

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

**June 6, 2021**  
**First Sunday in Pride Month**  
**Worship at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.**

**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**

1 Samuel 8: 4-20  
 Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5:1  
 Mark 3: 20 - 35

“If a realm is divided against itself, that realm cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.”

2 Cor. 4: 24-25

**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**

Toccata in F, BuxWV 157

Dietrich Buxtehude  
 (ca. 1637-1707)

**Praise Almighty God**

**Call to Worship**

*adapted from Rev. Dr. Alistair Donald*

God our Creator gives us a beautiful world  
**and tasks us to be its stewards.**  
 God our Redeemer calls us to be salt and light  
**and to witness to justice and peace.**  
 God our Sustainer heals our brokenness  
**and empowers us to carry love into the world.**  
 Let us worship God.

**Hymn**

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their high com - mu - nion find;
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What - e'er your race may be.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;



But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 His ser - vice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God Are sure - ly kin to me.  
 All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

**Children's Message**

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim

**The Staff of  
First Presbyterian Church:**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

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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

*from Psalm 138*

Whenever we call, God will answer.

Our God of power and majesty regards the lowly.

With the confidence of the family of God, we confess our sin:

### Prayer of Confession

*adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

**Righteous God, we confess that we trade your abundant life for the wasteland of sin. We listen to voices other than your own and pursue our own desires at the expense of others. We forget your call to discern good from evil and we make unholy choices. Forgive us, restore our broken relationships and clothe us in your grace; we ask it for your love's sake; Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

*from 2 Corinthians 4: 13-16*

Friends in the family of God: do not lose heart!

Day by day we are renewed by God's mercy.

We believe, and so we proclaim: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

*adapted from Presbyterian Church in Canada*

God of wisdom, our souls wait for you. Send your Spirit as your Word is read and interpreted, so that we will hear your voice and know the way of truth and love, through Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

### Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 4: 13-18

Mark 3: 20-35

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

God's Family

Rev. Dr Kathy Stoner-Lasala

## Respond to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

*Selected from The Confession of 1967 Inclusive Language Text*

**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers humans erect and breaks down every form of discrimination. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all oppression and ministers to those injured by it. Those who exclude, dominate, or patronize others resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith they profess. With an urgency born of hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. The church does not identify limited progress with the kin-dom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

## Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Mark 3: 34-35

and Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Who are the siblings of Christ? Those who do the will of God.  
By loving God and loving neighbors  
we share what we have as members of the household of Christ.

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

Pelas Dores Deste Mundo

Rudolfo Gaede Neto

Erin Sodawasser-Hermiston, soprano; Matt Bishop, piano

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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 bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures 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!

## Service of Holy Communion (at 8:30 a.m.) *adapted from More Light Presbyterians*

### The Words of Invitation

This table stands in the place of God's abundance.  
In this space we are met by grace.  
Here, we are found, we are forgiven, we are beloved.  
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....**

Pelas Dores Deste Mundo

For the troubles and the  
sufferings of the world,  
God, we call upon your  
mercy:  
The whole creation's laboring  
in pain!

Lend an ear to the rising cry  
for help  
From oppressed and hopeless  
people.  
Come, hasten your salvation,  
healing love!

We pray for peace,  
the blessed peace that comes  
from making justice,  
to cover and embrace us.

We pray for power,  
the power that will sustain  
your people's witness:  
until your kingdom come,  
have mercy, Lord!

Rodolfo Gaede Neto  
trans. Simeí Monteiro &  
Jorge Lockward

## 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 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).

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in the beginning you created all that is seen and unseen: dawn and dusk, mountains and valleys, plants and animals, and all humanity were created in your image, created in love. And you said: this is good. You instilled in us a spark of your divinity, a sense of curiosity and wonder and a desire to be in community. You gave us relationships as a reminder of your continued love and care for us. You love us through the wilderness, even a wilderness of our own making. Through it all, you have called us and you call us still, often making a way out of no way. We thank you for Jesus Christ whose life and ministry, always on the side of the oppressed, show us that the overwhelming brutality of the world does not have the last word. In his refusal to succumb to a death-dealing status quo, Christ defeated death's power over us. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who weaves us into your body in the world and instills in us the same stubborn commitment to offer love and hope in a world bent on despair. Each of us is essential to the whole and the Spirit enlivens us to work for a world where all are known and loved. We pray as Jesus taught us:

### The Prayer of Jesus

*adapted from Parker Palmer*

**Creator God, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your realm of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done. Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need and give bread to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days; for yours is the power and the glory and the mercy and forever your name is One; Amen.**

### The Words of Institution

### The Communion of the People

*We partake of the elements that we brought with us today.*

### The Prayer Following Communion

*adapted from More Light Presbyterians*

**Gracious God you have loved us when the world hated us. You have loved us when we haven't been able to love ourselves. You have shown us how to love and forgive even those who offer neither love nor forgiveness in return. We thank you for this table where, if we grow weary, you remind us that hope cannot exist without suffering; courage cannot exist without fear; and we cannot fully exist without each other. We give you thanks; Amen.**

### Prayers of the People (at 10:00 a.m.)

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

Join Online:

**Worship Watch Party**

Sundays, 8:30 AM

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

**Summer Services at FPC!  
Beginning Today!**

**8:30 AM outside,**  
with masks, communion, and singing.  
Kirkwood Parking Lot

**10:00 AM indoors,**  
with masks and singing  
**Sanctuary**

**The Prayer of Jesus**

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**Go To Serve With God's Blessing**

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,



Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

**Charge and Benediction**

*adapted from Rev. Dr. Alistair Donald*

Go now and dare.

Dare to live in a world that prefers the tools of death.

Dare to stand out in a world that prefers conformity.

Dare to be a colorful community in a world that prefers grey.

Dare to be God's own.

**Postlude**

Exeunt Omnes

Richard Lloyd  
(1933-2021)

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## Announcements

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 get vaccinated or help someone else get vaccinated? Text your ZIP Code to GETVAX — G-E-T-V-A-X — (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.

### **Pickleball is Back!** – Monday and Wednesday, 9:00-11:00 AM

Beginning tomorrow, we'll be playing pickleball here in the FPC gym on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 AM. All are welcome to join the fun. Please contact Diane Schroder for more information.



### **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](mailto:kathrynb15@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. You may drop off goods in the church office during the week. Monetary donations are also accepted. All donations go to Sacred Heart Food Pantry located at The Center on Brady Street.

### **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>.

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

Our new Caring Closet opened for business June 4. Our regular hours are 9:00 AM -noon on Tuesdays and 2:00-5:00 PM on Fridays, by appointment. 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](mailto: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. Our June schedule:

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=TUdyMXItRTMrRXdFWnBEZONEKzBYUT09>

Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440      Passcode: 240979

## 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	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(3,082)</b>	<b>(6,578)</b>	<b>(12,892)</b>	<b>(10,564)</b>
	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	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>67,800</b>	<b>37,730</b>	<b>113,136</b>	<b>100,935</b>

All numbers are rounded.

## Deacons' Outreach: Planting the Community Garden



## Vacation Bible Camp!

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

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