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A Congregation of the  
Presbyterian Church  
(U.S.A.)

July 11, 2021  
Seventh 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

Amos 7: 1-14a

Psalm 85: 8-13

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6:14-29

*"(We are) ... destined for adoption as God's children through Jesus Christ."*

Ephesians 1: 5



*This week's art meditation is a work by the twentieth-century Ecuadorian artist Oswaldo Guayasamín (1919-1999), whose art focuses heavily on social justice issues in his home country. His famous work "Diversity Hands" is typical of his colorful, post-Cubist style. Today's epistle lesson reminds us that we are all beloved members of God's holy family.*

### The Church Gathers To...

**Prelude 10:00 a.m.** Beneath the Cross of Jesus Setting by Dale Wood

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

**Preparation for Worship**  
*Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.*

**Interlude** Improvisation Alex Gilson

### Praise Almighty God

**Call to Worship** *adapted from Seasons of the Spirit*

Today is a day for worship!

**Today is a day to rejoice!**

Today is a day to declare God's greatness!

**Today is a day to praise God's name!**

Let us worship God.

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**Hymn**

**Love Astounding**

**Holy Manna**



1. Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found-ing, lim - its fear - ful mind im - pose.  
2. Love re - ceiv - ing, Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,



Love re - new-ing, Love pur - su - ing ev - ery heart un - til it knows  
faith re - gain-ing, hope pro - claim-ing; Love has taught us, we be - long



Love's trans-form-ing, heal - ing good-ness, Love's a - bid - ing gen - tle grace,  
safe with - in love's ten - der keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent call.



Love's en - dur-ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing strong em-brace.  
Love de - fend-ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.

**Children's Message**

Ruling Elder Marty Bowles-Edwards

**Confess to a Forgiving Creator**

**Call to Confession**

*adapted from Seasons of the Spirit*

We have spoken words that have broken relationships; we have done things that have separated us from friends and families; we have failed to be faithful followers of Jesus. Trusting that God will touch us with the healing power of grace, let us confess our sins:

**Prayer of Confession**

*adapted from Seasons of the Spirit*

**Embracing God, you have adopted us into your family; yet, we have neglected our own families both at home and around the world. Our world limits what a family can be; sometimes, we have preferred the comfort of tradition to the complexity of love. Our Christian tradition has usurped the traditions of other faith communities; we have interpreted God's word so that it blesses only us. God, forgive us. We ask it for your love's sake; Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*from Psalm 85: 9-12*

The Psalmist writes,  
"Salvation is at hand for those who fear God.  
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other."

Friends, our salvation is at hand; our sins are forgiven;

**Thanks be to God!**

## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

*adopted from Seasons of the Spirit*

Heavenly Parent, as we hear your Word, help our eyes to see Jesus' healing hands; help our ears to hear Jesus' transforming words. Bolster our hearts with confidence that, in Jesus, everything can change – especially us! Amen.

### Scripture Readings

Ephesians 1: 3-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Ephesians 2: 11-22

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Sermon

Gotcha!

Rev. Dr Kathy Stoner-Lasala

## Respond to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

*from Ephesians 1: 11-13*

**In Christ we have obtained an inheritance destined according to the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things .... In Jesus [we] heard the word of truth - the gospel of our salvation - and, believing in Christ, [we] were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. This is the pledge of [our] inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of God's glory.**

### Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

*adapted from Feasting on the Word*

Consider what God has given us: even now, the Holy Spirit dwells in us and we are part of God's plan for all time. With thanksgiving, we share God's own gifts for the sake of our human family.

Little David, Play on Your Harp

Arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Marty Bowles Edwards – Soprano, Alex Gilson - Piano

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## 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 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).

**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!

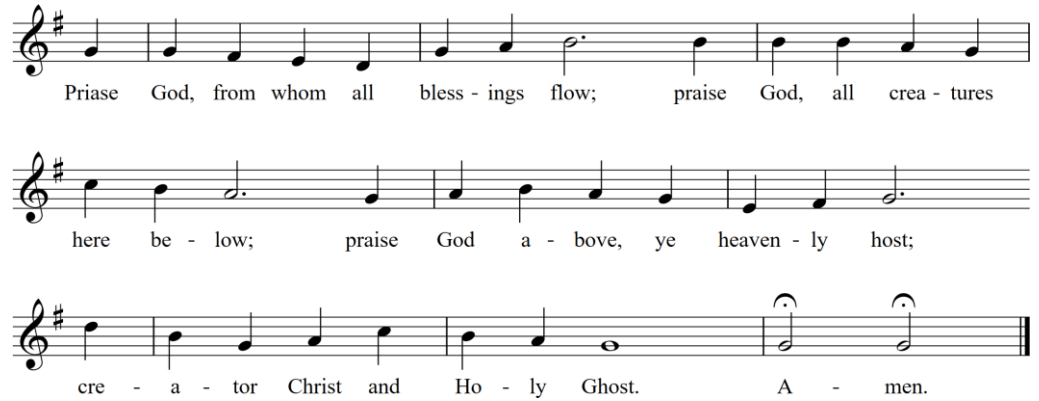
**8:30 AM outside,**  
Masks, communion, singing.  
Kirkwood Parking Lot.

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

**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](mailto:kathryn15@gmail.com).

### Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

*Please sing the Doxology.*



### Service of Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.

#### The Words of Invitation

*adapted from Seasons of the Spirit*

From the dawn of creation, God called us by name.  
From before we are born, we were loved as God's own.  
In moments of joy, we are given God's presence.  
In seasons of struggle, God lavishes us with grace.  
Here at this table, our redeeming and adopting God brings us together  
and gives us the privilege of living as beloved children.  
Come, all has been made ready!

#### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*adapted from Seasons of the Spirit*

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....**

Gracious and faithful God, it is truly right to give you thanks and praise, for you  
create all that we see and beyond. You carve the mountains and craft the canyons,  
you gather the storm clouds with rain and praise to you.

You created us to be your children; we turned away and rebelled. So you gave us  
your Word and sent your prophets to remind us of your holy intention for our  
lives. But we stopped our ears and squeezed shut our eyes. Even then, you did not  
give up on us. In the fulness of time you sent Jesus to live among us and show us  
your Way. But we rejected Jesus, and at the cross we thought to rid ourselves of  
your claim on us forever. And then, in the power of the Spirit, you raised Jesus  
from the dead and opened eternal life to all your children. So with all people in  
every time and place we lift our voices in praise:

**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.**

Within the vastness of the world, you still know the hairs on our head and the concerns in our hearts. We lift those concerns to you today. (*Silence.*) Holy Spirit, touch those for whom we pray with your healing and redeeming grace. Seal Christ's love to them, and us, that we might love one another as you have first loved us. Fall on us, gathered here at your table, and on these elements from your good earth, that they might become for us the communion of our Savior Jesus.

We pray as Jesus taught us:

#### The Prayer of Jesus

*author unknown*

**Loving God, in whom is heaven,  
may Your name be honored everywhere.  
May Your kin-dom come.  
May the desire of Your heart for the world be done,  
in us, by us and through us.  
Give us the bread we need for each day.  
Forgive us.  
Enable us to forgive others.  
Keep us from all anxiety and fear.  
For You reign in the power that comes from love  
which is Your glory forever and ever. Amen.**

#### The Words of Institution

#### The Communion of the People

*We partake of the elements that we brought with us today,  
taking first the bread as a symbol of our life together in the Body of Christ,  
and then the cup as embodiment of our individual relationships with Jesus.*

#### The Prayer Following Communion

*Doug Hadler, adapted*

**Generous God, in thanksgiving for all we have received at your table, send us out to share in your name. For those who are vulnerable, may we offer our strength. For those who have been forgotten, may we offer our voice. For those who have been silenced, may we offer our listening ears. For those who live in daily need, may we offer what we have. To the One who gives us life, may we offer our lives; Amen.**

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

*adapted from Richard Fairchild*

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**And also with you.**  
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**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....**

Loving God, it is right to give our thanks and praise, for you have adopted us all into your one family. Grant us humility like that of Christ Jesus and show us how to love and serve in Jesus' name. Teach us to care for those who suffer, to have hearts of compassion, to utter words of forgiveness, to perform works of healing with our hands. Especially help us to show your boundless generosity in our caring for the members of your family that you give to us as burdens for intercession. (*Silence.*) Grant us courage in our obedience and strength in our service; help us to trust not in ourselves but in you. We ask these things in the name of our crucified and risen Redeemer, the One who taught us to pray, saying:

## 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.



### The Caring Closet Update –

#### Donations Needed:

#### New Men's & Women's Undergarments!

The Caring Closet opened for business June 4. We're open 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 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 or email me

([ruthtobeybrown1@gmail.com](mailto:ruthtobeybrown1@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.

### The Prayer of Jesus

*author unknown*

Loving God, in whom is heaven,  
may Your name be honored everywhere.  
May Your kin-dom come.  
May the desire of Your heart for the world be done,  
in us, by us and through us.  
Give us the bread we need for each day.  
Forgive us.  
Enable us to forgive others.  
Keep us from all anxiety and fear.  
For You reign in the power that comes from love  
which is Your glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

### Hymn

### Though I May Speak

### GIFT OF LOVE

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;

and have the gift to all in - spire,  
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,  
but not be given by love with - in,  
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

### Charge and Benediction

*adapted from Feasting on the Word*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Rejoice in your adoption into God's one family.  
Do not hold back the power of the Spirit:  
celebrate with all your might; be brave and tell the truth;  
serve the weak; comfort the grieving; encourage the despairing;  
honor everyone, for all are your siblings in Christ;  
and remember that in life and death, in body and soul,  
we all belong to God who promises life eternal in Jesus Christ.

And may the Holy Trinity fill you with joy,  
surround you with peace,  
and lead you to resurrection life.

Postlude 8:30 a.m.

Improvisation

Alex Gilson

Postlude 10:00 a.m.

'Gigue' Fugue, BWV 577

J. S. Bach

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## Announcements

### FRAUD WARNING

There have been recent emails from dummy accounts impersonating church staff. If you receive an email from an unknown address (even with a staff member's name), please **do not respond**. No church staff member will ask you to give money or gift cards via email. If you have any questions or suspicions, please contact the office.

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

Guys and Dolls is in the sanctuary on Friday, July 23 at 8:00 PM and Saturday, July 24 at 4:00 PM! Patrons who currently hold Saturday tickets will be moved to the new Friday evening show, those who hold Sunday matinee tickets will be moved to the new Saturday matinee show. New tickets will not be reissued; please make the correction on your existing ticket. If you prefer a different arrangement, we will honor any request for a transfer or a full refund; please call the church office at (563)326-1691, or [email bishop@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:bishop@fpcdavenport.org). To purchase tickets, please call or visit the church office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM-noon, or purchase directly from the PAS page on the church website.

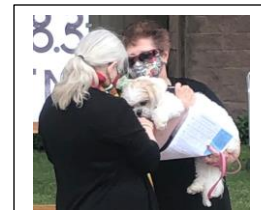
Mitigation efforts remain in place for the performances. Face coverings must be worn at all times by the audience and the cast and crew. Please enter the sanctuary through the sanctuary elevator or the porte cochère door (1S). This production will remain shortened to cut down on movement and on the run-time. Thanks for your flexibility and support.

### Bible Basics 201 - Tuesdays, 6:15 PM

We will learn about Dag Hammarskjöld on July 13. Join us at our Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98965381440?pwd=TUdyMXltRTMrRXdFWnBEZONEKzBYUT09> - Meeting ID: 989 6538 1440 - Passcode: 240979

### Blessing of the Animals!



## **A Unique Opportunity for Spiritual Development that Creates Christian Community: A Listening Campaign**

When First Presbyterian Church adopted the Envisioning 2020 Report, one of the God-sized dreams we affirmed was spiritual development which we described as: to explore our faith, to realize our gifts, to experience God's love, to engage spiritual practices, to create Christian community and to employ discernment in decision-making.

Even before we convened the Envisioning 2020 process, a group of church members had begun to dream about forming a social justice task force. Along the way, this group learned that Quad Cities Interfaith offers a training program that teaches deep listening skills to build relationships in one-to-one settings. One of the roles QCI plays in the community is offering trainings that help to strengthen congregations by allowing them to fulfill their missions and realize their vision in a more powerful way. QCI's experience has been that the skills acquired in a Listening Campaign would be critical to creating a social justice advocacy movement at First Pres.

While Listening Campaigns vary in size and scope from congregation to congregation, there are 2 common outcomes: **1) Establishing and Deepening Relationships Among Members;** and **2) Answers to Questions the Lead to Alignment of Vision, Mission, and Ministry.**

Remarkably, our God-size dream of spiritual development seeks the same outcomes as a Listening Campaign. (Actually, that's just the way God works!) When the people yearning for a social justice task force shared their dream with Pastor Kathy, she saw that two other groups in the congregation would be enriched by Listening Campaign training. These groups were CEFY (who need to discern the shape/form/purpose of a youth and children's staff position that will include community engagement); and Deacons Outreach Committee (who hear God's call to engage more deeply and effectively with our neighborhood around such issues as gun violence).

And that's not all. This training prepares the Listeners to deepen relationships with persons they already know and to establish relationships with persons they don't know as well. In congregations, it can be easy to have superficial relationships. One might know where a person works or the car he/she drives, but not know his/her story, hopes and fears, dreams and disasters that shape life and bind us to our faith/values. Through deepening relationships, congregations can build a stronger community. It is only in true community that a collective vision can be realized.

Is there someone in your life you haven't connected with over the long months of the pandemic? The skills developed in our Listening Campaign training will help breathe new and authentic life into that relationship. Is there a relationship in your life which is disturbed or conflicted? Listening Campaign training will show you how to engage with the other person in a way that opens you to each other's heart. Do you want to deepen your walk with Jesus by practicing his incarnational ministry? Jesus meets us where we are (as good a definition of the incarnation as any), and one-on-one deep listening skills will help you to be "Jesus with skin on" with another.

Some have asked how Listening Campaign training is different from the Mission Study conducted by Pastor Mark during his interim ministry with First Pres. The finished product of the Mission Study led by Pastor Mark is a compilation of Presbyterians who stated "this is what I think/feel/believe." The Listening Campaign's result would be the opposite, "This is what my neighbor thinks and feels God's spirit is speaking into their life and, because we are in relationship, into our life together."

Others have asked, "Do we need to learn deep listening as a spiritual practice?" Taking the time to re-read the Envisioning 20/20 report's section on Spiritual Development, a generous assessment would be to say we've addressed one third of the Spiritual Development goals we set for ourselves. We have left the majority of our Spiritual Development dreams sitting on the table. It's no coincidence that God's still small voice has found another way to call us back to the Spiritual Development commitment we made back in 2016.

Interested? Curious? Intrigued? On Sunday afternoon, July 11, we will be blessed when QCI offers Listening Campaign training right here at First Pres. Our training (you may choose in person or hybrid zoom format) will begin at 1:00 p.m. and wind up at 6:00 p.m; we'll offer pandemic-safe snacks. Whether you're in the social justice task force group, or CEFY, or the Deacons Outreach committee, or simply a pilgrim seeking to follow Jesus, if God's Spirit is whispering in your ear right now, you're welcome to join us!

Quad Cities Interfaith Organizer, Mayra Hernandez, who will be working with First Presbyterian on our Listening Campaign would love the opportunity to listen to YOU before our July 11 training. If you are interested in having a one to one conversation with Mayra and experience deep listening for yourself, please contact her at [Mayra@QCInterfaith.org](mailto:Mayra@QCInterfaith.org) or at 641-990-2118.

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