

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

September 5, 2021  
Fifteenth 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**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

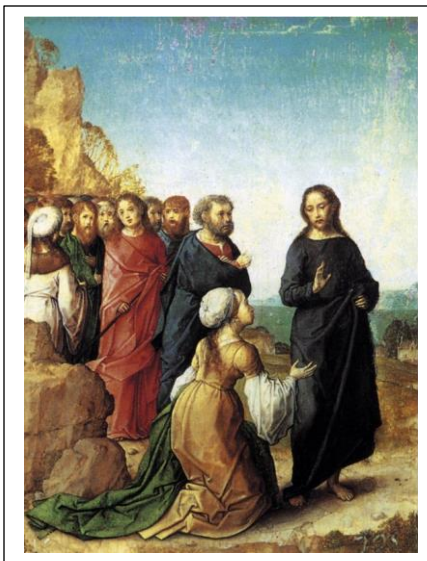
Psalms 125

James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

*"A good name is to be  
chosen rather than great  
riches...The rich and the  
poor have this in common:  
the Lord is maker of them  
all."*

Proverbs 22:1-2



This week's artwork is a painting by Juan de Flanders (c. 1460-1515), a Flemish artist employed in the Spanish court. Little is known about his life, but his style is consistent with other 15-century Flemish masters. This artwork, originally part of a polyptych from around 1500, is a depiction of the Syrophenician woman asking Jesus to heal her daughter; it is currently housed in Madrid's Palacio de Oriente.

### Preparation for Worship

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

### The Church Gathers To...

Prelude Here I Am to Worship Tim Hughes

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Pat Halverson

Interlude Deep River African American Spiritual

### Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship based on Psalm 146

Let us praise the Lord this day!

**We will praise the Lord, singing praises to God all our days.**

Happy are those whose help and hope are in God.

**May the Lord feed us, open our eyes, and lead us in righteousness.**

**The Staff of  
First Presbyterian Church:**

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

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As the Lord watches over us, so also does God welcome the orphan and widow, the poor and the oppressed.

**May all feel welcome as we gather in praise of our God.**

**Hymn**

**In Christ There Is No East or West**

MCKEE



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their high com - mu - nion find;
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What - e'er your race may be;
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;



But one great fel - low - ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
His ser - vice is the gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God Are sure - ly kin to me.  
All Christ - ly souls are one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### Call to Confession

Let us confess our need for forgiveness to the One who offers mercy and grace.

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you have loved us unconditionally and have commanded us to love one another. But we confess that our love for one another has faltered, and sometime failed altogether. At times we turn away from those not like us; at times we have disdain in our hearts for the unlovely, or for the poor and despised. Forgive us for those times we show love only to those who love us. In Christ we pray, Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

The love of God is poured out in Christ whose forgiving grace is unconditional. God forgives us of all sin

**Thanks be to God!**

## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, help us to set aside distractions. Speak to our hearts as we listen to your word and apply it to our faith and action. Amen.**

### Scripture Readings

Mark 7:24-31

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

James 2:1-10, 13-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Respond to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

**We believe the words of Christ:**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.**

**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall find mercy.**

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

### Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Breathe

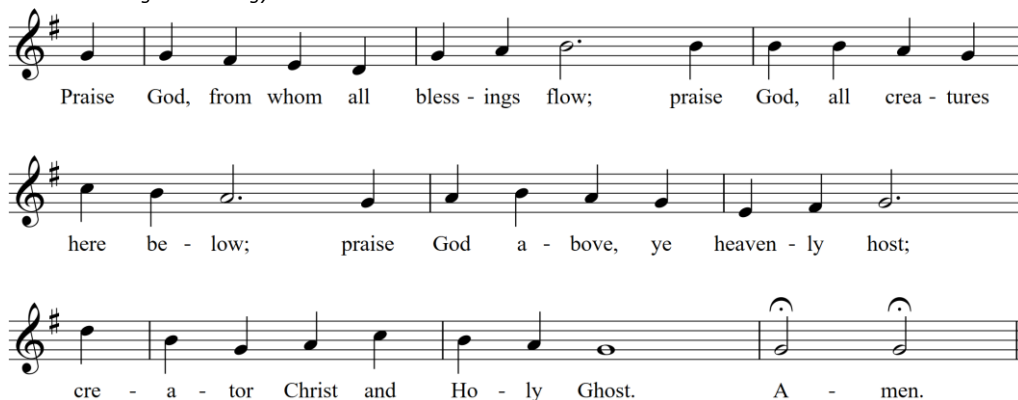
Michael W. Smith

Sherry Williams – Alto, Jay Williams - Guitar

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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 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.**

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**In Our Prayers: Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Bennett Lane Downing, Matt and Mariann Kabel, Brenda Cole, Bev Koos, David Milnes, Hudson Stoner, Rebecca Koos; 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 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).

## Worship Watch Party

**TODAY, September 5,**  
**The Last Summer Services**  
**of the Year at FPC!**

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

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

## Sundays from September 12

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Single Service at 9:30 AM

## MusikGarten

Online

**Today - In Recess**  
**From Sunday September 12 ....**  
8:30 a.m.

## Cherub Choir

**Today - In Recess**  
**September 12 – Sunday Funday!**  
**Sundays,**

**September 19 - October 10**  
10:35 – 11:20 AM  
Cherubs and Families attend  
Season of Creation  
Intergenerational Celebrations  
**Sundays, starting October 17**  
10:35 – 10:50 AM Cherub Choir  
10:50 – 11:20 AM Sunday School

## Kirkwood

**Today - Remains in Recess**  
**Sundays,**  
**September 12-October 10**  
10:35 - 11:20 AM  
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*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise....**

## The Lord's Prayer

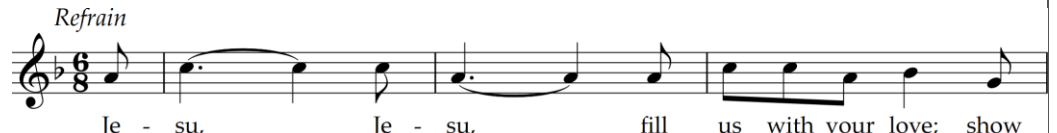
## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

### Hymn

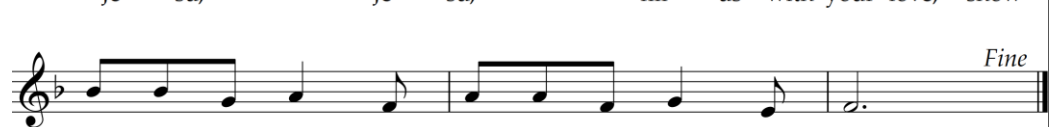
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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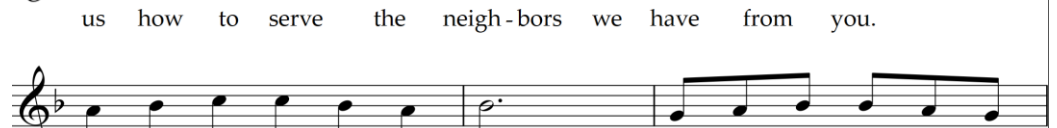
*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

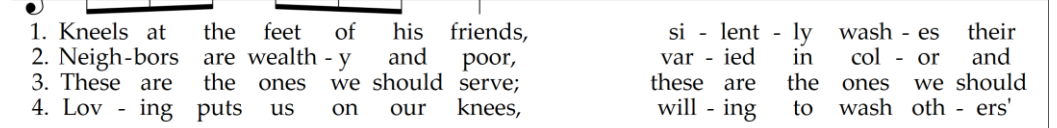


us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you. *Fine*



1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
2. Neigh-bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
3. These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should  
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

*to Refrain*



feet; Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.  
love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
feet; this is the way we should live like you.

## Charge and Benediction

As God sent Christ, God also sent the Spirit to dwell within us, and to fill our hearts.

Therefore:

**Let us walk in God's wisdom, sharing Christ's love,**  
**bearing the Spirit's fruit of joy, gentleness, kindness and self-control.**

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his presence upon you and give you peace.

## Postlude

Fanfare and Chorale

Calvin Fuller

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## Announcements

### Sunday School Starts Soon!

Registration: 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 AM

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

### Sign Up for First Night Out! – Sundays, September 5 & 12

Calling all 50+ singles and couples! Drop by our table 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:jssherwood@gmail.com).)

### Bible Basics for the Fall 2021

Our summer series will finish up with a two-part video about Dietrick Bonhoeffer on Tuesdays, September 8 and September 15 at 6:15 PM. The Zoom link is below:

<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!

On Wednesday, September 22 at 6:15 PM, we are starting an interesting eight-week study of the Psalms. We are going to use two resources for this study. The first is a free on-line course created by the Yale Divinity School: [Psalms - Yale Bible Study](#). The curriculum provides a short video, a study guide, and discussion questions for each week. The topics include: What are the Psalms?, Psalms of Complaint, Hymns, Royal Psalms, Wisdom Psalms, The Human Condition, The Character of God, and The Psalms of Poetry. The second resource recommended for the class is *The Book of Psalms*, by Robert Alter. Dr. Alter provides his own translation of the psalms and a commentary on all 150 Psalms. (\$15 paperback; \$10 Kindle) If you have been thinking about joining BB201, this would be a wonderful time to do so. Please contact Mark Jones ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com)) for more information. Here is the Zoom link for classes beginning on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:15 PM.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmcwFjUa3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdZ09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

Passcode: 215593

### The Caring Closet Update – Donations Needed: Prom & Party Dresses!

The Caring Closet is open 9:00 AM -noon Tuesdays and 2:00-5:00 PM on 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. If you can volunteer to help in the store, please call or email me ([ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com](mailto: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.



### 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.

### 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](mailto:Ppelhartmann@aol.com)) for details. Your help is needed and appreciated!

### It's easy 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.

### Scheduling Events and Meetings at FPC

Please contact FPC's Facilities and Custodial Supervisor, Darren Long (563-326-1691, x-205; [long@fpcdavenport.org](mailto: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!

### 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.				

### Neighborhood Picnic

It may have rained, but we carried on!



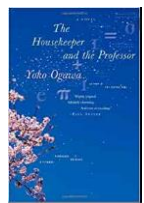


### **All Aboard!**

#### ***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](http://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, 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. For more information call Linda Meadors (309-235-5806).



#### **Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club – Monday, September 20, 12:30 PM**

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club will meet at 12:30 PM on Monday, September 20 in the church Parlor. Sue Wagschal will lead the discussion on *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa. All are welcome whether you've read the book or not! Masks are required.

#### **Prayer Shawl Group and Knit for Kids -Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 PM**

The Prayer Shawl Group is meeting on Tuesday, September 21, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Nancy Foster is hosting the group in her home, 2036 E. 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Davenport. All who have an interest in making prayer shawls for the church or blankets, hats or sweaters for Knit for Kids are welcome to attend. Questions, contact Karla Jones ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com); 563-349-4000) or Nancy Foster ([nancyotr97@gmail.com](mailto:nancyotr97@gmail.com); 563-391-4622.)

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**FORMAL EVENTS  
FOR HOMECOMING & PROM**

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



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