

1702 Iowa Street
 Davenport, IA 52803
 A Congregation of the
 Presbyterian Church
 (U.S.A.)

May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Worship at Nine o'clock in the Morning

Welcome!

We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org).



People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome here, along with their families.

**We are a
 Matthew 25 church**



MATTHEW 25

Matthew 25 congregations identify themselves as working toward one or more of three goals: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
 FOR MEDITATION**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

“[Moses] said to [God], ‘if your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people...?’”

Exodus 33:15-16

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

Based on Psalm 47

Come and worship, people of God.

We celebrate with songs of praise!

For the our God, the Most High, is seated on God’s holy throne,
 Sovereign over all the earth!

Let’s worship God together.

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

CORONATION



1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3. Let ev - ery kin - dred ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all!
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
 To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all!



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Children’s Message

Elder Sarah Greim

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will go to the pastor on call in case
of emergency.

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Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

Let us confess to the Lord our need of forgiveness, if there be anything that hinders our worship.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we come as people often distracted by the many details of life. We are grateful to you for so many blessings, but we admit our faith grows lukewarm at those times we lose our focus on you. Forgive us for thoughts, words, or deeds that offend...(time of silent reflection)...Remind us of your presence within us, and lead us to walk in your spirit. We pray in the name of the ever-presence risen Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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The Lord who came to us, and who died, rose and ascended again to his rightful throne, did so on our behalf. In Christ we are forgiven completely.

...

Thanks be to God.

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Luke 24:50-53

Acts 1:6-11

Exodus 33:11-23

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Presents or Presence

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.

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning
The Sanctuary Choir

Howard Helvey

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.

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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

As you, O God, have blessed us with so much, we present to you ourselves. We offer this portion of what we have received from you, that it might be used to further your loving presence and work in this world. Amen

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of 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.

.... And so we lift our song of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

....We ask it for the sake of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: Rebecca Koos; 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.

For Your Information:

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*); Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill (*Presbyterian Education Board, Pakistan*).

Hospital visits by the Pastors are made only with a patient's permission.

InTouch Information: If you or a loved one is unable to attend church services and would enjoy a contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact Deacon Bev Koos (563-676-0292).

The Prayer Chain connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

Printed Prayer Requests require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

Join Online:

Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 9:00 AM

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

Summer Services at FPC!

Beginning Sunday, June 6

8:30 AM outside,

socially distanced with masks with communion, singing and children.

Kirkwood Parking Lot

10:00 AM indoors,

socially distanced with masks and without singing or communion, adults only.

Reservations required

Fellowship Hall

For 10:00 AM reservations,

call 563-326-1691, ext. 209

On Thursday or Friday before the Sunday you wish to attend.

Leave your **name, phone number and number of adults** who will attend; we will confirm your reservation with a **return phone call on Saturday.**

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

from Book of Common Worship, PC(USA)

Nourishing God, we thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome, for feeding us with the bread of life, and for quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with your presence, may we be a source of hope and love for others who hunger and thirst for good news; Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

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1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4. High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
 Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Benediction

Rev. Pat Halverson

Sending Anthem

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
 The Sanctuary Choir

Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude

Improvisation

Alex Gilson

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

April 2021

■ 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.

Announcements

Making it as easy as possible to find a Vaccination Appointment

Want to know where to get vaccinated or help someone else get vaccinated? Text your ZIP Code to GETVAX — G-E-T-V-A-X. That's 438829 and you will be texted back three locations near you with vaccines in stock. If you prefer the information in Spanish, text your ZIP Code to VACUNA. That's 822862. Prefer a specific vaccine? No problem. Click on the text or visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). There are more than 75,000 places you can go to get a shot. In fact, 90 percent of Americans live with — have a vaccine, right now, within five miles of them.

How is the Pentecost Offering designated?

40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with your congregation to support ministries with children and youth in your church and local community.

25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) experience. Your gifts to the Offering have helped this ministry area to: train and equip volunteers to engage in mission at more than 20 sites in the U.S. and around the world; reduce barriers to serve by providing assistance with student loan debt, medical insurance, and a simple living stipend; provide additional funding to ensure all young adults have the opportunity to participate; provide funds for retreats, orientation events, and counseling to help YAVs discern God's call.

25% supports ministries with youth, ages 12–18, and those called to accompany them. Your gifts to the Offering helped this ministry area to: fund the design of a new Christian Formation endeavor called The Senior Project, which offers a path and plan for graduating seniors to explore their next steps in faith, community, and vocation; provide a grant to the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association—a professional association for paid and volunteer adult youth leaders seeking to serve God in their work with young people; sponsor a meeting of the governing board of the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association; create new Quicksheets—free, downloadable resources for youth ministry, covering a wide variety of relevant, insightful topics; fund the design and translation of Spanish Language Quicksheets [presbyterianmission.org /ministries/youth](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/youth) ministry; support the planning of the 2022 Presbyterian Youth Triennium; enable the Office of Ministries with Youth to serve the denomination by providing free and low cost digital resources, consultation and connection; support Faith in 3D 2017 which was an event in January 2017 that brought together over 2000 youth to explore faith, discipleship and justice; provide partnership funding for the daily digital devotion at [d365.org](https://www.d365.org)

10% supports Child Advocacy: the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative, which was affirmed at the 221st General Assembly (2014). The goal of this initiative is to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to improve the quality of public education.

Pentecost Spirit, inspire our faith, again, through the young people in our Church.

Let the bright faith they share light your fire in all. Amen.

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 563-265-1439 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

Food Pantry Donations Needed!

Friends, whether we attend services in the parking lot, via livestream, or in the church, the need for donations to the Food Pantry is always 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 Street.

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).

Bible Basics 201 - Tuesdays, 6:15 PM

We are continuing to read through the Minor Prophets. Below is our may schedule. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information or handout material. Join in anytime.

May 11: Haggai

May 18: Malachi

May 25: Zechariah

The Zoom address will stay the same. Join online:

<https://zoom.us/j/98965381440?pwd=TUdyMXItRTMrRXdFWnBEZONEKzBYUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440

Passcode: 240979

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

ACE will continue virtually through the end of May before recessing for summer.

Today - Christian Community: God of Belonging

Created and sustained by the Holy Spirit, Christian community is marked by embodied compassionate love that connects us to one another and God so that we are encouraged and accountable in the direction of our common lives of faithfulness.

May 23 – Topic to Be Announced

Pastor Kathy will be our speaker.

May 30 - Summer Recess begins

Join us on Zoom for our May offerings:

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

Meeting ID: 915 3905 0753, Passcode: ACE

Vacation Bible Camp!

Parents – Vacation Bible Camp will be held the week of June 27. Stay tuned for more details!

Cherubs and MusikGarten – Sundays, 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM

We're going to continue Zooming through summer together on Sunday mornings! Join Musikgarten from 10:30-11:00 AM. We talk, laugh, and share what's going on in our lives, sing together and just enjoy seeing each other. Cherubs continue from 11:00-11:15 AM. If you're on my email list, you will continue to get the Zoom link each week. If you would like to be added to our list, let me know. We have room for everyone and would love to have you join us! For more info contact Kathy Middleton at kathryn15@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawls Available for You to Give

The members of the Prayer Shawl group (PSST) have continued to knit/crochet prayer shawls while at home during the pandemic. The group encourages you to give a prayer shawl to a family member, friend, neighbor or colleague that is in need of God's loving presence. The recipient need not be a church member.

A prayer shawl or lap robe is tangible evidence of God's presence among us and can be given in times of challenge or joy. Upon completion, each shawl is blessed and tagged with the Wrapping Prayer (www.shawlministry.com): "We pray that when you wrap this shawl around you, you will feel the Lord wrapping his arms around you, holding you, comforting you, loving you, healing you, guiding you, and giving you peace."

A variety of prayer shawls is available. You will find them hanging on the coat rack across the hall from the church office. Church office hours are 9am-noon, Monday through Friday. Please be a part of this ministry and give a prayer shawl to someone you know in need.

Printed and distributed contact-free.