

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

August 29, 2021
Neighborhood Picnic Sunday
Worship at 10:30 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

Deuteronomy 4: 1-9

Psalms 15

James 1: 17-27

Mark 7: 1-8 14-15, 21-23

"... Be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."

- James 1: 22



This week's art meditation is a Renaissance-era relief sculpture by Joost Janszoon Bilhamer (1521-1590) originally created for the Amsterdam Civic Orphanage in 1581. The children are grouped around a descending dove, which was the emblem of the orphanage. The text printed under the relief is a refrain from a poem by Joost van der Vodel, added decades later: "We grow in number and burden, the lament of our Holy Father; Pass not through the gate without helping a little one." This is in line with today's reading from James 1 that we "be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves." Photo © Jorge Royan / <http://www.royan.com.ar>.

Preparation for Worship

We invite you to meditate silently on art, music and Scripture.

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude 10:00 a.m.	Andante Cantabile	Charles-Marie Widor
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
Interlude	Improvisation on "O Waly Waly"	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

adapted from Feasting on the Word

The night has passed.

The morning has come.

The voice of the Spirit calls us to walk with God into this new day.

Our hearts overflow with God's goodness!

Let us worship God.

Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER



1. Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice, Called to min - is - tries of grace,
2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, In a small or glob - al sense,
4. So God grant us for to - mor - row Ways to or - der hu - man life.

We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - t'ring, Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, Break - ing down each wall or fence.
That sur - round each per - son's sor - row With a calm that con - quers strife.

May we learn the art of shar - ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, All God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, Words of chal - lenge, said with care,
Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease,

E - qual part - ners in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

from Psalm 15

"Who may abide in the presence of God?

Who may live on God's holy mountain?

Those who speak truth from their hearts."

Let us tell the truth about ourselves before God and our sisters and brothers.

Prayer of Confession

adapted from Feasting on the Word

God of light, we confess that we honor you with our lips but do not serve you with our lives. We avoid your liberating truth. We confuse meekness with weakness, holiness with conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us. Save us from the prison of our hypocrisy so we may serve you with sincere hearts; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

adapted from Feasting on the Word

Do not despair; God renews us with the word of truth.

Friends, our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

adapted from Book of Common Worship PC(USA)

O God, author and giver of all good things, as we listen to your Word,
plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion;
nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Psalm 15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

James 1: 17-27

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Brighton

Sermon

Who Will We Become?

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

from Compassion Camp Curriculum

Let's focus on what we hope for ourselves and each other.

I will share a phrase, and we will repeat it together.

Feel the warm feelings of lovingkindness for yourself without any judgment.

May I be happy.

May I be happy.

May I be healthy.

May I be healthy.

May I be safe.

May I be safe.

May I be at peace.

May I be at peace.

(Optional: Repeat these phrases three times.)

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

James 1: 17

"Every good and generous act of giving is itself a gift from God above."

We serve God with our tithes and offerings.

With gladness, we give of our life and labor to God's work.

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: Bev Koos; Rebecca Koos; David Milnes; Duane Schipull; Hudson Stoner; 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 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).

Worship Watch Party

TODAY, AUGUST 29

Neighborhood Picnic Sunday

10:30 AM

September 5

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Sundays from September 12

Single Service at 9:30 a.m

September 5

The Last Summer Service at FPC!

8:30 AM outside,

Masks, communion, singing.

Kirkwood Parking Lot.

10:00 AM indoors,

Masks and singing.

Sanctuary.

MusikGarten

Online

TODAY, AUGUST 29

10:30 AM

September 5

Recess

From Sunday September 12

TBA – stay tuned!

Cherub Choir

TODAY, & September 5

Recess

Sundays, Sept 12 - October 10

10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Cherubs and Families attend

Season of Creation

Intergenerational Celebrations

Sundays, starting October 17

10:35 – 10:50 a.m. Choir

10:50 – 11:20 a.m. Sunday School

Kirkwood

TODAY & Sept 5

Remains in Recess

Sundays, Sept 12-October 10

10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Kids and Families attend

Season of Creation

Intergenerational Celebration

Sundays, starting October 17

Alternating Schedule begins:

Stay tuned!

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

The Gift of Love

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Theresa Jacobsmeier and Dianna Darland – Handbells, Alex Gilson – Piano

To share your tithes and offerings online, 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.

Praise 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.

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 Prayer of Jesus

Monica Furlong

God, who cares for us,

The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe:

Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.

Let your mysteries be known here as they are in heaven.

Give us the food and the hope we need for today.

Forgive us our wrongdoing

as we forgive the wrongs done to us.

Protect us from pride and from despair

and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.

In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,

while worlds come and go. Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD



1. To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord,
2. God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man race
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y stream,
4. May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing word,
to help to set the cap - tive free, make plow-share out of sword,
to live as stew - ards of the earth, re - spond - ing to God's grace.
with righ - teous - ness in field and town to cleanse us and re - deem.
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
to feed the hun - gry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
But we are vain and sad - ly proud; we sow not peace but strife.
For God is long - ing to re - store an earth where con - flicts cease,
As stew - ards of the earth may we give thanks in one ac - cord
to serve the poor and home-less first, our ease and com - fort last.
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
a world that was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
to God who calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

Charge and Benediction

1 Peter 4: 10-11; James 1:17

God has blessed you with every good and perfect gift from above.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift you have received.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.

Postlude

Fileuse

Marcel Dupré

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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 worth 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 & 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 Needed:

Prom and Party Dresses!

The Caring Closet is open 9:00 AM -noon Tuesdays and 2:00-5:00 PM Fridays. 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 still looking for volunteers to help in the store. If you can help, please call or email me (ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com).

**Caring Closet Prom Night
Special Events
Tuesday, September 7 & 14,
5:00-7:00 PM**

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.

Announcements

Compassionate Kids Camp: Today is our last day! One Service, 10:30 AM

Our theme for worship is Compassion Camp Sunday; the kids will share all that they've learned this summer!

Neighborhood Picnic - Today, 11:30 AM

We're serving hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, lemonade and tea. There'll be lot of fun family activities – face painting, balloon animals, a magician... Come share a meal with your church friends and neighbors!

Sunday School Starts Soon!

Registration: Today during the picnic, September 5 and September 12

Sunday Funday: September 12 in Von Maur Hall, Intergenerational Activities for All

Sunday School: September 19 - October 10 in Von Maur Hall,

Season of Creation Intergenerational Celebrations at 10:35 – 11:20 a.m.

Sunday School: from October 17 ... 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 in Promise Land

Sign Up for First Night Out! – Sundays, August 29, September & 12

Calling all 50+ singles and couples! Drop by our table today, before or during the picnic, to sign up for our fun social group! Enjoy lots of fellowship, great programs and activities during the year! For more information about our group, please contact Marilyn Jorgenson (563-391-2737; dmjorgenson@hotmail.com.)

On September 5, we'll be at our table, located near the Sanctuary elevator entrance, between the services. On September 12, we'll be in the Narthex before the service.

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. Our topic for this coming Tuesday, August 31 is 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

Beginning September 22, 2021:

**Bible Basics is moving back to our former WEDNESDAY meeting time!
More information to come!**

Women of Hope Bible Study – Wednesday, September 8, 10:00 AM

Start the fall with something new. Join the Women of Hope Bible Study group on Wednesday, September 8, at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. For additional information about Women of Hope, please contact Jeanne Sherwood (563-391-9287; jssherwood@gmail.com.)



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, September 18 committee members will meet you at the Twilight dock at 10:30 AM with your "will call" tickets.

Scheduling Events and Meetings at FPC

Please contact FPC's Facilities and Custodial Supervisor, Darren Long (563-326-1691, x-205; long@fpcdavenport.org), to arrange meeting times, locations, and room set-up specifications, if you're planning a church event or scheduling a meeting. It's necessary to contact Darren about the availability of church facilities, complete and submit a Build Use Form (BUF) and receive notification of approval, before finalizing and announcing plans to hold meetings, events, and activities at the church. This makes for efficient room space and custodial scheduling for your meeting, activity or event. Thank you!

A Fond Farewell

Dear FPC Members,
I'm sad to share that I have resigned from my position at First Pres. I am blessed to know the people of this wonderful church and thank you all for the great memories that I take with me. My last day here at the church is Friday, September 3.
Sincerely,
Bobette Maginas

Blessing of the Backpacks!



News from the Finance Office: July Financials

	July 2021		July 2020	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	40,770	44,230	50,907	57,210
Custodial Accounts Income	10,992	-	5,720	-
Compensation Expenses	33,507	43,191	48,693	48,037
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	15,221	13,018	9,071	17,855
Custodial Accounts Expenses	10,993	-	5,720	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(7,959)	(11,979)	(6,857)	(8,682)
	2021 Year-To-Date		2020 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	439,721	407,699	519,256	549,948
Custodial Accounts Income	21,890	-	99,532	-
Compensation Expenses	273,484	292,343	343,191	348,614
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	117,721	121,014	95,802	136,905
Custodial Accounts Expenses	21,894	-	99,532	-
Surplus (Deficit)	48,512	(5,658)	80,263	64,429
All numbers are rounded.				

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Caring Closet Prom Events

First Presbyterian Church of Davenport Caring Closet

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FORMAL EVENTS FOR HOMECOMING & PROM

Tuesday, September 7
and
Tuesday, September 14
5:00 - 7:00 PM



*Clothing and shoes
for the entire family
at no cost!*