

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

October 3, 2021
Season of Creation: Humanity 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 continue our
observance of 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
\(seasonofcreation.org\)](#)



A Global Festival of Song for World Communion Sunday

Preparation for Worship

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

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

Printed contact-free

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude	Bread of Heaven	William B. Cooper
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
Minute for Mission	Stewardship Committee	Ruling Elder Patrick Downing
Prelude	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty The Vesper Bells	Arr. Kevin McChesney

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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 for World Communion Sunday

from Psalm 85

Let us hear what God will say:

God will speak peace to the people!

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Justice and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the earth;

Justice will look down from the sky.

The Lord will give what is good;

The earth will be filled with abundance.

Let us worship God.

Hymn

Sound a Mystic Bamboo Song

MYSTIC BAMBOO SONG



1. Sound a mys - tic bam - boo song; raise a chant - ing lyr - ic voice;
2. See the Christ in trib - al cloth, liv - ing in a squat - ter's shed,
3. Free the Christ with - in the poor; break the chains of wealth and power.
4. May your live - ly Spir - it, God, blow through - out this rav - ished earth,



beat the drum and play the flute; let the church of God re - joice.
bend - ing as she plants the rice, sleep - ing on a pave - ment bed.
Let the age of shar - ing dawn; sing the prom - ised gos - pel hour.
giv - ing cul - tures, crea - tures, plants, whole - ness, still - ness, growth, and worth.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

from Seasons of the Spirit and Ruth Duck

God calls us to remember our humanity and reminds us that we are created to embrace our kinship with all creation. Let us confess the times we forget our own created selves:

Prayer of Confession

from Amos 5

Holy God, you call us to establish justice so all may live in peace. Yet we trample the poor, we oppress the weak, and we push aside the needy. We take what is not ours, ignore the words of your prophets, and silence the voices of truth. Forgive us, O God. Restore us, make us holy, and re-create us so that songs of peace and joy resound across your earth; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God of Earth, God of Sky

Richard Avery

We sing our praise to God for forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.



Friends in Christ, our sins are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Wana Baraka
 The Sanctuary Choir
(Translation on page 4 of this bulletin)

Kenyan Hymn

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

from Isaiah 52 and Luke 2

God of our salvation, how beautiful are those who announce your peace! Help us to hear and believe your Word of peace on earth and goodwill to all; Amen.

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Brighton

A Midrash on Genesis 1: 26 – 28

from Seasons of the Spirit

It was the sixth day. God looked around, God looked ALL the way around, and God smiled at everything that had been created so far. Light and darkness; sky, earth, and seas; plants of every kind; the sun, moon, and stars; all the creatures of the waters, all the creatures of the sky, and creatures of the land. And God said, "That's good...that's very good!"

Hymn

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Bennett Lane Downing on Sunday, August 29, **Prayers for Cheryl McCulloh**, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Matt and Mariann Kabel, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Bev Koos, 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 when patients give permission and when pandemic precautions permit.

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

"Wana Baraka"

Text: Traditional Kenyan

Sung in Swahili

Translation:

They have blessings, those who
pray;

Jesus himself said so. Alleluia!

They have peace...

They have joy...

Thy have well-being...

"A Gaelic Blessing"

Text: Adapted from an old Gaelic

Rune

Deep peace of the running wave to
you,

Deep peace of the flowing air to
you,

Deep peace of the quiet earth to
you,

Deep peace of the shining stars to
you,

Deep peace of the gentle night to
you,

Moon and stars pour their healing
light on you,

Deep peace of Christ the light of
the world to you.

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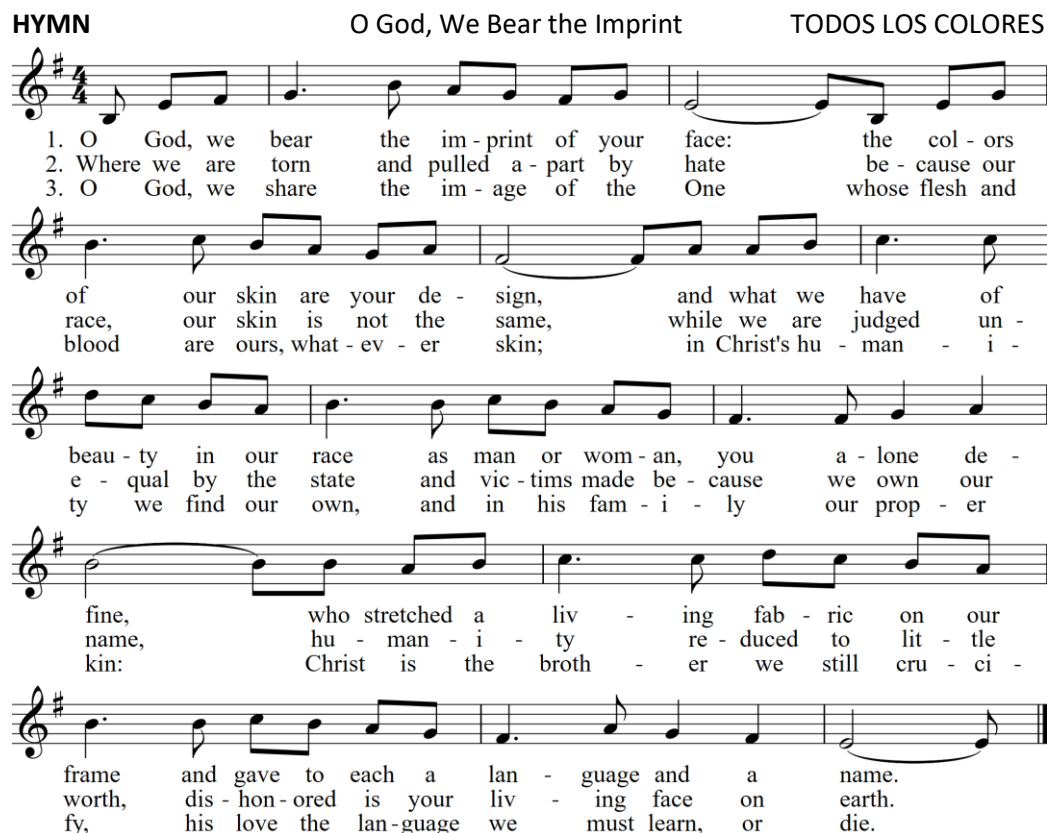
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Then God took a moment to think. God took a long time to think. God decided it was time for something brand new. God said, "I need someone to help me care for all these wonders." So, God said, "Let there be humankind, and let their hearts reflect my heart with love for all creation." And God said, "That's good...that's very good!"

HYMN O God, We Bear the Imprint **TODOS LOS COLORES**



And when God looked at everything that had been created, God said, "That's good...that's very, very, very good!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

**God does not take us out of the world,
but sends us into the world.
We worship God in the world
by standing before God on behalf of all people.
Our cries for help and our songs of praise
are not for ourselves alone.
We serve humanity by discerning
what God is doing in the world
to free people by the Gospel of justice, compassion and peace;
and then joining God in that work.**

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God and Peacemaking/Global Witness Offering

Scripture promises that a harvest of justice is sown
for those who cultivate peace.

from James 3

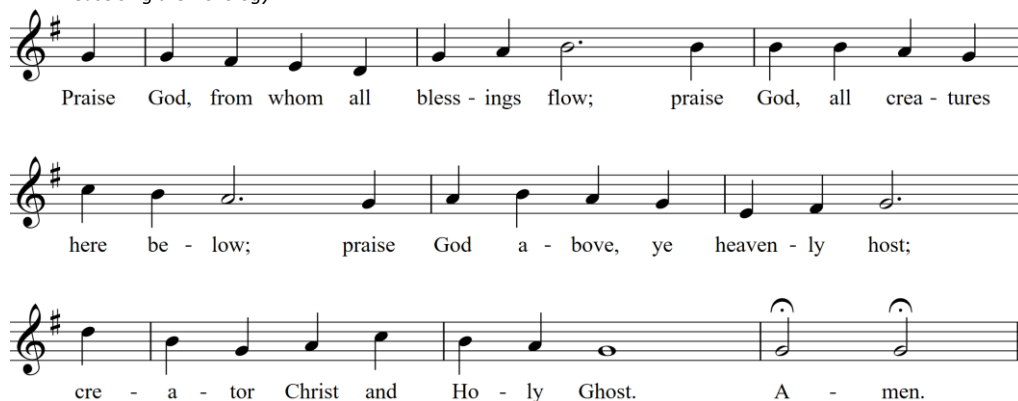
With glad and generous hearts,
we offer our lives and our labor to the Lord.

Children of the Heavenly Father Arr. Cathy Mocklebust
The Vesper Bells

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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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

from Seasons of the Spirit

Come to the table of One whose footprints are on the tundra,
desert, delta, Sea of Galilee, bush and forest, and whose Good News

Peace & Global Witness Offering for World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday
is a global and ecumenical
celebration of Christ's peace.
Together, around the world,
we gather in God's house
to share the peace of Christ
with our siblings
in every time and place,
and commit to building
a more just and peaceful world.

Every year,
on World Communion Sunday,
we receive
the Peace and Global Witness
Special Offering
to support peacemaking work in
our community (25%);
our region (25%);
and across the globe (50%).

*"O God of Peace, at all times and in
all ways, grant us your peace and
help us to imagine a world where
you justice and peace are ever
known; Amen."*

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 get a return
text of three nearby locations 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; 90 percent of Americans
live within five miles of them.

Pickleball is Back! Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:00 AM

We play pickleball 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.

Reconciliation Process Begins

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies directed our congregation and the Presbytery of East Iowa to engage in a reconciliation process.

The Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw has been engaged to facilitate our work. Beth is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She serves as the Executive Presbyter of Glacier Presbytery in Montana; and she teaches on the faculty of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

Beth began her work in July by learning about the events of the last few years and by meeting with the first of many individuals. Beth's work is focused on helping us to move forward as a congregation.

If you would like to communicate with Beth, her email address is blmccaw70@gmail.com

The reconciliation process, as designed and led by Beth, is expected to occur this fall and we anticipate the process will be completed by January 2022.

Reconciliation is part of our work to rebuild and reinvigorate our congregation; we hope recruiting and calling a new senior pastor will follow our reconciliation process.

If you would like to receive a copy of Beth's first report to the Synod, please contact Clerk of Session Mark Jones or Bridging Pastor Kathy Stoner-Lasala.

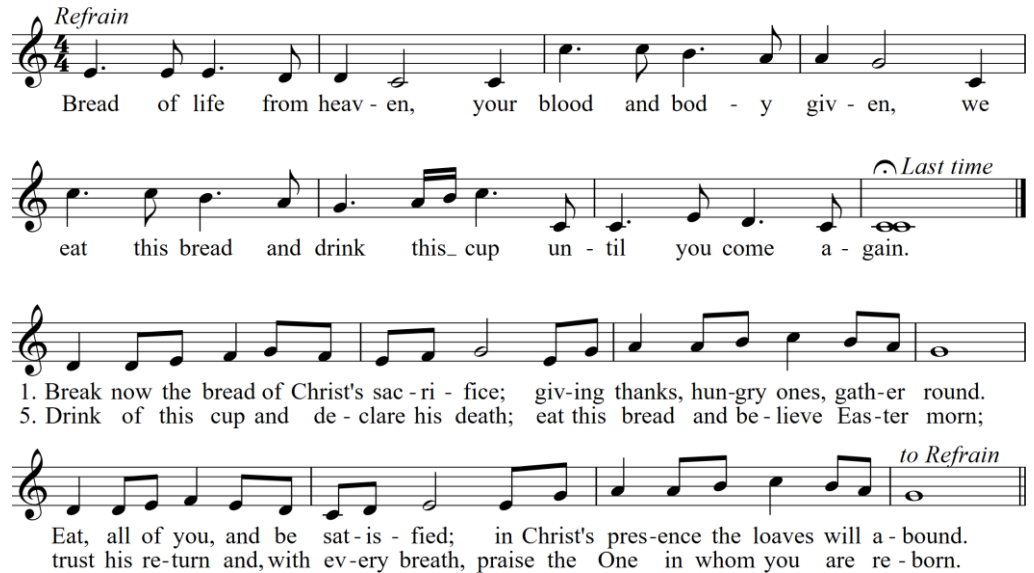
speaks in Swahili, Spanish and Sign, Bahasa, Basque and Braille, Urdu, HTML and Te Reo Maori. Come to the breaking of rice cake and corn tortilla, the passing of unleavened Passover bread and naan, and the pouring of a cup of merlot or concord grape, salabat juice, atole, or coconut milk. Come to a meal with a global guest list!

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bread of Life from Heaven

ARGENTINE SANTO

Refrain



Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we

eat this bread and drink this_ cup un - til you come a - gain.

Last time

1. Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round.
5. Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;

to Refrain

Eat, all of you, and be sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
trust his re - turn and, with ev - ery breath, praise the One in whom you are re - born.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer Following Communion

from Seasons of the Spirit

Provisioning God, bless the spoons, chopsticks, flatbread, and fingers of all your children. Bless every meeting of hunger and generosity. Bless our memories of food shared and our hopes for food justice. Bless the peace of our common cup, the pieces of our broken bread and the global holy chaos of Communion in all the world's time zones, that, everywhere, and in this place sacred to us today, it may become a holy meal and our pledge of an open table where no one is hungry or thirsty; Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

1. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 2. We are march - ing in the light of God; we are march ing in the
 3. We are pray - ing in the light of God; we are pray-ing in the
 4. We are sing - ing in the light of God; we are sing-ing in the

nyen' kwen khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
 light of God. We are pray - ing in the light of God;
 light of God. We are sing - ing in the light of God;

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' Si - ya -
 we are march-ing in the light of God. We are
 we are pray-ing in the light of God. We are
 we are sing-ing in the light of God. We are

ham - ba oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha nyen' kwen - khos'.
 march-ing, oo we are march ing in the light of, God.
 pray - ing, oo we are pray-ing in the light of, God.
 sing - ing, oo we are sing-ing in the light of, God.

— Si - ya-ham - ba oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha nyen' kwen-khos'.
 We are march-ing, oo we are march ing in the light of God.
 We are pray-ing, oo we are pray-ing in the light of God.
 We are sing-ing, oo we are sing-ing in the light of God.

Charge and Benediction

The Benediction of St. Francis

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers,
 half-truths and superficial relationships,
 so you may live deep within your heart.
 May God bless you with anger
 at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,
 so you may work for justice, freedom and peace.
 May God bless you with tears
 to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger and war,
 so you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.
 And may God bless you with enough foolishness
 to believe you can make a difference in the world,
 so you can do what others claim cannot be done:
 to bring justice and kindness to all your children and the poor.

Choral Benediction

A Gaelic Blessing
 Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

Postlude

Toccata

Léon Boëllmann

Bible Basics 201 – A Study of Psalms

Bible Basics has begun a series of lessons on the Psalms. We are using a curriculum from Yale Divinity School.

Here is the link to the study material:

<https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/psalms>

We are also using the *The Book of Psalms*, by Robert Alter. Dr. Alter provides his own translation and a commentary on all 150 Psalms.

We meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM on Zoom. Here is the schedule for up-coming lessons:

October 6
Psalms of Complaint

October 13
Hymns

October 20
Royal Psalms

October 27
Wisdom Psalms

November 3
The Human Condition

November 10
The Character of God

Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information.

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID:
822 8309 5977

Passcode:
215593

**Adult Christian Education
Special Event for
World Communion
Sunday**

Today, October 3
12:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

We are pleased to invite you to join a Presbytery-wide learning time with Effi Latsoudi, PC(USA) International Peacemaker.

Latsoudi is a psychologist and founding member and coordinator of the Pikpa Solidarity Cap in Lesbos, Greece, the first open, independent, welcoming shelter for refugees fleeing to Greece primarily from Africa and the Middle East.

More than 30,000 vulnerable refugees and victims of sea tragedies have been supported by Pikpa.

In the last decade, Effi has been at the forefront of helping and welcoming refugees, providing for the shelter, needs and in some cases proper funerals of migrants, even going to lengths to identify them and inform their relatives.

The most tragic day for Latsoudi was October 28, 2015, when more than 70 migrants drowned just off the coast of Lesbos.

This episode left a profound mark upon her humanitarian experience.

Register in advance for this meeting; you will receive a confirmation email.

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtf-ihRdwrGNf_V0-Eggf3p5TLQfNub8P4](https://zoom.us/join/zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtf-ihRdwrGNf_V0-Eggf3p5TLQfNub8P4)

Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk is today, Sunday, October 3

To sign up as an individual walker for either virtual and in-person options:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/davenportia>

Interfaith Alliance Iowa's Faithful Voices for Racial Justice Project's

"A Faithful Conversation about The 1619 Project" will be live-streamed on YouTube at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, October 4 through November 8, 2021. For more information & to register: [The 1619 Project | FAITHFUL VOICES FOR RACIAL JUSTICE \(faithful-voices.org\)](https://www.1619project.org/faithful-voices)

Presbytery of East Iowa Book Study

Rev. T. Denise Anderson, Coordinator, Racial & Intercultural Justice, PC(U.S.A.), & Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016-18) will speak at our November Presbytery Meeting; she has challenged us to an All-Presbytery Book Read of *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. For a free Self-Paced Study Guide: [Caste-Book-Study-Entire-Documents.pdf \(peia.org\)](https://www.peia.org/caste-book-study) or [CASTE Book Study: A Self-Paced Study Guide for the Presbytery of East Iowa – Presbytery of East Iowa \(peia.org\)](https://www.peia.org/caste-book-study)

Fall Program Schedule

Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., for more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook.

Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays 7:00- 8:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Vesper Bells

Thursdays 6:00 – 6:45 p.m., in the Chapel

MusikGarten

Online, Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

Cherub Choir and Sunday School

Sundays, **Sept 12 - Oct 10**, 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Season of Creation Intergenerational Celebration, Von Maur Hall, Cherubs & Families

Sundays, **October 17** and **October 24**, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Sunday School

Sundays, **October 31** and **November 7**, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Cherub Choir

Sunday, **November 14**, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday, **November 21**, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Cherub Choir

Kirkwood Choir and Sunday School

Sundays, **Sept 12-October 10**, 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m., Season of Creation

Intergenerational Celebration, Von Maur Hall, Kirkwood Choir & Families

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Confirmation Class

10:35 – 11:20 a.m., Fireplace Room

Confirmation Class is for anyone in 7th – 9th Grades

Adult Christian Education

Sept 12-October 10, 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m., Season of Creation

Intergenerational Celebration, Von Maur Hall

Chamber Chorale

Sundays, 11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., Choir Room

