



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

May 9, 2021
Youth Sunday

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.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 1-17

Jesus said, "You did not
choose me but I chose
you. And I appointed
you to go and bear fruit,
fruit that will last."

John 15: 16a-b

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

Flute Duet

Cecily Ferris and Anna Putman

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

adapted from Seasons of the Spirit, SeasonsFusion, 5-13-2012

Listen to the world as it sings God's praise!

God's steadfast love is everywhere around us.

May God's love be present to us in this time together;

May God's presence be known through us in all the earth.

Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER



1. Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice, Called to min - is - tries of grace,
2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, In a small or glob - al sense,
4. So God grant us for to - mor - row Ways to or - der hu - man life.



We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - t'ring, Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, Break - on down each wall or fence.
That sur - round each per - son's sor - row With a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar - ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, All God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, Words of chal - lenge, said with care,
Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

**The Staff of
First Presbyterian Church:**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Bridging Pastor

Rev. Sue Howes

Associate Pastor Emeritus

Sarah Greim & Paula Hartmann

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Nursery Coordinator

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** Part-time employee*

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

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Children's Message

Elder Sarah Greim

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession *adapted from Thom M. Shuman, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>*

God sings to us of forgiveness, hope and love and invites us to join in grace-full harmony. But our love is often flat and our anger is often sharp. Let us confess how we struggle to keep God's life-giving melody in our lives:

Prayer of Confession

adapted from John 15: 9-17

Jesus said, "This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you."
In the silence, let us reflect on our willingness to love.
(Silence for reflection)

Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this,
To lay down one's life for one's friends."
In the silence, let us reflect on the limits of our love.
(Silence for reflection)

Jesus said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you."
In the silence, let us reflect on our openness to friendship with Jesus.
(Silence for reflection)

Loving God, open our hearts to love more freely, more fully;
Lord, hear our prayer; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

adapted from John 15:15

Hear the words of Jesus:
"I do not call you servants any longer,
But I have called you friends."
Friends in Christ, our sins are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

1 John 5: 1-5

John 15: 1-17

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Remembering How to Love Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong-doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

adapted from Rev. Dr. Moira Laidlaw
<https://www.liturgiesonline.com.au>

We bring our gifts as symbols of our love.
In our giving may we be blessed and strengthened
to be fruitful and loving witnesses to the Good News of the Gospel.

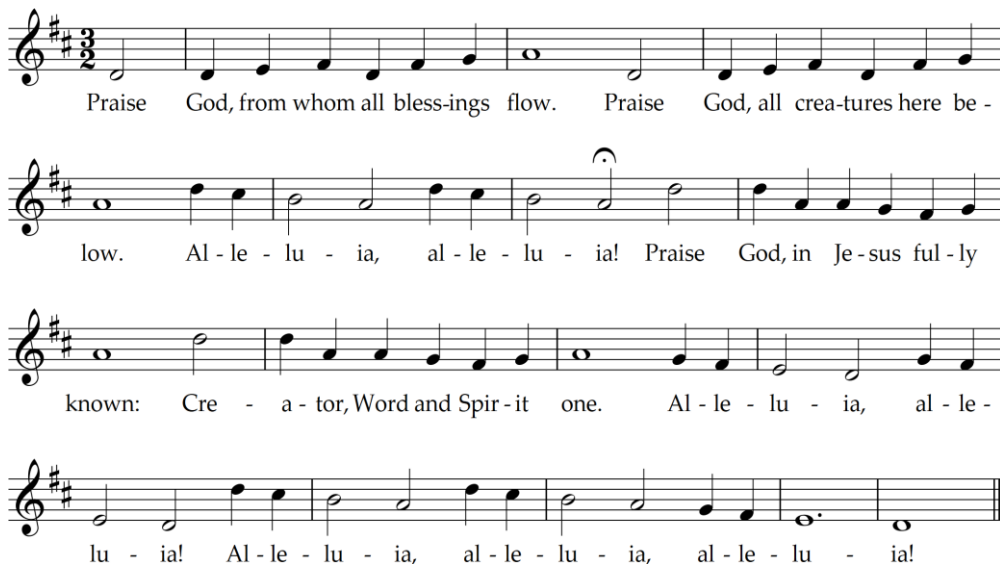
In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

Offertory

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!

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 Bev Koos (563-676-0292), Deacon.

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 a.m. outside,
socially distanced with masks
with communion, singing and
children.

Kirkwood Parking Lot

10:00 a.m. indoors,
socially distanced with masks
and without singing or
communion,
adults only.

Reservations required
Fellowship Hall

For 10:00 a.m. 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.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *adapted 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, we praise you for your love that:
brought order out of chaos,
breathed life into dust,
led captives into freedom,
called wandering children home,
gave bread to the hungry,
gave drink to the thirsty,
raised the dead to life.

And so we sing to the glory of your name:

**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 thank you for Jesus, Word made flesh:
light of the world, living water,
shepherd and gate,
bread of heaven and cup of salvation,
resurrection and life.

Holy Spirit, come and live in us:
in this bread and in this cup,
in your people - one in Christ, one in ministry,
in this place and in every place,
in this world and in the world to come.

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 *adapted from Book of Common Worship, PC(USA)*

**Loving God, we thank for this feast of grace and life. As we have been
served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to
feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world
– because in Christ Jesus you have first loved us; Amen.**

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD



1. To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord,
2. God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man race
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y stream,
4. May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing word,

to help to set the cap - tive free, make plow-share out of sword,
to live as stew - ards of the earth, re - spond - ing to God's grace.
with righ - teous - ness in field and town to cleanse us and re - deem.
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.

to feed the hun - gry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
But we are vain and sad - ly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
For God is long - ing to re - store an earth where con - flicts cease,
As stew - ards of the earth may we give thanks in one ac - cord

to serve the poor and home-less first, our ease and com - fort last.
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
a world that was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
to God who calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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.

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Charge and Benediction

from Colossians 3: 12-14

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the mighty strength of God's love, and "as God's own,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness and patience,
forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you,
and crown all these things with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Postlude

Improvisation

Alex Gilson

Announcements

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

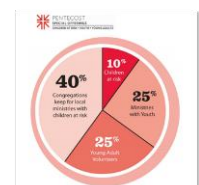
Join us in the Kirkwood parking lot at 8:30 AM on Sundays, beginning June 6, for outdoor services. Children, singing, and communion!

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.

Pentecost

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

*Teach us, as your children, God, and by your children, too.
Gather us all in your house,
that we might share all that we have with one another. 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 ruthnobeybrown1@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>.



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).

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

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 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!

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 kathrynbl5@gmail.com.

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