

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

May 30, 2021
Trinity 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.

**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**

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3: 1-17

“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”

John 3: 17

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

Improvisation

Alex Gilson

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

from Call to Worship, PC(USA)

Awed by the colors of sunrise and sunset;
enjoying fellow creatures with wings, scales and fur;

We are met by God our Creator.

In the breaking of bread and the pouring of water;
Working to seek the lost and heal the hurting;

We are met by God our Redeemer.

Waiting for the touch of the wind;
When our lives are rearranged and refreshed;

We are met by God our Sustainer.

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee, Cast - ing down their
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee, Though the eye of
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! All Thy works shall



morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
sin - ful - ness Thy glo - ry may not see, On - ly Thou art ho - ly;
praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!



mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
fall - ing down be - fore Thee, Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
there is none be - side Thee Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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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

based on John 3: 20-21

"For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light so their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true, come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

With the confidence of the children of God, let us tell the truth about ourselves:

Prayer of Confession

from Call to Worship, PC(USA)

Triune God: you dance among us in joy and invite us into your holy mystery. Yet, we are reluctant to respond, we ask for understanding, and we demand answers. Forgive our thick resistance. Encircle us with your oneness, teach us to trust you with all our hearts, and lead us to invite others to join the dance; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

based on Romans 8: 14-17

"All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. ...We are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

adopted from Feasting on the Word

Holy Lord, Triune God: Scripture reveals you as the creator of our beautiful world, as savior and friend, as power and life-sustaining presence. We thank you as we listen in awe to the mystery that is held in your Word; Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 29

Isaiah 6: 1-8

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Welcome Table

Rev. Dr Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

Selected from Romans 8: 10-11, 14

"If Christ is in us, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us ... and will give life to our mortal bodies For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God."

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

We glorify God whenever we respond to God's generosity by sharing our gifts.
We worship God with our tithes and offerings.

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

The Lord's Prayer
Albert Hay Malotte

Dave Bowles Edwards – Tenor, Alex Gilson – Piano

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, al - le - lu - ia!

Service of Holy Communion

The Words of Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*from Psalm 29 and
Nathan Nettleton,
<http://www.laughingbird.net>*

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....

We give you all thanks and praise, O God,
for you loved the world so greatly that you gave your Son,
so that all who trust him may have eternal life.

And so, we lift our hearts and our voices, crying,

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;

worship God in holy splendor!

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: Rebecca Koos; Barb Thede; Craig VanHook; 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.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory is full of majesty!
The voice of the Lord flashes with fire;
the God of power blesses the people!

Holy One in Three, your powerful voice, thundering over the waters, spoke into being the new-born creation. From your holy throne, surrounded by seraphim, you called your prophets to carry the message of life to those who were in bondage to selfish desires.

You sent Jesus Christ into the world and when the enemies of life lifted him up to die, you raised him from the grave and made him the source of life for all who look to him in trust and hope.

And now your Holy Spirit bears witness within us that we are indeed your children, born from above of water and spirit, and destined to share with Christ in his sufferings and his glory.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

We pray in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray, saying:

The Prayer of Jesus

by Bill Wallace, Aotearoa/New Zealand

**O most Compassionate Life-giver, may we honor and praise you;
May we work with you to establish your justice, peace and love;
Give us what we need for growth,
And help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness.
Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil,
For all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

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.

The Prayer Following Communion

from St. Patrick's Breastplate

**"I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same, the Three in One, the One in Three;
Of whom all nature has creation, eternal Creator, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord."**

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.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

The Summons

KELVINGROVE



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name? Will you
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name? Will you
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name? Will you
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name. Let me



go where you don't know and nev - er be the same? Will you let my
 care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same? Will you risk the
 set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the
 quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same? Will you use the
 turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same. In your com - pa -



love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you
 hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare? Will you
 le - per clean, and do such as this un - seen, and ad -
 faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round, through my
 ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Charge and Benediction

*from St. Patricks Breastplate and
 Carmina Cadelica, adopted*

Go in deep peace, through the strength of Heaven,
 light of Sun, brilliance of Moon,
 splendor of Fire, speed of Lightning,
 swiftness of Wind, depth of Sea,
 stability of Earth, firmness of Rock.

The guarding of the God of life be on you,
 The guarding of the loving Christ be on you,
 The guarding of the Holy Spirit be on you
 To aid you and enfold you each day and night of your lives.

Postlude

Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch

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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

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 . The Caring Closet is a free “store” for whoever can use it. If you have 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 can help, please call me or email me at ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com.

PAS Musical: *Guys and Dolls* – Saturday, July 24, 8:00 PM – Outdoor Production

As previously announced, our PAS production of *Guys and Dolls* will take place on the fourth weekend of July. We will offer this production in the church's Kirkwood Boulevard parking lot; our plan is to invite the neighborhood, our congregation, and you to what will be a neighborhood block party, a celebration of the light at the end of a long, dark tunnel. We will present *Guys and Dolls* as a modified concert version (still with a small orchestra), including all of the beloved music and most of the witty dialogue. The performers will wear clear face shields, and we ask the audience to be masked as well for the safety of the children in attendance.

Due to a scheduling conflict within the cast, we are offering this production as a one-night-only event, on Saturday, July 24 at 8:00 PM. The ticket you have already received is good for entrance into the parking lot. Because of licensing restrictions, we regret that we are unable to stream or record this production. If the date change presents a scheduling conflict, we are prepared to issue a full refund of the ticket price; alternatively, you can opt to donate the ticket back to the Performing Arts Series.

We invite you to bring your own lawn chairs, invite your family and friends, and enjoy the immense talent within our community. The dedicated cast and crew have been waiting a long time to share their hard work with their biggest fans!

Bible Basics 201 - Tuesdays, 6:15 PM

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 learn 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=TUdyMXltRTMrRXdFWnBEZ0NEKzBYUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440

Passcode: 240979

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 continuing to Zoom through the 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

Members of the Prayer Shawl group (PSST) have continued to knit/crochet prayer shawls during the pandemic. The group encourages you to give a prayer shawl to anyone 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. Each shawl is blessed and tagged with the Wrapping Prayer. A variety of prayer shawls is available 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.

News Form the Finance Office – April Financial Information

	April 2021		April 2020	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	51,048	56,600	50,932	63,240
Custodial Accounts Income	3,597	-	40,839	-
Compensation Expenses	36,759	44,378	48,749	55,464
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	17,371	18,800	15,075	18,340
Custodial Accounts Expenses	3,597	-	40,839	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(3,082)	(6,578)	(12,892)	(10,564)
	2021 Year-To-Date		2020 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	293,536	282,754	373,331	385,848
Custodial Accounts Income	7,554	-	70,195	-
Compensation Expenses	157,778	168,169	199,599	204,978
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	67,958	76,855	60,596	79,935
Custodial Accounts Expenses	7,554	-	70,195	-
Surplus (Deficit)	67,800	37,730	113,136	100,935
All numbers are rounded.				

Deacons’ Outreach: Planting the Community Garden



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