

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

November 21, 2021  
Reign of Christ 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.

### SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION

Psalm 93  
Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14  
Revelation 1: 4b-8  
John 18: 33-37

"Jesus answered, 'My  
kingdom is not of this  
world .... Everyone who  
belongs to the truth  
listens to my voice.'"  
John 18: 36, 37



*Greek Orthodox Icon, "Christ the King of Kings" (unknown artist, ca. 1600)  
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### Preparation for Worship

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

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

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pastor at St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas, and provided for free  
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## The Church Gathers To...

<b>Prelude</b>	Allegro from Trio Sonata in C Major, BWV 529	J. S. Bach
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
<b>Minute for Mission</b>	Caring Closet	Elder RuthAnn Tobey-Brown
<b>Introit</b>	Let All the World in Every Corner Sing The Sanctuary Choir	E.T. Chapman

## Praise Almighty God

### Call to Worship

*from Revelation 1: 4-6*

Grace and peace to you from the One who is and was and is to come,  
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the ruler of the monarchs of the earth.

**To the One who loves us and freed us from our sins,  
and made us to be a kin-dom,  
to Jesus Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever!**

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

*\* Interim Christian Ed. Coordinators*

Matt Bishop

*Director of Music*

Alex Gilson

*Principal Organist*

*& Assistant Director of Music*

Linda Bengfort\*

*Assistant Choral Director*

Kathy Middleton\*

*Assistant Choral Director*

*for Children*

Kristine Olson

*Finance Manager*

Susan Parker

*Church Administrative Assistant*

Kandis Cooper\*

*Nursery Coordinator*

Darren Long

*Facilities & Custodial Supervisor*

Kevin Wilson

*Custodian*

Chad Dean\*

*Custodian*

*\* Part-time employee*

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For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook [www.fpcdavenport.org](http://www.fpcdavenport.org)

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Dale Wood, Arr.

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"  
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## \*Hymn #423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on His  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: the pris - oners

ces - sive jour - neys run, His king - dom stretch from  
thron - to crown His head; His name, like sweet per -  
love with crown His head; His name, like sweet per -  
leap to sweet - est their song, and the in - fant voi - ces -  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### \*Call to Confession

Our king of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ longs for us to know life in all its fullness and offers us renewal and refreshment, hope and forgiveness.

Let us trust in the promise of the gospel as we make our confession:

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet, too often, our sinfulness blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts and ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash us with your love; cleanse us with your grace; and empower us to be the people you created us to be. Amen.**

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

The resurrection of Jesus shows us:  
the grace of God is stronger than death  
and the love of God has no boundary.

This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem

In Dat Great Gittin' Up Mornin'

arr. Jester Hairston

The Sanctuary Choir

David Bowles Edwards, tenor soloist

## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit,  
that we might hear what you would have us hear,  
and be who you would have us be,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Psalms 93

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

John 18: 33-37

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Children's Message

Deacon Paula Hartmann and Friends

## Sermon

Does It Matter?

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

# Respond to God's Word

## Affirmation of Faith

*from Philippians 2: 5-11*

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!**

## Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

Prayer

Alexandre Guilmant

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## \*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

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.

## Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

# JOYS & CONCERNS

**In Our Prayers:** For comfort, the Family and Friends of Dottie Travor, Dick Wells and Cheryl McCulloh; and for God's presence with those who are grieving, Jasmine Hearn, Daniel, Teresa Lasala, Jim and Lori Lasala, Sarah Hennes, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, 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).

## Update from our Stewardship Committee

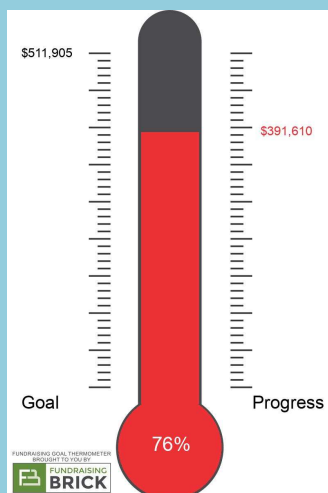
"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you give will be measured to you." -Luke 6:38

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

Sunday, November 7th, we offered our pledges during the worship service. We realize many tune into our worship services virtually. Anyone can 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!

**Your generosity and commitment to the many missions of FPC have resulted in confirmed pledges of \$391,610.** You have launched us toward \$511,905, our 2021 pledge total!

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



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

*Confirmation Class*

**Our God Who is above, Holy is your Name; allow us into Heaven.**

**May your requests of us be completed in our lives,  
as well as where you have spread your word.**

**Give us this time to fill our souls.**

**Forgive us for what we have done wrong**

**and others who have done wrong to us.**

**Don't let us follow wrongdoings and shield us from harm,  
for your home is our home.**

**Almighty love and glory we give to you now and for eternal life. Amen.**

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

### \*Hymn 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing,  
2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,  
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear,  
4. To Thee, great One in Three, The high - est prais - es be,

Help us to praise; Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -  
Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy  
In this glad hour: Thou who al - might - y art, Now rule in  
Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty May we in

to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.  
ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

### \*Charge and Benediction

Let us go from this place trusting that God is with us and for us in every place.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus,  
the love of God,

and the companionship of the Holy Spirit

be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore. Amen

### Choral Benediction

God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again  
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Fred Bock

### Postlude

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Arr. Dale Wood

**Printed contact-free**



**Introducing our Church Administrative Assistant: Susan Parker!**



Susan Parker was born in 1966 in Detroit, Michigan. She relocated to the Quad Cities at a very early age.

Susan brings to the table 18 years of experience as an Administrative Assistant. During this time, she has continued to make a difference in her local community, working with local Non-Profit organizations in the Quad Cities area such as Trinity Broadcasting Network.

Susan graduated from Bettendorf High School and is proud to say that she was the first African American woman to graduate from Bettendorf High School.

Susan's experience as a single mother of five children, Michael, Aaron, Jasmine, Stacia, and Christopher, and 11 grandchildren gives her a unique understanding of the barriers and struggles that working families must endure today.

Welcome, Susan!

**Presbytery of East Iowa has granted permission  
to form the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)  
to call a Senior Pastor/Head of Staff!**

This permission is limited to:

- +forming the PNC and
- +setting the PNC to work on folding together into a single mission study statement:
  - the E2020 report,
  - the Mission Study completed while Pastor Mark was with First Pres,
  - the vision work of the Congregational Growth & Marketing Committee, and
  - the Reconciliation Process reports

The Nominating Committee has begun the work of identifying a slate of candidates for the PNC; a meeting of the congregation to elect the PNC will be called when the Nominating Committee has assembled the slate.

If you feel called to serve on the PNC - or discern that someone else has the spiritual giftedness to serve - please contact any member of the Nominating Committee. Ruling Elder Heather Calvert is the Chair of the Nominating Committee, and her email is [calvert.hn@gmail.com](mailto:calvert.hn@gmail.com)

**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!**

### "In Dat Great Gittin' Up Mornin'"

**Text: Slavery-Era Spiritual**

I'm gon' tell you 'Bout the coming  
of de judgment,  
Dere's a better day a-comin',  
*In dat great gittin' up mornin',  
Fair ye well, fair ye well.*  
Oh preacher, fold yo' Bible,  
'Fo' de last souls converted.  
[refrain]

Blow yo' trumpet Gabriel,  
Lord, how loud shall I blow it?  
Blow it right calm and easy,  
Do not 'larm all my people,  
Tell dem all to come to the  
judgment.  
[refrain]

Den you see dem coffins bustin',  
Den you see dem folkses risin',  
Den you see de world on fire,  
Den you see de star a-fallin'  
Den you see dat forked lightnin',  
Den you hear dat rumblin'  
thunder,  
Fair ye well, poor sinner.  
[refrain]

### "God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again"

**Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin**

God be with you 'til we meet  
again,  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you:  
God be with you 'til we meet  
again.

God be with you 'til we meet  
again,  
If life's trials should confound you,  
God will put his arms around you:  
God be with you 'til we meet  
again.

God be with you 'til we meet  
again,  
His protecting wings will hide you,  
Daily strength will he provide you:  
God be with you 'til we meet  
again.  
*'Til we meet at Jesus' feet;  
God be with you 'til we meet  
again.*

### October Financials

	October 2021		October 2020	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	89,565	41,520	48,257	56,680
Custodial Accounts Income	4,070	-	242	-
Compensation Expenses	35,343	51,690	39,042	51,258
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	10,720	12,482	10,264	17,015
Custodial Accounts Expenses	4,070	-	242	-
Surplus (Deficit)	43,502	(22,652)	(1,049)	(11,593)
	2021 Year-To-Date		2020 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	635,566	524,594	665,511	707,638
Custodial Accounts Income	35,276	-	75,813	-
Compensation Expenses	386,797	438,633	473,146	498,258
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	161,559	172,568	132,088	201,265
Custodial Accounts Expenses	35,276	-	75,812	-
Surplus (Deficit)	87,210	(86,607)	60,278	8,115

All numbers are rounded.

### Cocoa and Caring ...Warm Hands and Warm Heart

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Called Meeting of the Congregation

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, December 12, 2021, immediately following the worship service for the elections of a Pastor Nominating Committee and Pastor Nominating Committee and Church Officers.

### Angel Tree Project

The season of giving is upon us! It's time to start thinking about Christmas and how we can help those least fortunate. FPC is teaming up with Bethany for Children and Families to provide new Christmas gifts to Quad City families who receive services through Bethany.

Gift tags will be available for pick up after the service on November 21 and 28th. Each tag includes a child's name, age, size, gender and gift suggestions. You can help by picking up one or more tags, buying suggested gifts, and returning gifts to Fellowship Hall by Wednesday December 8th. Gifts must be new and unwrapped. Total gift for each recipient should not exceed \$45. Bethany will wrap and deliver gifts in time for Christmas.

### Bible Basics 201 – December 2021 Lessons

Bible Basics will be in recess on Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will begin an Advent/Christmas series. The lessons will look at the gospel stories of Jesus' birth. Here is the link to the lessons: [Incarnation: Fleshing Out the Bible's Christmas Stories - Yale Bible Study](#). Watch the video for each week and then join us for our fellowship and discussion on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM.

December 1: Come Thou Unexpected Jesus – the Gospel of Matthew

December 8: Savior of the World – the Gospel of Luke

December 15: Word Made Flesh – the Gospel of John

Bible Basics 201 will be in recess on December 22 & December 29. We will meet again on January 5, 2022.

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



### Session Highlights for October 2021

Elders met with Rev. Beth McCaw our Reconciliation Facilitator on October 18<sup>th</sup> as part of Beth's process of meeting with individuals and groups in the congregation.

Communion was approved for Sunday, November 28, 2021 (the first Sunday of Advent) and for the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

The church purchased a new snow-blower. Let's hope it is seldom used. Two items were approved by Session with the hope of increasing communication between Session and the congregation.

An electronic comment/suggestion box is going to be created so that congregational members can submit comments that will then be forwarded to Session.

An informational congregational meeting will be held mid-year from the Annual Congregational Meeting.

The Session approved a policy that all FPC employees be fully-vaccinated for COVID-19 with first shot by November 1, 2021. Requests for reasonable accommodations for medical reasons that are signed by a licensed medical professional will be considered by the Personnel Committee on a case-by-case basis.

An updated and revised Child Protection Policy was approved.

A new Deacon requested program of holding Giving Tuesdays was approved. Initial items to be requested will be personal hygiene items, underwear, or cash to purchase these same items. Distribution will be through the Caring Closet.

# **Weekly Program 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 28 – in RECESS**

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

## **Kirkwood Choir and Sunday School**

**Sunday, November 28 – in RECESS**

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

## **Confirmation Class**

**In Recess November 21 and November 28**

10:35 – 11:20 a.m., Fireplace Room

Confirmation Class is for anyone in 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grades

## **Adult Christian Education**

**In Recess November 28**

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

## **Caring Closet**

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

## **Chamber Chorale**

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

## **Pickle Ball**

Monday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Gym

## **Caring Closet**

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

## **Staff Meeting**

Tuesday, November 23, 10:00 a.m. Hybrid Zoom

## **Pickle Ball**

Wednesday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

## **Bible Basics 201**

**In Recess This Week**

## **Vesper Bells**

**In Recess November 28**

Thursdays 6:00 – 6:45 p.m., Chapel

## **Sanctuary Choir**

**In Recess November 28**

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

## **Caring Closet**

**In Recess November 26**

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