

May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Acts 8: 26-40
1 John 4: 7-21

Psalm 22: 25-31
John 15: 1-8

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear
We love because God first loved us.”

1 John 4: 18a, 19

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

Prelude on LLANFYLLIN

Anna Laura Page

The Vesper Bells

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

adapted from Seasons of the Spirit, SeasonsFusion, 5-6-2012

We come together to reconnect with God and each other.

No one has seen God, but here, connected to each other, God lives in us.

God abides with us in this time together

so we may continue to abide in love, now and always.

Hymn

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART



1. There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2. Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3. Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4. Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5. There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

Children's Message

Elder Sarah Greim

Call to Confession

adapted from Thom M. Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies.blogspot.com

When we stand exposed, with our failings, hurtful words and harmful ways open for all to see,
God takes our sins, redeems them in compassionate love, and makes us new people.
Let us pray to the One who waits to forgive us:

Prayer of Confession

God of truthfulness, help us to find our confession: the truth within us that is hidden from our minds; the ugliness we see in others but never in ourselves; all that puts our hearts out of balance and causes pain for ourselves and others. Forgive us, abide with us, and make us whole; Amen.

*adapted from Seasons of the Spirit, SeasonsFusion, 5-6-2012;
A Common Prayer (1990) and the Prayer Tree (1991);
Collins Dove, Victoria, HarperCollins Publishers, Australia*

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4: 15-16

“God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.
So we know and believe the love that God has for us.”

Friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

from Book of Common Worship, PC(USA)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.

Scripture Readings

John 15: 1-8

1 John 4: 7-21

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Taproot is Love

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1: 15-17

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Acts 20: 35

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: it is more blessed to give than to receive.”

We obey God's command to love when we share with our siblings in God's kin-dom.

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

Offertory

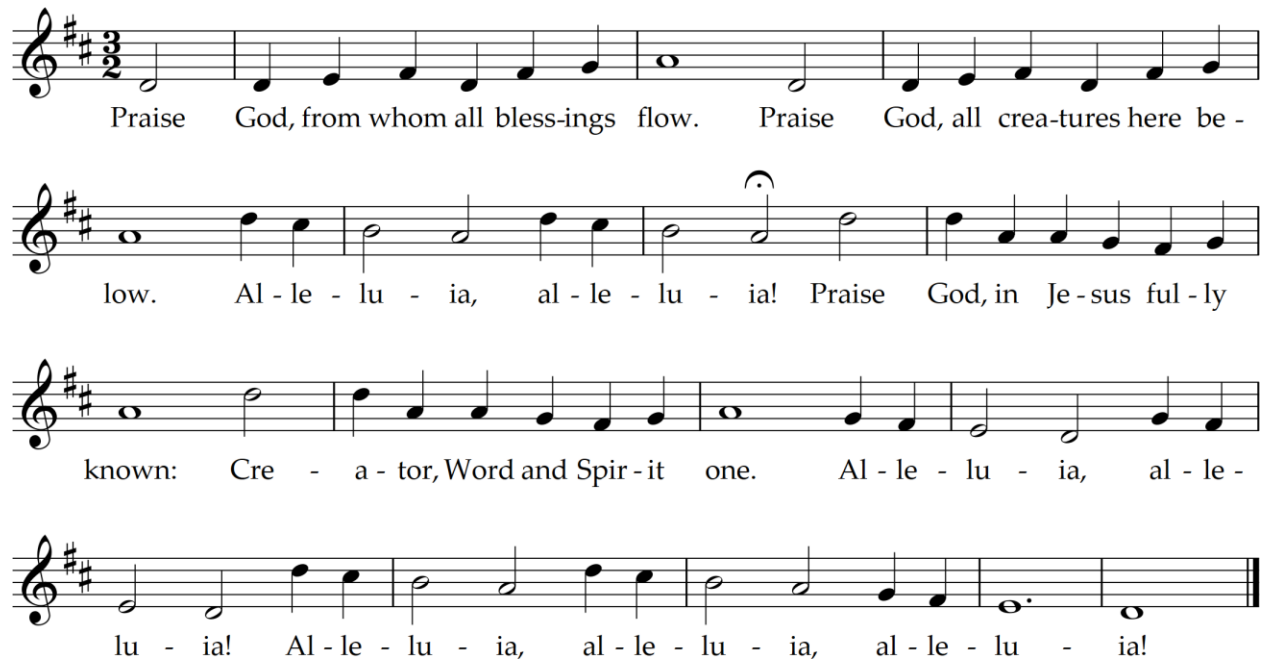
Prelude on AR HYD Y NOS

Sandra Eithun

The Vesper Bells

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!

Invitation to the Table

from Book of Common Worship, PC(USA)

Blessed are we – for Christ calls us to his table,
where there is room for everyone, and plenty for all.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

from Book of Common Worship, PC(USA)

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.

Holy God, you made the world to hum in harmony; you listened and you called it good.

In time, we broke off from singing your song and went our own way,

But you called us back and when the time was right

you came in flesh and blood to live as one of us.

In Christ, dividing walls are broken down –

No Jew or Greek,

Male or female,

Slave or free.

You are present on every spectrum,

continued

In every color,
At every table.
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.

By your Spirit, make us one.
By your Spirit, make us whole.
By your Spirit, make this bread and cup your body and blood,
that we may know communion with you and with each other.
Take our hearts, our lives, our hands;
Mold, us change us, and send us out;
that we may be your body in the world you so love,
We ask it for the sake of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS



Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe-ly live, a
Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard and

place where saints and chil - dren tell how
loved and trea - sured taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions; all are wel - come;
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter: all are wel - come;

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Charge and Benediction

adapted from 1 John 4:7

Go in peace to love and serve.
As you go, remember:
“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion and the power of the Holy Spirit
go with you now, on this and every day.

Postlude

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JOYS AND 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.



Michelle Mahrt Says Farewell to FPC

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

It is with a heavy heart that I share that I have resigned from my position with FPC. I have accepted a new position at my church in Le Claire. I am sad to be leaving all the wonderful people of this church, but I am also excited for this new adventure.

I feel very blessed to have been able to know the people of this great church and thank you for all the wonderful memories of both the staff and congregation members.

My official last day will be Tuesday, May 4, 2021. I will be coming in periodically in the month of May to assist with some training.

Sincerely,
Michelle Mahrt

Summer Services at FPC! – Beginning Sunday, June 6, 8:30 AM, outside; 10:00 AM indoors
Join us in the Kirkwood parking lot at 8:30 AM on Sundays, beginning June 6, for outdoor services.
Children, singing, and communion!

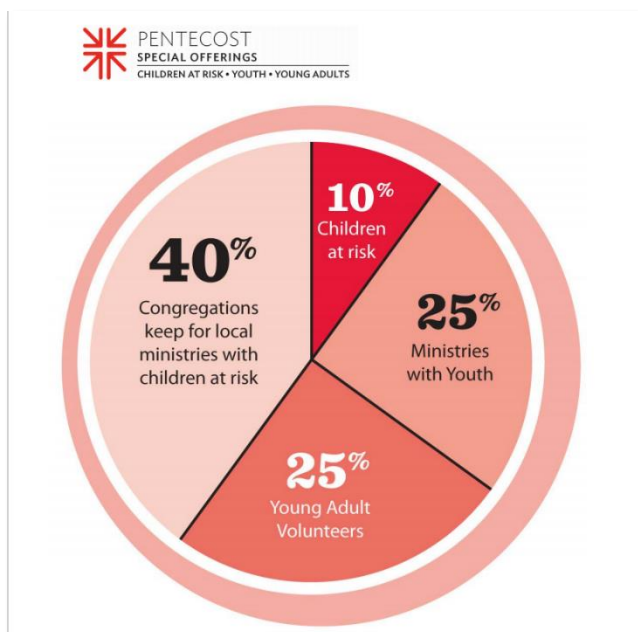
Or, come to the 10:00 AM service in Fellowship Hall, for which reservations are required. To make reservations, call 563-326-1691, x209, Thursday or Friday prior to the service you plan to attend. Leave your name, phone number, and the number of adults who will worship. Your reservation request will be confirmed by a return call on Saturday. This service will be socially distanced without singing or communion.

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 563-265-1439 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



The Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start—a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

*God, teach us through every young person we meet.
May we see your house, not only as a place where young people are present,
but where they are actively building the world you would have us create. Amen*

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>.

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 The Center on Brady Street.

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, 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

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

May 2 - In Recess

May 9 - Covenant: God in Relationship

Covenant is the primary way in which God relates to humanity through the work of the Spirit, binding us together into community so that we may experience the inbreaking of God's grace and love in our lives.

May 16 - 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 - Accessibility & Inclusion in the Church

The Access and Inclusive Mission Program works with Presbyterian churches to make sure that people of all ability levels are fully part of church life. Marcia Murphy will present information about how churches can better support all of their members.

May 30 - Summer Recess begins

Join us at 10:45 AM on Sunday mornings on Zoom for our May offerings:

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

Meeting ID: 915 3905 0753, Passcode: ACE

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 4: Obadiah May 11: Zechariah May 18: Haggai May 25: Malaachi

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

Today 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). For Kirkwood Club updates, email Sarah Greim (sgreim@gmail.com), or text @fpcdkids to 81010..

Vacation Bible Camp!

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

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

We're going to continue Zooming through summer together on Sunday mornings! Musikgarten starts at 10:30 AM. We talk, laugh, 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 kathrynb15@gmail.com.

	March 2021		March 2020	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	70,587	63,800	62,002	62,211
Custodial Accounts Income	2,976	-	15,246	-
Compensation Expenses	43,448	41,490	50,815	49,479
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	19,974	29,026	15,374	31,448
Custodial Accounts Expenses	2,976	-	15,246	-
Surplus (Deficit)	7,165	(6,716)	(4,187)	(18,716)
	2021 Year-To-Date		2020 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	242,489	226,154	322,399	322,608
Custodial Accounts Income	3,957	-	29,356	-
Compensation Expenses	121,019	123,791	150,850	149,514
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	50,618	58,055	45,521	61,595
Custodial Accounts Expenses	3,957	-	29,356	-
Surplus (Deficit)	70,852	44,308	126,028	111,499

All numbers are rounded.

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