaniah

The Zoom address will stay the same. Join online:

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

Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440    Passcode: 240979

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

**Kirkwood Club** - Grades 1-5

Save the dates for our upcoming Kirkwood Club activities! We'll meet Wednesday, April 28 from 6:00-6:45 PM. 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 Sunday, April 18.

**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.

April 14            April 21            April 28

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

### **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; 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 ([kathrynb15@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynb15@gmail.com); 563-505-0471.)