



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

May 23, 2021
Pentecost Day

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 2: 1-21

Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b

Romans 8: 22-27

John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

Acts 2: 4

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

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 Acts 2: 17, 21

“God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh,

and our daughters and sons shall prophesy.

Our elders shall dream dreams,

and our young ones shall see visions;

and all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.”

Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord!

Hymn

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH



1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2. The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

**The Staff of
First Presbyterian Church:**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

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Associate Pastor Emerita

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

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Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

<https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library>

As we sense the Spirit's wind blowing through our hearts today, let us open ourselves before the Lord and confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

<https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library>

Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love and burn away our apathy. Bend our rigidity with your warmth and guide our wandering feet. Renew our hearts, move us to faith, lead us in truth, and empower us for obedience; we pray in Jesus' name: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8: 31, 38-39

... If God is for us, who can be against us? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

adapted from <https://sacredise.com/breathe>

O God, the rhythm of your breath pulses in all of creation. Breathe into us, Lord Jesus: breathe the life that never dies, breathe the hope that never despairs, breathe the courage that never turns back, breathe the joy that never stops singing, that we may be inspired to live into Your resurrection. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 104: 24-34

Acts 2: 1-21

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rush of Wind and Flash of Fire

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

Selected from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

*drawn from Feasting on the Word:
Worship Companion*

The practice of generosity is the work of the Holy Spirit.
In the power of the Spirit, 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.

Ewe, Thina

South African Song

Arr. Deborah Baker Monday

FPC Youth Strings – Rachel Frohlich, James Frohlich, Benny Jacobsmeier, Adrian Gillette, Ben Gillette, Aidan Price, Kieran Price, Bella Hill, Paula Hartmann, Director

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Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Please sing the Doxology.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Cre-a-tor, Word and Spirit 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 Alvarez 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).

Welcome Home!

Summer Services at FPC!
Beginning Sunday, June 6

Reservations NOT required
Group size NOT limited

Worship together
Sing together
Sit together

Just
continue
to wear your mask!

8:30 a.m. OUTSIDE

Communion (BYO)
Children's Message
Singing

Social Distancing not required

Wear your mask!

10:00 a.m. INSIDE

Children's Message
Singing (with the organ!)

Social Distancing not required

Wear your mask!

Please see the letter
on page 6
for more information.

Worship Watch Party
Sundays, 8:30 AM
For more information, see the
e-news, church website or
Facebook.

The Invitation to the Table

*Adapted from Rev. Julia Seymour, Anchorage AK
Rev. Nathan Williams, Cedar Rapids, IA*

We gather around this table, at God's gracious invitation, to share with all who are born of water and of fire by the power of the Holy Spirit. As we break the bread and drink the cup, the Spirit calls us to hold in our hearts those whose needs are known to us today and those whose needs are known only to God. Come, for all has been made ready.

The 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....

Holy One, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and rejoice in your holy presence. We praise you, O Lord, and all the earth with us, for your Spirit calls all things into being. Your gracious presence is the song of every heart and you alone are God.

We give thanks that you claim us as your people: by water and the Word, you make us your own; by fire and the Spirit, you send us into the world. Wherever we go, the risen Christ is our good shepherd.

Therefore we join our voices with all your people in every time, every place, and every language, singing praises to your holy 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.

Send forth your Holy Spirit once again. Blow through this place; reveal yourself in this bread and this cup; make your dwelling within your church. Join us to one another and transform us by your presence, that we may be the sign of your life in this world for all who are hurting, hungering, and searching. Reveal your goodness through us, O Lord, for your mercy is everlasting.

With all your children in every age, we join our voices in the prayer you taught us, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The 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.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

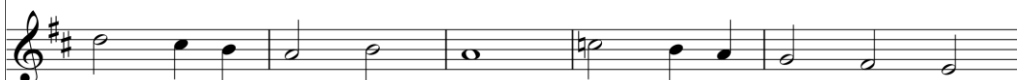
Hymn Come Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY




1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek out this soul of mine
2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3. And so the year - ing strong With which the soul will long



And vis - it it with Your own ar - dor glow - ing;
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
Shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;



O com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap - pear,
And let Your glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
For none can guess God's grace, Till Love cre - ates a place



And kin - dle it, Your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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Go out into the world,
and labor to bring forth new life.
Dream dreams, pursue visions
and speak of God's goodness
in the words of those who would hear.

And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.
May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming,
and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter,
set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

Postlude Improvisation Alex Gilson

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PENTECOST OFFERING

What happens to our
Pentecost Offering?

40% remains with our congregation to support our ministries with children and youth.

25% supports the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) national and global experience.

25% supports PC(USA) ministries with youth, ages 12–18, and those called to accompany them.

10% supports the PC(USA) Child Advocacy "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative to improve the quality of public education

Announcements

To the Congregation of FPC:

We write you with several pieces of joyous news. After enduring a global pandemic for 14 months, we can report that there has been no community spread of COVID-19 in our building or at any of our worship services. We are grateful for a congregation that has valued the health and wellbeing of each other and our staff in your willingness to heed safety protocols that have at times seemed overly cautious. But your dedication to safety and your Christ-like love for one another have paid off.

Beginning Sunday, June 6, we are officially reopening the doors of our sanctuary! The Pandemic Task Force has reviewed the new CDC guidelines issued on May 13, as well as the accompanying medical studies. Based on the current vaccination rates in our community and the partial protection provided by the vaccines against the virus variants, the task force recommended to the Session on May 17 that the church may reopen; the Session members present unanimously approved this measure. The indoor service will occur weekly at 10:00 AM.

Although our case numbers in the area are declining, we feel it is important to protect the children of our congregation until they are vaccinated, and to continue protecting the immunocompromised and their families as well. Therefore, we are leaving in place the mandatory mask requirement. Social distancing will no longer be required as long as everyone is masked; additionally, masked singing will be allowed. Entrance to the sanctuary will be through the porte cochère door (1S) and the sanctuary elevator. We ask for your continued flexibility as further information and guidance are released.

For those who do not yet wish to worship inside the building, the outdoor service will continue to be an option, moving to an 8:30AM start time on June 6. Masks will still be required if you wish to leave your vehicle; social distancing will no longer be required. Both the 8:30 AM outdoor service and the 10:00 AM indoor service will be live-streamed on the church's Facebook page and website. If in-person attendance at the outdoor service is canceled due to the weather, the service will still be live-streamed.

Wearing masks is the second-most effective step you can take to protect yourself and those around you; the most effective step you can take is to become vaccinated. With thankfulness and congratulations to those of you who have already been vaccinated, we humbly and passionately implore those of you who have not to consider the health and safety of our youngest members. If you would like assistance in finding a vaccine appointment or if you would like to discuss and explore the science, process, or experience of vaccines more fully, please contact a task force member or staff member.

With your continued care for one another, we are ready to move forward joyfully with what God has in store for us on the corner of Iowa and Kirkwood.

In Christ,
The Pandemic Task Force

Dr. Andy Bowles Edwards
Heather Calvert
Jim Middleton
Kristine Oswald
Pam Paulsen
Jeanne Sherwood
RuthAnn Tobey-Brown

Matt Bishop, Director of Music
Darren Long, Maintenance & Custodial Supervisor
Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala, Bridging Pastor

Session Highlights, May 2021

- Great news. The Session approved a recommendation from the Pandemic Task Force that responded to the recent COVID-19 updates from the public health experts. In-person sanctuary worship and outdoor worship will begin June 6, 2021 without limits to the number in attendance or requirements for social distancing. Masks will continue to be required. Look for details provided throughout usual church publications. Thanks to the Pandemic Task Force's on-going work responding to the changing COVID-19 related guidelines.
- The task force charged with identifying a person to facilitate a reconciliation process has been in contact with three candidates. The group is meeting on May 18 with hopes of finalizing their recommendation.
- The Session received a revised Personnel Policies and Procedures manual proposed by the Personnel Committee. Jo Johnson-Meineke reviewed the major changes and answered questions. A final vote on the changes will be done at the June meeting. The Session appreciates the professional expertise that Jo provided to this revision.
- The finance committee reported that our YTD income exceeds our expenses with the caveat that both income expectations and the annual budget are smaller than in years past.
- The Session approved installing LED lights in all of the exterior lights in the parking lot and surrounding the church building. With a current rebate and the lower electricity use, the cost of this conversion will be recovered in four years.

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.

The Caring Closet Update – Donations Need – Especially Clothing and Shoes for Kids!

Our new Caring Closet will be open for business June 4 from 2:00-5:00 PM, by appointment. Our regular hours will be 9:00 AM -noon on Tuesdays and 2:00-5:00 PM on Fridays . What is the Caring Closet? It is a free "store" for whoever can use it. If you have any clothing or shoes that you no longer need, please drop them off after the service, or bring them to the Iowa door on Monday and Friday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Can't make it then? Contact RuthAnn Tobey-Brown at 563-265-1439 and we will set up a time. *We are looking for clothing and shoes for adults but especially need donations of clothing and shoes for kids!* 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.

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 will complete our reading of the Minor Prophets with our study of Zechariah on May 25. For the summer, we have decided, as we have on occasion, to veer from a strict bible study. Using the book, *They Were Christians*, by Cristobal Krusen, as a starting place, we will be learning about inspiring people of faith. Here is our June schedule.

- June 1 – Chiune Sugihara
- June 8 – Frederick Douglass
- June 15 – Charles Dickens
- June 22 – Florence Nightingale
- June 29 – John D. Rockefeller, Sr.

Please consider joining us if your summer schedule allows. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information or handout material. We continue, for now, meeting remotely. Here is our Zoom link:

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

Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440 Passcode: 240979

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

Summer Recess begins today. Join us again in the fall!

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 kathrynb15@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 9:00 AM-noon, Monday through Friday. Please be a part of this ministry and give a prayer shawl to someone you know in need.

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