

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

November 7, 2021
All Saints Observed
Stewardship Sunday

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.

SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION

Ruth 1: 1-18

Psalms 24

Revelation 21: 1-6a

Mark 12: 38-44

"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
the measure you give
will be measured to
you." -Luke 6:38



Wassily Kandinsky (1866-1944) – *All Saints II, reverse* (Lenbachhaus Gallery, Munich)

Preparation for Worship

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

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

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude Be Thou My Vision arr. Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Stewardship Minute for Mission Church Staff

Introit The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth George Thalben-Ball
The Sanctuary Choir

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship adapted from *Call to Worship*, PC(USA)

The gifts of many people laid the foundation for this day:

Teachers, guides, mentors and leaders

paved the way and helped to make us who we are.

We honor the people who blessed us with their lives

and look to the future as we remember the past.

Let us worship God.

Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Bridging Pastor

Rev. Sue Howes

Associate Pastor Emerita

Rev. Pat Halverson

Parish Associate

Sarah Greim & Paula Hartmann

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

www.fpcdavenport.org

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*Hymn #526

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE



Confess to a Forgiving Creator

*Call to Confession

from Rev. 21: 5

God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things and make all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us pray:

*Prayer of Confession

adapted from Feasting on the Word

God of all generations, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us and called us to be your faithful people. Yet we remain shrouded in sin: we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name. Forgive us, free us, and show us the way home that we might stand among your saints through Jesus our Redeemer, in whose name we pray; Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

adapted from Rev. 21: 3-4

"... the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them and they will be God's people; God will be with them and will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more. The former things have passed away."

Friends, our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision
Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Carlton Young

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

from Rev. 21: 5-6a

God of glory, your Word is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Spirit, write that Word upon our hearts so we might become your new creation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.

Scripture Readings

Ruth 1: 1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 12: 38-44

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Brighton

Sermon

God's Surprise

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Moment of Remembrance for All Saints

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Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

from Feasting on the Word

The Lord has blessed us, richly. As Christ has given himself for us, we give of ourselves for the sake of others.

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee, BWV 642

J. S. Bach

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.

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

*Words for Worship, Arlene Mark, ed.
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The Bible teaches that we cannot love both God and wealth. Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money so that our treasure will be in heaven and our giving will please God. Please hold your pledge card for a moment. Reflect on all the resources you have and the ways those resources multiply God's grace in your experience of: home and family; gifts of charity and monthly bills; cautious savings and sweet extravagances; and, yes, discipleship. We ask God's blessings on all these choices and give thanks to God for trusting us to choose. Let us pray:

Bless, O God, all the financial resources that will pass through our hands in the year to come. May our planning be wise, our spending be faithful, our giving be joyful and our saving offer peace of mind. Keep us from waste, worry and regret, remind us always to be sensitive to the needs of those who have less than we do, and let justice and compassion guide our earning and our investing. We ask it for your love's sake, praying as Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

*For those who wish to present their pledge cards in worship today,
an offering basket has been placed on the communion table.*

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: For comfort, the Family and Friends of Dick Wells and Cheryl McCulloh; and for God's presence, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Matt and Mariann Kabel, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, 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 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 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).

Today is Stewardship Sunday!

"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 the measure you give will be measured to you." -Luke 6:38

Giving, one of the ultimate acts of faith, demonstrates our belief in God who helps us provide for and serve others. Giving manifests our faith in First Presbyterian's role in God's future.

Today, we will offer our pledges during the worship service. We realize many tune into our worship services virtually and so you can also show your faith in God's future by pledging online or returning your pledge card to the church by Sunday, November 21st. If you have returned your 2022 Stewardship Cards or set-up your online pledge already: a **sincere thank you!**

If you want help setting up your online pledge, please contact Kristine Olson, Finance Manager, at olson@fpdavenport.org or (563) 326-1691 x219.

Your generosity and commitment to the many missions of FPC have resulted in confirmed pledges of \$166,534. You have launched us toward \$511,905, our 2021 pledge total!



Go To Serve With God's Blessing

***Hymn**

Will You Come and Follow Me

THE SUMMONS



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same? Will you
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same? Will you
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same. In your



let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you
 risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at - tract or scare? Will you
 kiss the le - per clean, and do such as this un - seen, and ad -
 use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round, through my
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***Charge and Benediction**

adapted from Bruce Prewer

Saints, as you go, travel confidently and humbly,
 Serve enthusiastically and wisely,
 Pray eagerly and thoughtfully,
 Forgive thoroughly and gladly,
 And love deeply and generously.

May the Lord our God –
 the Alpha and the Omega,
 the first and the last,
 the beginning and the end –
 be with you this day and forevermore!

Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
 The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude

Postlude in Canon on "Sine Nomine"

Thomas Crawford

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Moment of Remembrance for All Saints

adapted from Bruce Prewer

Living God, in whom there is no shadow or change, we thank you for the gift of life eternal, and for all those who, having served you well, now rest from their labors. We thank you for all saints, both remembered and forgotten, and for those dear souls most precious to us. We give you thanks for sharing with us all those in our church family who have died and entered into glory. We bless you for their life and love, and rejoice that, now, for them, “all is well, and all manner of things will be well.”

God of the living and the dead, keep us ever mindful of all who have gone ahead of us. Teach us, and all twenty-first century disciples everywhere:

**to follow their example,
to feed the poor in body or spirit,
to support and comfort those who mourn and those who struggle,
to encourage the meek and stand with them in crises,
to affirm those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
to cherish and learn from the merciful, and
to be humbled by, and stand with, peacemakers.**

Lord Holy Spirit, show us how to recognize what it means to be called the children of God. Remind us that we are your saints, not by our own inclination or strength, but by the call and healing holiness of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen!**

We give thanks for the lives of these saints as we witness to their resurrection:

Roberta J. Derbyshire
Nellie Bernice James
Cecelia Ann Powell
Mary “Jean” Murphy
David Fairweather
Donald Lee Brookstra
Gary Edwin Ewoldt
Dee Dee Mueller
Elizabeth Laws
Marsha Diane Pedersen
Don E. Hultgren
Robert Edward Gaston
Nancy Van Hook
Ron Hovey
Bob Watkins
Dick Whisler
Helen Bruns Hebbeln
Harold W. Jackson

Barbara Helen Melby
Paul L. Eckert
Frankie E. Wilson
Jacqueline Mae Butcher
Cathie Evalyn Cathleen Nichols
Jean Marie Steffenson
Dean Edwin Taylor, Sr.
Nicholas Scott Johnson
Phillip R. Schwister
Mary Ann Van Houten
Arno Hilmer Hilbert
Marlene Francis Gaston
Craig Van Hook
Stanley Richard Hill
Charlene Criswell
Ronald Solt
Cheryl Ann McCulloh
Richard J. Wells

Pickleball is Back! **Monday and Wednesday** **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.

Caring Closet Update

The Caring Closet is open on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and on Friday afternoons from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

We’re planning a holiday shopping event for parents on Nov 30 and Dec 7 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

We are collecting the following items:

Toys, games and books (new or gently used)

Clothing (all sizes) especially sweatshirts, sweaters, coats, jackets, scarves, hats and gloves/mittens

Shoes (children and adult)

Boots (children and adult)

Men’s and Women’s Underwear (all sizes, new)

Socks

Accessories-purses, scarves, jewelry, men’s ties and belts

Towels, washcloths

Bedding—sheets, blankets, pillows

Kitchen items

Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene items, etc.)

Disposable diapers (all sizes)

We receive donations during the hours we are open as well as on Sunday mornings from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Thank you!

Newcomers' Inquiry

From the Hospitality and Welcoming Committee

We will host a **Newcomer's Inquiry** next **Sunday, November 14, at 12:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall**. Light refreshments will be served.

We invite anyone to attend who is interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a member of, or learning more about, First Presbyterian Church.

Our gathering will be a Get-Together with some church staff and representatives from the Session, Board of Deacons, and the Hospitality and Welcoming Committee.

This event will offer you the opportunity to ask questions and meet some members of our congregation but does not require making a membership decision.

Please let the church office know if you would like to attend. To sign up, or for more information, please call the church at 563-326-1691.

A Letter from Our Reconciliation Facilitator the Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw

Dear friends in Christ,

It has been a privilege to come alongside the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport and the Presbytery of East Iowa as you seek healing and hope in your relationship in order to move forward together in Christ's call.

There will be specific opportunities throughout this fall for leaders to address practical points. And either before or after the holidays there will be a time in which individuals can share the ways they have been impacted, and to name what is needed to move forward in a more whole and functioning relationship.

Between now and then, we seek to keep our ears and hearts open to the voice and Word of God. This is grounding in the midst of much human activity, and forms us in faith. The experience of sharing attention to God's word, and praying for the world, also reminds us that we are called to the same kingdom work.

A series of 30 minute devotional times via Zoom is scheduled. I hope that you will consider attending one or more. They are at various times in order to accommodate the diverse schedules of individuals. I will lead these with different ways to listen to Scripture, and to pray for God's beloved world. These are gatherings in which precipitating conflicts are decentered – we practice gathering for Word and prayer and this creates a foundation for talking later about wounds and needs. No one will be put on the spot to talk or share; the focus will not be contentious. May these be small oases in the week that nourish your soul.

Friday November 12 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday November 16 5:30 p.m.

*Please check your e-News for a link
to the zoom call for the devotional time that you would like to attend.*

It will be good to listen for God and lean into our call together. Please be in touch as is helpful.

Yours in Christ,

Beth McCaw (Reconciliation Facilitator)
Blmccaw70@gmail.com 563-663-3531

Chancel Guild Announcement About Poinsettias

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, the Chancel Guild will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be a part of this wonderful tradition, please complete and return the form below to the church office or place in the offering plate. The deadline for making memorials is Wednesday, November 24. You are welcome to pick up your poinsettia after the service on either Sunday, December 26th, or Sunday, January 2nd, or leave it for another congregation member to enjoy.

In Memory or Honor of: _____
(circle one)

Given by: _____

Cocoa and Caring ...Warm Hands and Warm Hearts

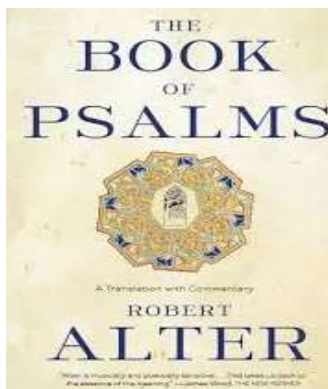
Once again, this winter, we will reach out to our First Church neighborhood with hot cocoa, candy canes, warm mittens, gloves, hats and lots of Christmas spirit.

On **Tuesday December 7th between 3 and 5pm**, we will hand out Christmas blessings at a table outside the front doors of the sanctuary on Kirkwood Boulevard.

Now is the time to start bringing donations of these items to place in the container at the back of the church sanctuary. Any questions, call or text Cathy Pratscher-Woods at 563-349-2288.



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. The last lesson in our series will be this Wednesday evening, November 10, on "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=VnJFdmcwcmFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

Passcode: 215593

Presbytery of East Iowa Book Study

Rev. T. Denise Anderson, who is the Coordinator for Racial & Intercultural Justice, PC(U.S.A.), & Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly (2016-18), will speak at our November Presbytery Meeting on Thursday, Nov 18 at 1:00 p.m.

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, you can copy and paste these URLs in a browser:

[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 \(peia.org\)](#)

Fall Program Weekly Schedule

Online Worship Watch Party

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

MusikGarten

Online, Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

Cherub Choir and Sunday School

Sunday, **November 7**, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Cherub Choir, CE Building, 3d Floor

Sunday, **November 14**, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Sunday School, CE Building, 3d Floor

Sunday, **November 21**, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Cherub Choir, CE Building, 3d Floor

Kirkwood Choir and Sunday School

Sunday, **November 7**, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Kirkwood Choir, CE Building, 3d Floor

Sunday, **November 14**, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Sunday School, CE Building, 3d Floor

Sunday, **November 21**, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. Kirkwood Choir, CE Building, 3d Floor

Confirmation Class

Sundays, 10:35 – 11:20 a.m., Fireplace Room

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

Adult Christian Education

Sundays, 10:35 a.m. – 11:20 a.m., Von Maur Hall

Caring Closet

Sundays, 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., donations received

Chamber Chorale

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

Pickle Ball

Mondays, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Gym

Deacons Meeting

Monday, November 8, 7:00 p.m. (Deacons Committees meet earlier in the day)

Caring Closet

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – noon with donations received

Staff Meeting

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. Hybrid Zoom

Pickle Ball

Wednesday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Zoom

Vesper Bells

Thursdays 6:00 – 6:45 p.m., Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays 7:00- 9:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Caring Closet

Fridays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. with donations received