

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

August 8, 2021
 Eleventh 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.

**LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE
 READINGS FOR
 MEDITATION**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
 Psalm 130
 Ephesians 4:25-5:2
 John 6:35, 41-51

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.”

Ephesians 4:32-5:1



This week’s artwork is a meditation on John 6:35 by contemporary American artist Mindi Oaten. “The bread on the table represents many layers. First, it is a picture of Jesus. He is the bread of life, all we need is him. He sustains us, saves us, feeds us. He was showing me the power of who he is in the simplest form, bread. The feathers represent the Holy Spirit, the angelic assistance the Lord provides for us, and the protection under his mighty wings. The bread also represents God’s provision.” Website: mindioaten.com

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently on art, music and Scripture.

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Pat Halverson

A Bit About Bix

Josh Duffee

Interlude

Improvisation

Alex Gilson

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will go to the pastor on call in case
of emergency.

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Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 34

We bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be on our lips.

Let us magnify the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

We seek the Lord who answers and delivers us from all fears.

Let us look to God, and be radiant: may we never be ashamed.

O taste and see the Lord is good;

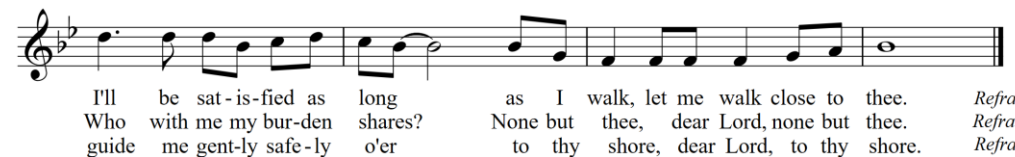
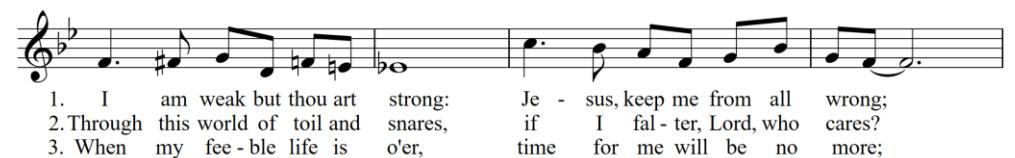
Happy are those who take refuge in God.

Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

Refrain



Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Brighton

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

Though we aspire to love God and others, we often fall short as our thoughts, words and deeds reveal what is still within our hearts. Let us confess to the Lord our need of forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we come as flawed people. We often are dissatisfied even though you have blessed us greatly. Show us where our inner cravings result in sin, and forgive us for all that does not reflect your presence within. Instead of feeding on the world's ideas of how we should be, help us to digest the Living Bread you offer, the Bread that gives life now and forever. We pray in the name of the ever-present, risen Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Creator in heaven knows what we need. We place our trust in God, knowing that in Christ we are forgiven completely.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem 10:00 a.m.

Walk in the Light
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. André Thomas

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings John 6:35, 41-48

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon A Healthy Diet Rev. Pat Halverson

Hymn He's Got the Whole World **WHOLE WORLD**

1. He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

2. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. . .
He's got the whole world in his hands.

3. He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. . .
He's got the whole world in his hands.

4. He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . .
He's got the whole world in his hands.

5. He's got everybody here in his hands. . .
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

adopted from John 6:48-51a

Christ is the bread of heaven. Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, and they died...Jesus is the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: Hudson Stoner, 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 in recess today.
Looking forward
to seeing you again next week!

8:30 a.m. Walk in the Light

Arr. André Thomas

The Sanctuary Choir

10 a.m. Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Text and music: Will L. Thompson

Alex Gilson - Organ

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.

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.

Prayer of Dedication

**As you, O God, have blessed us with so much, we present to you ourselves.
We offer this portion of what we have received from you, that it might be
used to further your work among us and in this world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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....

The Lord's Prayer

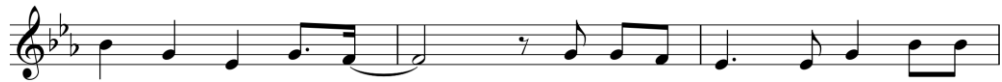
Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

When the Saints go Marching In O WHEN THE SAINTS



1. O when the saints go march - ing in, O when the
2. O when the sun re - fused to shine, O when the
3. O when they crown Him Lord of all, O when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
sun re - fused to shine, O Lord, I want to be in that
crown Him Lord of all, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the sun re - fused to shine.
num - ber when they crown Him Lord of all.

Benediction

Choral Benediction 8:30 a.m. The Lord Bless You and Keep you Peter C. Lutkin
The Sanctuary Choir

Postlude

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The Caring Closet Update –

Donations Needed:

Hangers &

Gently Used Backpacks!

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 (ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com.)

Announcements



Bix Jazz Liturgy

Sunday, August 8 - 8:30AM
Outdoors | Masks Required

JOSH DUFFEE | DAVID BUDIMIR | STEVE PIKAL | COREY KENDRICK
THE FPC SANCTUARY CHOIR

**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.

Compassionate Kids Camp

**Sundays,
August 7 - August 29
9:00 - 11:00 am**

**First Presbyterian Church
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**tie dye * water balloons
stained glass project
sign language * snacks**

**To register,
call the church office,
563-326-1691!**

Bible Basics 201 - Tuesdays, 6:15 PM

For the summer, using the book, *They Were Christians*, by Cristobal Krusen, as a starting place, we will be learning about inspiring people of faith. Here are some upcoming topics:

August 3 – Jean-Henri Dunant; August 10 – Dag Hammarskjold; August 17 – Joseph Lister and Louis Pasteur; August 24 – St. Teresa of Avila; August 31 – Frank Pais

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

Blessing of the Backpacks - Sunday, August 22, 8:30 & 10:00 AM

It is August and yes, that means we are gearing up for another school year! Whether it is your first year in school or your 35th year, bring your bag to be blessed for the 2021-2022 school year on August 22 at both services! Adults and Kids are welcome to receive the blessing! We can't wait to help you prepare for a fantastic school year (or Monday)!

Neighborhood Picnic - Sunday, August 29, 11:30 AM

We'll serve hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, lemonade and tea. Sign up below to bring a dish to share!

There'll be activities for the kids – face painting, balloon animals, a magician...

Come share a meal with your church friends and neighbors!



Neighborhood Picnic Sign Up – Sunday, August 29, 11:30 AM

- Yes, I will bring a salad
- Yes, I will bring a side dish
- Yes, I will bring a dessert

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Place this completed form in the church offering plate.

A Message from Your Deacon's Outreach Committee

Are you an avid gardener? A so-so gardener? Never had a garden in your life? No matter- we can use you! The community garden on Iowa Street needs your help. Watering the garden is easy, can be done in your schedule, and the results are so with the effort! If you are interested, please contact Paula Hartmann (563-940-5477; Ppelhartmann@aol.com) for details. Your help is needed and appreciated!

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

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.



All Aboard!

First Presbyterian Travel Fellowship's Mississippi Paddle Wheeler Sightseeing Cruise - with commentary!

Saturday, September 18, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM – \$20 per person

Limited seats have been reserved by your Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee for a round trip cruise aboard the *Riverboat Twilight* from the Le Claire docks with ample free parking. Enjoy complimentary beverages and bring your own snacks. Members and friends welcome for fellowship! Reserve your cruise passage by going to www.fpcdavenport.org and clicking on the *Donate OnLine* button and then Travel Fellowship using your credit card. All tickets are \$20 each. Remaining tickets will be available from committee members between services on Sunday, August 29 and September 5, and before and after worship on September 12 (or until all tickets are gone)!

On Saturday Sept 18 committee members will meet you at the Twilight dock at 10:30 AM with your "will call" tickets. For more information call Linda Meadors (309-235-5806).

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