

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

June 13, 2021  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
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

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13)

14-17

Mark 4:26-34

“[Christ] died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.”

2 Corinthians 5:15

**The Church Gathers To...**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Pat Halverson

**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 Psalm 92*

It is good to give thanks to God, to sing praise to the Most High

**We declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night**

For the works of God’s hands lead us to rejoice

**We offer our praise and thanks to you, O God.**

**Hymn**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL



1. Love di - vine all loves ex - cel - ing, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast!  
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;  
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be;



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus,  
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a -  
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we  
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from



Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it  
way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of  
would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and  
glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we



us with Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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will go to the pastor on call in case  
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**Children's Message**

Elder Sarah Greim

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### Call to Confession

Let us confess to the Lord our need of forgiveness, if there be anything that hinders our worship.

### Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we come as people who believe in your promise of eternal life, but the cares of this life take hold. Forgive us if we have forgotten to walk in faith. Forgive us if we have made our own happiness more important than pleasing you, if we have let selfishness preclude love for others. As people created anew, help us to scatter the seeds of your good news in our words and actions. May we be to your Holy Spirit's leading today and in the days to come. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

The Lord who comes to us, and who died, rose and ascended again to his rightful throne, did so on our behalf. In Christ we are forgiven completely.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**God of grace, may your Spirit reveal truth and empower us as we hear and respond to your Word to us this morning. We set aside the day's distractions and look to you. Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

Mark 4:26-34

2 Corinthians 5:6-11, 14-17

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Spiritual Gardening

Rev. Pat Halverson

## Respond to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

*from 2 Corinthians 5*

***For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!***

## 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.*

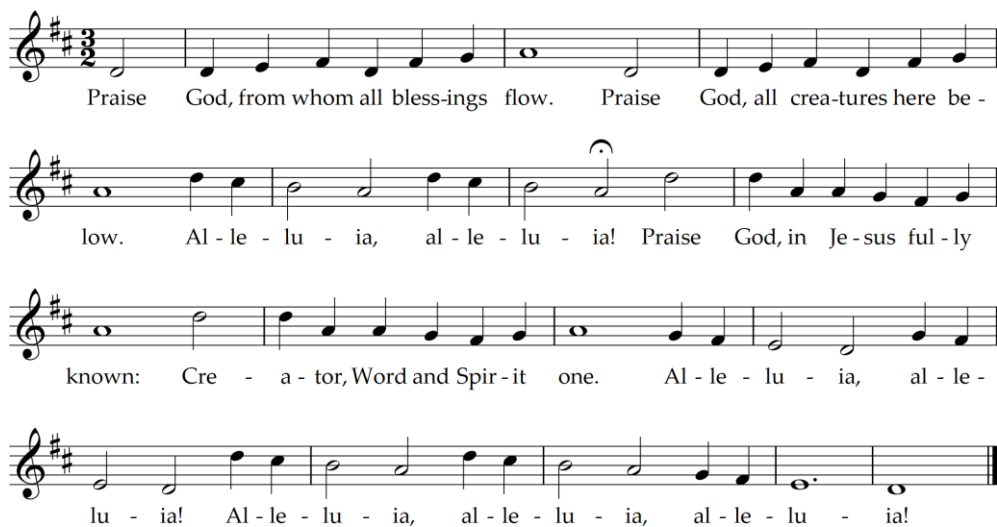
### Above All

Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc  
Kristine Oswald, soprano; Alex Gilson, 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 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 (at 8:30 a.m.)

### The Words of Invitation

### 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....**

And so, we lift our hearts and our voices.

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

### The Prayer of Jesus

### The Words of Institution

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**Death: Craig Van Hook**

**June 7, 2021**

**In Our Prayers:** Bev and Dick Koos (celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary); Rebecca Koos; Barb Thede; 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).

**Join Online:**

**Worship Watch Party**

Sundays, 9:00 AM

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

**Summer Services at FPC!**

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

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

**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 ...*

**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:

**The Prayer of Jesus**

## 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 3 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 is 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

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN



1. God, You spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,  
2. You have called us to be faith - ful In our life and min - is - try.  
3. God, Your word is still cre - at - ing, Call - ing us to life made new.



Mold the moun-tains, fash - ion blos - soms, Call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.  
We re-pond in grate-ful wor - ship Joined in one com - mu - ni - ty.  
Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas Where there's work to dare and do.



We, cre - at - ed in Your im - age, Would a true re - flec - tion be  
When we blur Your gra-cious im - age, Fo - cus us and make us whole.  
Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion. Pol - ish us with lov - ing care.



Of Your jus - tice, grace, and mer - cy And the truth that makes us free.  
Healed and strength-ened as Your peo - ple, We move on - ward toward Your goal.  
Thus, new crea - tures in Your im - age, We'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

**Charge and Benediction**

*paraphrased from a prayer by The Venerable Bede*

May we give God worship with all of our life,  
May we give God obedience with all of our power,  
May we give God praise with all of our strength,  
May we give God honor with all of our speech.

May we give God love with all our heart, ...  
May we give God our being with all our mind,  
May we give the most high and holy God our soul.

May we live in ways that draw others to seek the Lord. Go in grace and peace.

**Postlude**

Finale from Organ Symphony No. 1

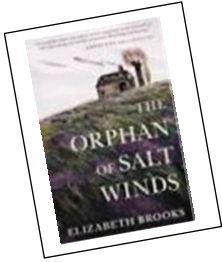
Louis Vierne

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# Announcements



## **Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club -Monday, June 21, 12:30 PM**

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club will meet in the Parlor on Monday, June 21 at 12:30 PM! All are welcome to join the discussion of *The Orphan of Salt Winds* by Elizabeth Brooks.

## **Card Shower for Joe Diehl on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

Our member Joe Diehl is turning 100 on June 27 and we're holding a card shower for him. To wish Joe a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, you can send a card to him care of the church. We'll collect the cards at the church office and take them over to him in time for his big day. Thanks to all!



## **Vacation Bible Camp! – Compassion Camp 2021!**

Calling all Compassionate Kids! Come join us for our Compassion Camp! We will be meeting virtually from 10:00-11:00 AM on June 27-July 2! During the week we will have opportunities to put our kindness into action with in person mission projects! Who is ready for some fun, music, and learning about how God's Love can be spread through us? Please email Sarah Greim to register your child at [segreim@gmail.com](mailto:segreim@gmail.com) or use this link to register!

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

We're 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: Travel Size Personal Care Products!**

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. 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).



### **Free Live-stream Concert: The Land of Lakes Choirboys of Minnesota**

**Sunday, June 13, 7:00 PM**

The Land of Lakes Choirboys of Minnesota will present a live-streamed concert of sacred and secular choral music from our sanctuary on Sunday, June 13 at 7:00 PM as part of their regional tour. The live-stream video will be available on the church's Facebook page at that time and for a few days after.

### **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 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](mailto: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

**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.				

**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.

**A Note from Rev. Joseph Phipps of FPC, Fairfield, Iowa**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stone-Lasala,

It is said, often sarcastically, that the more things change the more they stay the same. While this may seem true for much of our lives, it, gladly, is true in our life with God. This week we are praying for you, your family, and the folks of First Pres. in Davenport; asking that you know the power of the unfailing love of our unchanging God.

Pastor Joe Phipps

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