

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

January 2, 2022
Second Sunday in Christmastide
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**



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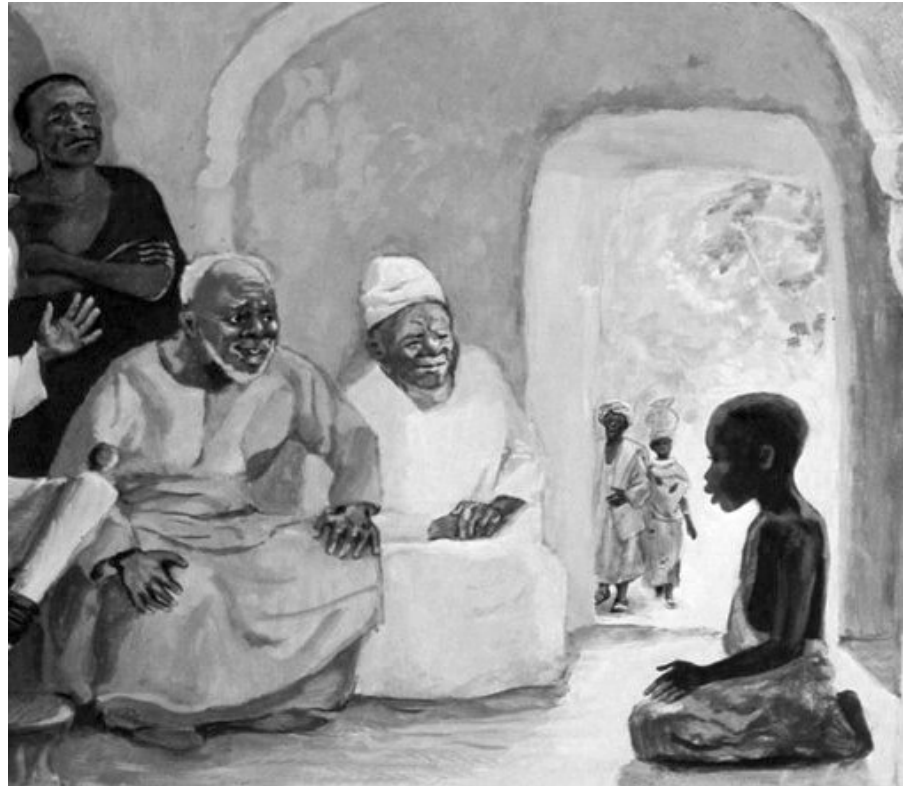
Matthew 25 congregations identify themselves as working toward one or more of three goals: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3: 12-17
Luke 2: 41-52

"Jesus said to them,
'Why were you
searching for me? Did
you not know that I must
be in my Father's
house?'"

-Luke 2: 49



JESUS MAFA, Jesus among the teachers. 1973
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JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made and transcribed to paintings.

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	Prelude on 'Greensleeves'	Richard Purvis
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Pat Halvorson
Prelude	Prelude on 'O little town of Bethlehem'	Gordon Phillips

Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Bridging Pastor

Rev. Sue Howes

Associate Pastor Emerita

Rev. Pat Halverson

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Outside office hours, this number will go to the pastor on call in case of emergency.

For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook www.fpcdavenport.org

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Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

from Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

Praise God, all angels; praise the Lord, all the heavenly host!

Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise the LORD from the earth all mountains and hills and seas, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

All living creatures, rulers of the earth and all peoples,

Young men and women, old and young together!

Let all praise the name of the LORD, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

*Hymn #55

That Boy-Child of Mary

BLANTYRE

Refrain

That boy - child of Ma - ry was born in a sta - ble,

A man - ger His cra - dle in Beth - le - hem.

1. What shall we call Him, child of the man - ger?
 2. His name is Je - su, God ev - er with us,
 3. How can He save us, how can He help us,
 4. One with the Fa - ther, He is our Sav - ior,
 5. Glad - ly we praise Him, love and a - dore Him,

What name is giv - en in Beth - le - hem?
 God giv - en for us, in Beth - le - hem.
 Born here a - mong us, in Beth - le - hem?
 Heav - en - sent Help - er of Beth - le - hem.
 Give our - selves to Him, of Beth - le - hem.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

*Call to Confession

As children of God, we come with our imperfections,
and ask God to pour out divine grace upon us.

Prayer of Confession

O God of all seasons and purposes under heaven, we enter this time of new beginnings to pray for guidance in all aspects of our lives. As this busy Christmas season winds down, we ask you to forgive the times we were ungrateful for all your blessings, or turned a blind eye to the suffering of others, or allowed discord in our relationships. Help us to be ever mindful of your higher calling to follow Christ, to worship regularly with others, to seek your guidance in all our choices, this day and every day; in the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord has given us a new heart and a right spirit within,
and has forgiven us completely, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

adapted from Feasting on the Word

O God, you sent your child into the realm of clerics and crowns, to teach the wise and show the world the power that lies in love. Inspire us now, that in hearing your Word we might be filled with new understanding and fresh desire to please you; we ask it for the sake of your child, Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

"Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother [Hannah] used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52

"Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

Sermon

A New Order

Rev. Pat Halvorson

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: For comfort, the Family and Friends of Audre Zoeckler, Florabelle Smith, Lois Osterman, Dottie Tavor, Dick Wells and Cheryl McCulloh and of those killed and injured in mass motor vehicle accidents in Wisconsin and Texas; for God's presence with all those who are grieving; for God's hands to touch Teresa Lasala, Jim and Lori Lasala, 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 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: the Pastors make hospital visits 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 ~~mail~~ the church office directly (563-326-1691).

Prayer Shawls are available for you to give to those you know who are experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coatrack near the main office.

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

Col. 1:15-18a

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created:
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers;
all things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
And he is the head of the body, the church.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Col. 2: 16

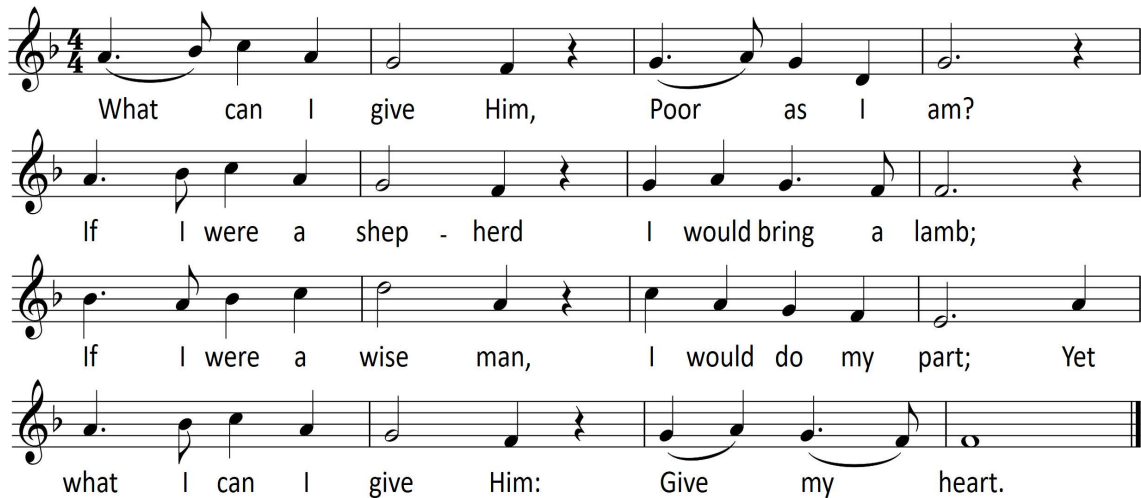
With grateful hearts, we offer ourselves and our gifts to God
in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Improvisation on "SLANE"

Alex Gilson

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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



What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet
what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

adapted from Feasting on the Word

Loving God, receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ's gift to us.
Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience,
that we may be Christ for others; in his name we pray; Amen.

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...

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2. Lord of all eag - er - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares can de - stroy,
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pre - sence is balm,



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, Your
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, Your
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, Your
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, Your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Charge and Benediction

In this new order, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved:
 clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience
 forgive each other ... above all, clothe yourselves with love ...
 let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts ... and be thankful.
 May the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
 May you teach with wisdom and sing with gratefulness to God;
 May whatever you do in word or deed, be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.
 Now may the love of God, the grace of Christ and the fellowship of the Spirit be with you all.

Postlude

Praise and Thanksgiving

Dale Wood

People Uniting Neighbors and Churches
(PUNCH)



Friends of Martin Luther King
(FoMLK)



BLESSING BOX DRIVE

January 17, 2022

KWQC - TV 6

805 Brady Street Davenport Iowa

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

"A Box Full of Blessings"

Please be a blessing to others by donating

Items Needed

Personal Products

Toothpaste/brushes

Mouthwash

Deodorant

Soap/Body Wash

Lotion/Vaseline

Shampoo/Conditioner

Sanitizer

Cleaning Products

Bathroom Cleaners

Household Cleaners

Disinfectant Wipes

Dish Detergent

Paper Products

Paper towels

Toilet Paper

Kleenex

Laundry Products

Detergent

Bleach

Fabric Softener

Weekly Program Schedule

Online Worship Watch Party

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

MusikGarten

In Recess

Cherub Choir and Sunday School

In Recess

Sunday School

In Recess

Confirmation Class

In Recess

Adult Christian Education

In Recess

Chamber Chorale

In Recess

Pickle Ball

Monday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Gym

Personnel Committee

Monday, 7:00 p.m. – zoom

Caring Closet

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

Building and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. - Parlor

Caring Closet

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

Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 10:00 a.m. Hybrid Zoom

Pickle Ball

Wednesday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, January 5, 6:15 p.m.

Vesper Bells

Thursday, 6:00 p.m. – Chapel

Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

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, January 2, 2022, immediately following the worship service for the election of Church Officers.

Bible Basics 201 – December 2021 Lessons

On December 1st, 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.

We will resume after a break for Christmas 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=VnJFdmcwcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

Passcode: 215593

Poinsettias

We will not take down our poinsettia display until we celebrate the Epiphany on January 9, 2022.

Before January 9, if you wish to take a poinsettia to someone who might enjoy its Christmas cheer, please do so. Our Chancel Guild will water, trim, and rearrange our display each week through January 9.