

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

September 19, 2021
 Season of Creation: Sky Sunday
 Worship at 9:30 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.

SEASON OF CREATION

Today we begin the Season of Creation. Since 1989, this ecumenical observance expressed concern for our ecological crisis and repentance for the way we treat the earth.

You can learn more at 2021-SOC-Full-Guide.pdf (seasonofcreation.org)



Vincent Van Gogh, The Starry Night. The Museum of Modern Art, New York. Acquired through the Lillie P. Bliss Bequest / Photo John Wronn

Van Gogh was inspired, he said, by imagery in the poetry of Walt Whitman: "He sees...under the great starlit vault of heaven a something which after all one can only call God—and eternity in its place above the world."

Preparation for Worship

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

The Church Gathers To...

*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

Prelude	Preaeludium et Fuga in C	J. S. Bach
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
Introit	God Is Gone Up with a Shout Sanctuary Choir	Eric Thiman

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

adapted from Hildegard of Bingen, 13 c.

We gather in the name of God,
the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all its creatures!
 Praise to the Holy Trinity!
God is sound and life,
 Creator of the Universe,
Source of all life,
 Whom the angels sing.
 Let us worship God.

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www.fpcdavenport.org

***Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign Where-er the Sun

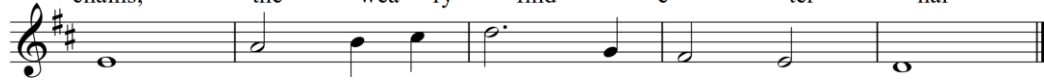
DUKE STREET



1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun Does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es throng to crown His
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on His love with sweet - est
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: the pris - oners leap to loose their



run, His king - dom stretch from shore to
head; His name, like sweet per - fume shall
song, and in - fant voi - ces shall pro -
chains; the wea - ry find e - ter - nal



shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
rise With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
claim their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

***Call to Confession**

adapted from Laudato Si'

"...The earth itself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; the earth "groans in childbirth" (Rom 8:22). Let us pray

***Prayer of Confession**

from <https://seasonofcreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-SOC-Full-Guide.pdf>

Jesus Christ could not find a place to lay his head. Millions of our human family are displaced without access to clean water, sanitation and personal hygiene.

Have mercy on us, for the sake of the Earth and all that is in it.

Foxes of the field and birds of the air have a place to call home. Yet we misuse the earth; habitats are desecrated, and millions of species no longer have a home.

Have mercy on us, for the sake of the Earth and all that is in it.

Turn us O God, from our will to dominate your Earth.

Call us again to till and to keep.

Gather us into the power of just relationships that heal and sustain.

Enlighten us by your Spirit that safeguards a home for all. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

from <https://seasonofcreation.org>

If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation.

We see God around us.

We see God within us.

We give thanks to our Creator!

Anthem

From All That Dwell Below the Skies
The Sanctuary Choir

Gordan Young

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

from John 1: 1

"In the beginning was the Word;
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
For the Word of God in Scripture;
For the Word of God among us;

For the Word of God within us;
Thanks be to God!

Scripture Readings

Psalm 19: 1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Philippians 2: 14-18

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Brighton

Sermon

The Heavens Are Telling Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

*adapted from Per Harling, and
<https://seasonofcreation.org>, and Psalm 24: 1*

**We are gathered in the name of Jesus, born of Mary and child of Joseph,
the 4th -great-grandchild of Eve and Adam
who were human children of the Earth and of our Creator.
We belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.
We belong to Jesus Christ, the true image of God and of humanity.
We belong to the Holy Spirit, who gives us new life and strengthens our faith.
In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved, in the Spirit we are all united.
Together, we belong to the Earth, our common home.
"The Earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it!"**

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

adapted from Seasons of the Spirit

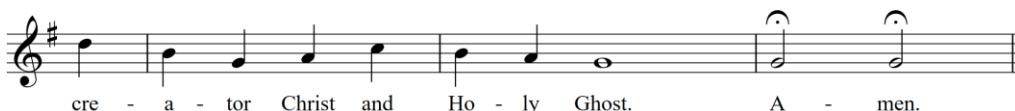
God has given us so many gifts.
We offer our gifts and our selves in response,
as a sign of our gratitude and a gesture of our love.

Cantabile
César Franck

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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.



JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Bennett Lane Downing on Sunday, August 29, Prayers for Matt and Mariann Kabel, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Bev Koos, Hudson Stoner, Rebecca Koos; Duane Schipull, 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).

Anthem Texts

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Text: Isaac Watts (1719)

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator’s praise arise;
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
Through every land by every tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Text: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

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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

adapted from The Book of Cerner, 9c.

**Creator God, in your tranquil world above, may your kin-dom come.
Reveal your nourishing light.
Let your clear will be done on earth and in heaven.
Provide to us what is needed for life today: the substance of holy bread.
Forgive the countless debts of our sinful errors,
no different than we pardon our debtors.
Keep temptation far away, and likewise raise us up from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power and the glory are yours, forever; Amen.**

Go To Serve With God’s Blessing

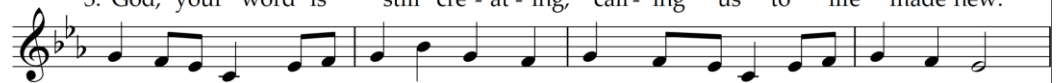
*Hymn

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

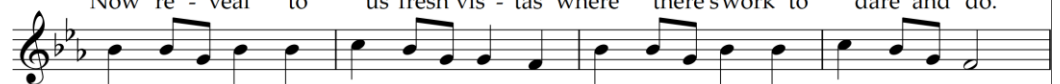
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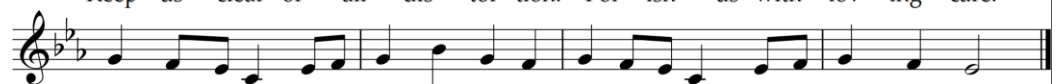
1. God, you spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
2. You have called us to be faith-ful in our life and min - is - try.
3. God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to life made new.



mold the moun - tains, fash-ion blo-ssoms call forth sun shine, wind, and rain.
We re - spond in grate-ful wor - ship joined in one com - mu - ni - ty.
Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's work to dare and do.



We, cre - at - ed in your im - age, would a true re - flec - tion be
When we blur your gra - cious im - age, fo - cus us and make us whole.
Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion. Pol - ish us with lov - ing care.



of your jus - tice, grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
Healed and strength ened as your peo ple, we move on - ward towards your goal.
Thus, new crea - tures in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Sanctuary Choir

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Postlude

Talk About a Child that Do Love Jesus

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