

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

October 10, 2021
Season of Creation: Earth 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 Service of Hymns on Creation

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	Prelude in G minor	Marcel Dupré
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
Prelude	Let All the World in Every Corner Sing The Sanctuary Choir	E.T Chapman

**The Staff of
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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

from Seasons of the Spirit

Look up! See the circling hawk dancing with joy for life.

God invites us to join in the dance!

Look down! See the soil nourishing each life it touches.

God invites us to join in the caring!

Listen! Hear the bubbling stream singing out thanks for life.

God invites us to join in the song!

Listen again! Hear the universe praising God who shapes us all.

God invites us to join in the praise!

Let us worship God.

*Hymn

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

1. God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of earth that yields
2. We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in turt from you
3. As grows the hid - den seed, to fruit that serves our need,
4. God of the coun - try - side, dear to the Christ who died

our dai - ly bread: forth from your boun - teous hand come gifts your
all that you give; help us in love to share, teach us like
so your reign grows. Let all our toil be used, no gift of
to make us one: we pledge our lives a - new in faith - ful

love has planned, that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
you to care for peo - ple ev - ery where, that all may live.
yours a - bused, no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
love to you. Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

*Call to Confession

from Psalm 33

The Psalmist sang: "... the word of the Lord is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness Let all the earth fear the Lord ... and stand in awe."

Let us confess our sin before God and our neighbors:

*Prayer of Confession

from Seasons of the Spirit

God of all mercy:

For times we have viewed Planet Earth
as a source of endless resources:

Forgive us.

For times we have polluted Earth's waters with toxins:

Forgive us.

For times we have cared more about "progress"
than our home in your Earth:

Forgive us.

Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 33: 20-21

The Psalmist wrote, "We wait in hope for the Lord; God is our help and our shield.
Our hearts rejoice in God, for we trust in God's holy name."

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

Anthem

I'll Praise My Maker
The Sanctuary Choir

Lloyd Pfautsch

"I'll Praise My Maker"

Text: Isaac Watts

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers:
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures.

Happy the man whose hopes rely On Israel's God,
He made the sky, And earth and seas, with all their train.

His truth forever stands secure,
He saves th'oppressed, He feeds the poor,
And none shall find His promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
The Lord supports the fainting Mind;
He sends the laboring conscience peace.

He helps the stranger in distress,
The widow and the fatherless,
And grants the prisoner sweet release.

Listen for God's Word

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

Prayer for Illumination

from Seasons of the Spirit

Generous God, creation is your song of love. Teach us to stop, look and listen. As we hear your Word, open our hearts to join in the wonder of the cosmos; Amen.

A Midrash on Genesis 1

from Seasons of the Spirit

In the beginning there was nothing

Everything that was needed to make a universe....

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).

Prayer Shawl Group and Knit for Kids

The Prayer Shawl Group is meeting on
Tuesday, October 19, 2021,
6:30 to 8:00pm.

Karla Jones is hosting in her home,
5910 Crow Valley Park Drive,
Davenport.

All who have 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; 563-349-
4000).

Between the Covers Book Club

The Book Club's next meeting
will be
Monday, October 18,
at 12:30 p.m.
in the Parlor.

The book we will discuss is
The Only Woman in the Room
by Marie Benedict.

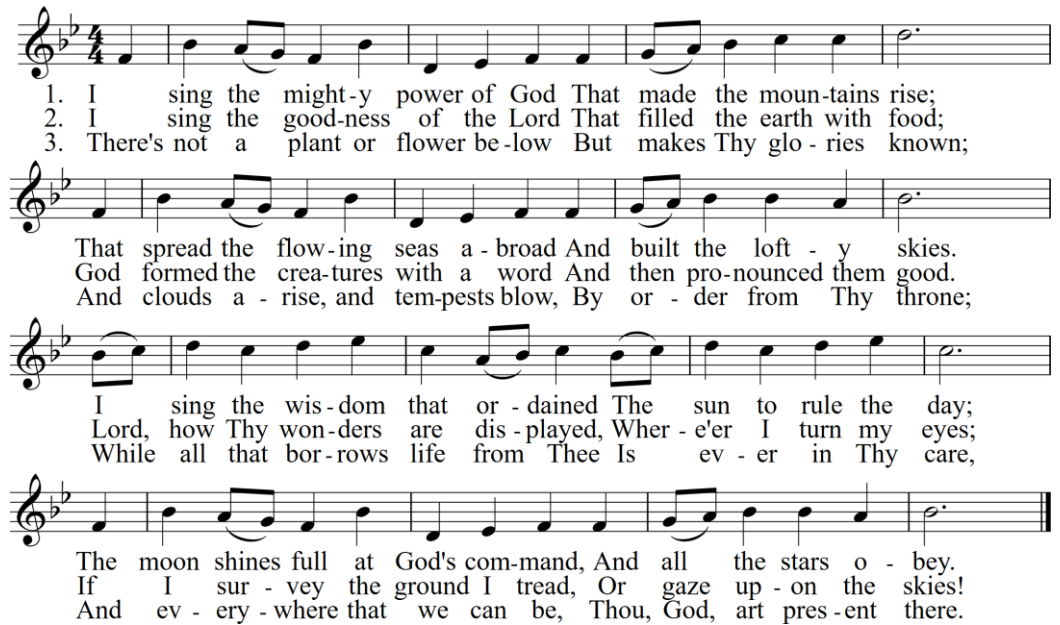
Irene Huffman will be our discussion
leader.

We don't require you
to read the book,
but reading the book
makes for a better discussion! Come
join us!

*Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE



1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;
That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;
I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,
The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres - ent there.

God gathered them together and set to work....

... and ruffled the surface of the waters

*Hymn

All Creatures of our God and King

LASST US ERFREUEN



1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail
3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for
4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -
and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
in heav'n a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!
thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!
Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with
Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,
Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry
soft - er gleam,
find a voice!
warmth and light, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
al - so show!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Something wonderful happened

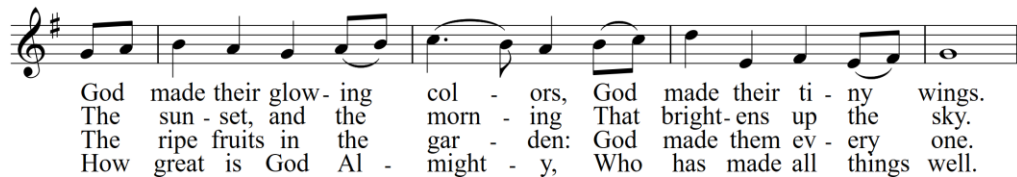
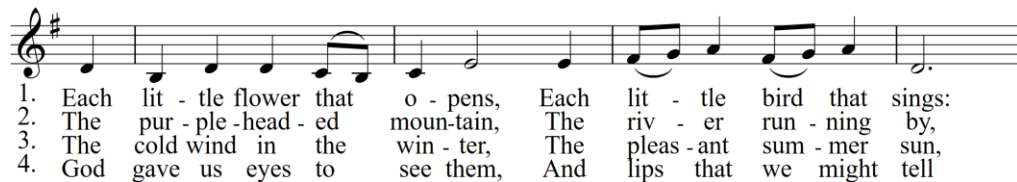
... birds doing funny dances to attract each other ...

***Hymn**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Refrain



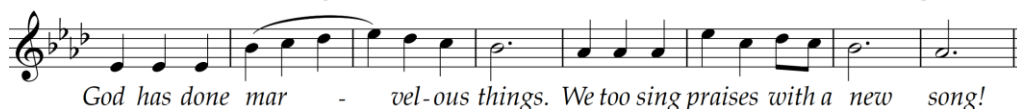
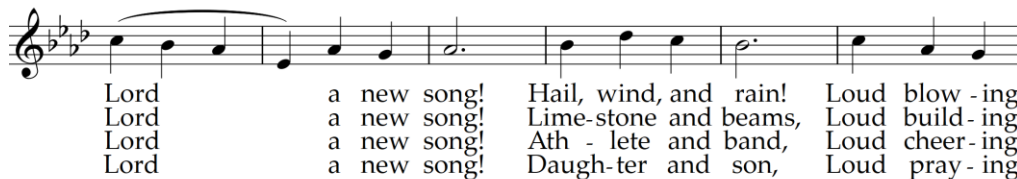
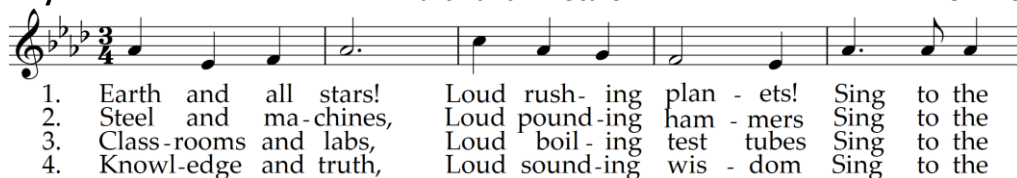
This is too good to keep to myself, thought God

... the new creature rested too.

***Hymn**

Earth and All Stars

EARTH AND ALL STARS



This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Offering for
Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been busy in recent weeks and months offering needed supplies and volunteers to those hard hit during the year's many natural disasters in our nation.

Starting today, October 10, our church is receiving donations that will go directly to PDA.

You can donate through our church online, or write a check to FPC, indicating that it is for the PDA collection.

Special envelopes will be in the pews starting today, and also Oct 17 & 24.

Information about the mission of PDA can be found on its website: <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

**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

Denise 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-Document.pdf \(peia.org\)](#)

or

[CASTE Book Study: A Self-Paced Study Guide for the Presbytery of East Iowa – Presbytery of East Iowa \(peia.org\)](#)

**"Give,
and it will be given to you.
A good measure, pressed
down, shaken together and
running over, will be poured
into your lap.**

**For with the measure you
use, it will be measured to
you."** - Luke 6:38

Giving is one of the ultimate acts of faith. It is a demonstration of our belief in God to help provide for and serve others. It is a manifestation of our faith in the role that First Presbyterian Church will play in the future of our families and our community.

With this in mind, as well as thinking of this passage from Luke, we're excited to announce the theme of this year's stewardship season:

Give, and it will be given to you.

2021 has challenged our congregation in many ways, and this campaign is no exception. However, with pandemic safety protocols in place, we have been blessed to come back together as a congregation at last. Our church has had many reasons for celebration this year, even in challenging times.

This year, we will come together on **Stewardship Sunday, November 7th**, to present our stewardship pledges during worship. We realize many of you are still tuning into our worship services virtually. If you are **not** turning in your pledge card in person on November 7th, we hope you will show your faith in the future by pledging online or returning your pledge card by Sunday, November 21st. Thank you!

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

traditional text

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting; Amen.

Offering Our Lives to God and Offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Generous Creator, you have opened your hands *from Seasons of the Spirit*
and placed so many gifts into ours.

Receive what we offer as a sign of our thankfulness. Amen.

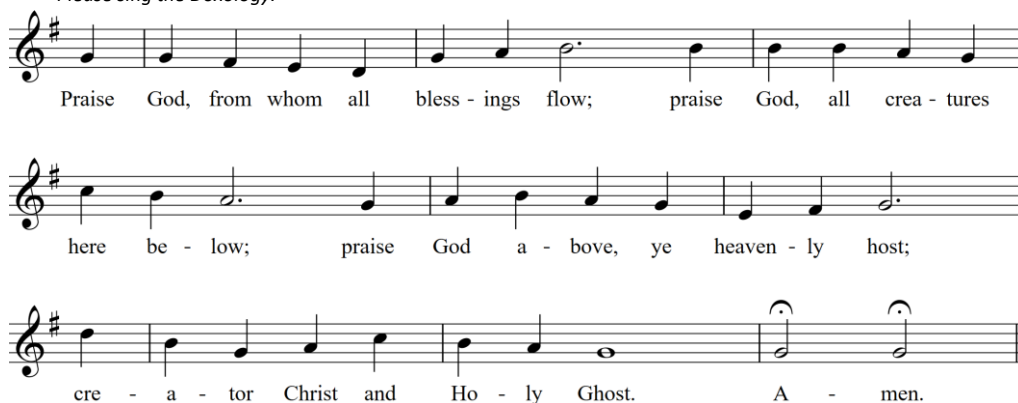
Improvisation on "This is My Father's World"

Alex Gilson

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.



Prayers of the People and Prayer of Jesus

Church of England, Leeds Diocese

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!

Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray:

"Our Father ..."

You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good.

Yet often we forget you are our loving Parent who blesses your world.

Jesus told us that you are "... in heaven ..."

Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted, and we don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.

We pray, "Hallowed be your name ..."

We confess our reverence for you does not always lead to caring for your earth. We confess that others are harmed when we are care - less.

We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven ..."

We put our own interests first, exploit your creation, and live for our own convenience, even though your earth is not sustainable if we do not change.

We pray, "Give us today our daily bread."

We consume more than our share of the world's resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.

We pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

Forgive us for our failure to demonstrate our love for You in all that we do and for putting our desires before Yours.

We pray, "Save us from the time of trial."

Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more, and wasting more. Help us to understand damage to your planet.

We pray, "Deliver us from evil ..."

Free us from the greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.

We pray, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever."

Help us to know that as we care for your world, we give you glory. Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn

Touch the Earth Lightly

TENDERNESS

1. Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2. We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3. Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4. God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
a - gents of death for all cre - tures that live,
wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.____
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!____
re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.____
us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.____

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.

Charge and Benediction

from Seasons of the Spirit

May the joy of soaring birds be yours and the peace of star-filled nights be yours.
May the hope of sprouting seeds be yours and the strength of flowing rivers be yours.
May God's love for all creation be yours. Amen.

Choral Benediction

The Peace of God

John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

Text: Philippians 4:7

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ, our Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost
be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Postlude

Fugue inffv G Minor

Marcel Dupré

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**The 30th season of the Performing Arts Series
opens Friday evening, October 15, at 7:30pm
with a Halloween Organ Recital with Alex Gilson.**

Tickets are \$15/adult, \$10/student
and are available online

at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/165807979129>

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

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

Kirkwood Choir and Sunday School

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

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

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

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

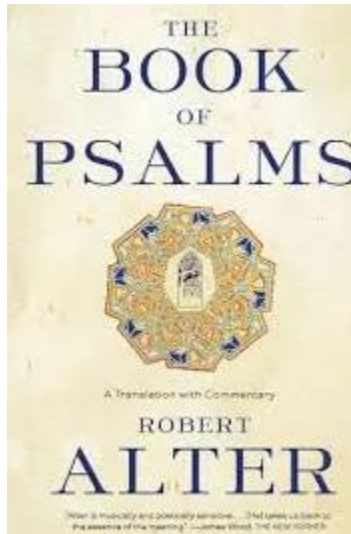
Sundays, 11:20 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., Choir Room

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 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 13 Hymns

October 20 Royal

Psalms October 27

Wisdom Psalms November 3

The Human Condition November 10

The Character of God November 17

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

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmoWcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

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