

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

June 27, 2021
World AIDS Sunday & HIV Testing Day
Blessing of the Animals
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**

2 Samuel 1: 17-27
 Psalm 30

Lamentations 3: 22-33
 Mark 5: 21-43

Jesus said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping."

Mark 5: 39

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude Allegretto from Organ Sonata No. 4 Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude Improvisation on "Royal Oak" Alex Gilson

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

from Psalm 30

Sing praises to the LORD,
and give thanks to God's holy name!
 Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning;
 God turns our mourning into dancing, and clothes us with joy;
We will give thanks to God forever!
 Let us worship God.

Hymn The Woman Hiding in the Crowd SIMMONS

1. The wom - an hid - ing in the crowd reached
 2. From Christ went forth the heal - ing grace, her
 3. The wom - an knelt be - fore him then with

for Christ's gar - ment hem that sim - ply by the
 health and life re - stored. "Who touched my clothes?"_ the
 joy and anx - ious fear, and Je - sus blessed her

touch of it she might be healed with - in.
 Sav - ior asked, but no one said a word.
 lov - ing - ly: "In peace go forth from here."

Children's Message Elder Sarah Greim

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will go to the pastor on call in case
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Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

adapted from Spill the Beans, Issue 39

Nothing we experience is hidden from God.

In sharing ourselves with our Creator

we find the grace, mercy and peace of Divine love.

Let us be open before our God:

Prayer of Confession

adapted from Andrew Black, Louisville Theological Seminary

Loving God, we know you hear the cries of your people;

We turn to your listening presence.

Last night over 1,800 people died of AIDS;

Forgive our complacency and apathy.

Grant us hearts to respond to the calls of those living with HIV/AIDS;

Strengthen us to stand in solidarity.

May all who suffer, who grieve, and who are afraid

find courage, strength and hope.

Challenge us to meet their needs with loving spirits and willing hands.

Holy God, fill us with the knowledge of your healing and redemptive grace;

We ask it for your love's sake; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

adapted from Spill the Beans, Issue 39

God is love.

Whether we are soaring today in the heights of joy,

or mired today in the depths of despair,

there is nothing we cannot confess

because God knows it already and welcomes us just as we are.

Friends, our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

adopted from Feasting on the Word

Steadfast God, as we listen for your Word in the words of Scripture,

teach us to trust the abundance of your love; Amen.

Scripture Readings

Lamentations 3: 22-33

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Mark 5: 21-43

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Butterfly Kisses?

Rev. Dr Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8: 1, 28 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor 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.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

adapted from Feasting on the Word

Trusting in God who provides for all our needs,
we share our abundance joyfully!
We give of our life and labor to God's work.

Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray

Arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Bass – Ted Brown, Piano – Alex Gilson

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Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Please sing the Doxology.

Priase God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
cre - a - tor Christ and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: 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).

Prayer Shawls are available for you to give to those you know experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coatrack near the main office).

Join Online:

Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 8:30 and 10:00 AM
For more information, see the
e-news, church website or
Facebook.

Summer Services at FPC!

8:30 AM outside,
Masks, communion, singing.
Kirkwood Parking Lot.

10:00 AM indoors,
Masks and singing.
Sanctuary.

Blessing of the Animals (at 8:30 a.m.) *Liturgy adapted from Seasons of the Spirit*

Circle of Praise

A Version of Psalm 148

All dogs and cats, large and small:

Praise the Lord!

All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:

Praise the Lord!

All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures:

Praise the Lord!

All robins, wrens, and singing birds:

Praise the Lord!

All bats, squirrels, and raccoons:

Praise the Lord!

All horses, cows, and sheep:

Praise the Lord!

All lizards, snakes and creeping things:

Praise the Lord!

Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest:

Praise the Lord!

Blessing

[Pet's name], may the power of this blessing from Christ fill you with life, bind you to your human partners, and lead you to praise your Creator. Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name.

Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever; 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:

The Prayer of Jesus

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Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever; Amen.**

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

LAND OF REST

1. We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2. As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3. You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4. Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through
 5. We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Charge and Benediction

adapted from Spill the Beans, Issue 39

Remember, on this World AIDS Sunday, that the One who hears the breaking heart and sees the silent tear; the One who feels the ache of sorrow and knows the grief concealed; the One who walks with the weary and comforts the weeping; will give peace to all and in any circumstance. As Christ's body in the world, may we be agents of loving compassion who tend, listen and bind up wounds. Go now, be blessed, and be a blessing.

Postlude

Improvisation on "Old Hundredth"

Gerry Hancock

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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

June 2021

- More good news on our opening of the church building! On the recommendation of the Pandemic Task Force, the Session approved building use to church groups of any size. Masks will be required. Please submit a Building Use Form to reserve your time and place.
- Approved the use of FPC for a Scott County Health Dept sponsored vaccine clinic for June 30.
- Elders Heather Calvert, Paula Burnett, and Karla Ruitter will represent FPC at the July Presbytery meeting.
- Approved a final Bridging Pastor contract and job description for Pastor Kathy Stoner-Lasala.
- The Synod-Presbytery-FPC committee has come to a verbal agreement with a reconciliation facilitator. The Session approved the principles of a contract with the facilitator. It is anticipated that she will begin her work with us soon.
- An in-person pastoral care restart is being looked into as facilities open to visitors.
- The Session will not meet in July as committees work individually on tasks related to the Synod ARC recommendations for FPC.

Announcements

Please Join Us For the Blessing of the Animals Worship Service – Today, 8:30 AM

One of our favorite worship services is BACK! Today is the day to bring your furry, feathered, hooved, or other beloved animal family member to be blessed at our outdoor service at 8:30 AM. And...Christmas card photo ops will be offered, as usual, in front of the Dog House after the service.

On a serious note, we will have a special, supplemental offering at the Blessing service for the Kings Harvest Pet Rescue No Kill Shelter in Davenport. Kings Harvest takes in animals both from our local community and kill shelters in other areas of the country to help them find their “forever” homes in our area. Their success rate is phenomenal! They would be so grateful for any monetary or food, cleaning product, cat litter donations we can give to them. Please indicate “Kings Harvest Shelter” in the memo line of your check.

The Blessing of the Animals service is always a fun time. We look forward to seeing you there!

Vacation Bible Camp Postponed – Details to Come

Card Shower for Joe Diehl on his 100th Birthday!

Our member Joe Diehl is turning 100 today and to wish him a Happy 100th Birthday we’re holding a card shower. We’ll collect the cards here at FPC and take them over to him in time for his big day!

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 program June 29 is about 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

**Johnson & Johnson
COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic**

First Presbyterian Church
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Wednesday, June 30 from 4-6 pm

Free!

- Walk-in! (No appt. needed)
- No ID/driver's license needed
- Don't need to be a resident
- Anyone 18+ years old

PAS Guys and Dolls Update: Two Shows in the Sanctuary – Friday, July 23, 8:00 PM and Saturday, July 24, 4:00 PM

Due to a recent uptick in gun-related incidents near the church campus, the directors of the PAS musical, on the advice of the Pandemic Task Force and the Davenport Police Department, have decided to move the production back into the sanctuary. This decision was made with the approval of the cast and the Session. As it always has been, our primary concern is the health and safety of our community; given our congregation's proven willingness to wear masks and the high vaccination rate within our congregation, we feel that a move indoors is the best decision.

To add to the complexity of the situation, a move indoors necessitates a return to a two-performance model; unfortunately, three of the show's leads are now unavailable for what would have been the Sunday matinee. Our solution is to offer the first show on **Friday, July 23 at 8:00 PM** and the second show on **Saturday, July 24 at 4:00 PM**; patrons who currently hold Saturday tickets will be automatically moved to the new Friday evening show, and patrons who hold Sunday matinee tickets will be automatically moved to the new Saturday matinee show. There is no need to reissue tickets – feel free to make the correction on your existing ticket. If you prefer a different arrangement, we will gladly honor any request for a transfer or a full refund; please call the church office at (563)326-1691, or email bishop@fpcdavenport.org.

Mitigation efforts will remain in place for the performances; face coverings must be worn at all times by the audience and the cast and crew. Entrance to the sanctuary will be through either the sanctuary elevator or the porte cochère door (1S). This production will remain a concert version to cut down on movement and on the run-time. We appreciate your flexibility and support.

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 kathryn15@gmail.com.

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.

The Caring Closet Update – Donations Need Now: new men's and women's undergarments!

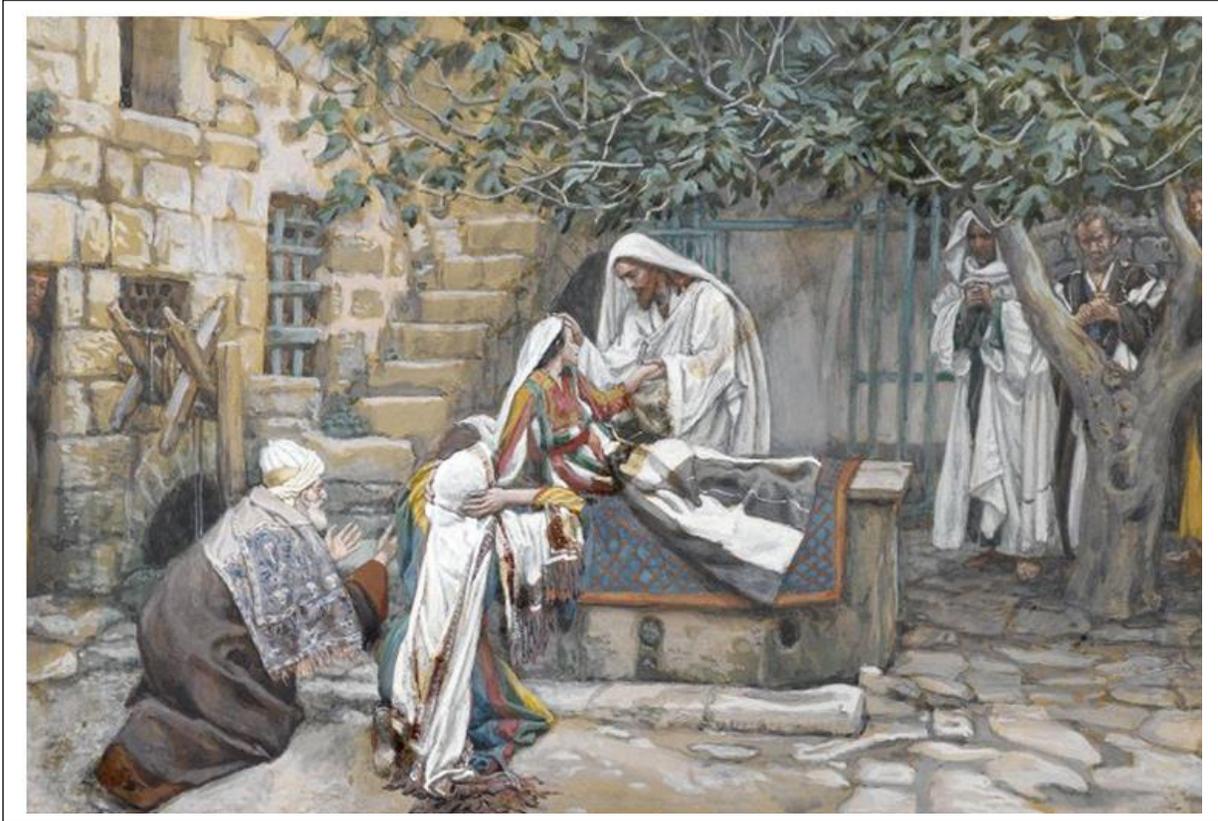
Our Caring Closet is open for business 9:00 AM -noon on Tuesdays and 2:00-5:00 PM on Fridays, by appointment. The Caring Closet is a free "store" for whoever can use it. If you have clothing or shoes that you no longer need, please drop them off after the service, or bring them to the Iowa door on Monday 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.

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.

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.



James Tissot (1836-1902), "Daughter of Jairus", The Brooklyn Museum