

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

January 9, 2022  
Epiphany 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](http://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 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

Isaiah 60: 1-6b  
Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3: 1-12  
Matthew 2: 1-12

"... the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."  
-Eph. 3: 6



James Tissot (1836-1902), *Journey of the Magi*. Minneapolis Institute of Art

### 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...

<b>Prelude</b>	The Holy Boy	John Ireland
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
<b>Prelude</b>	Interlude on the Coventry Carol	W. S. Lloyd Webber

### Praise Almighty God

#### Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come;

*from Isaiah 60: 1-6b*

## Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

*Bridging Pastor*

Rev. Sue Howes

*Associate Pastor Emerita*

Rev. Pat Halverson

*Parish Associate*

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*Custodian*

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*Custodian*

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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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**the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

Nations shall come to God's light,

**and rulers to the brightness of its dawning.**

They shall bring gold and frankincense,

**and shall proclaim their praise to the Lord!**

Let us worship God.

## \*Hymn #55

Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

Epiphany Song

1. Bring we the frank - in - cense of our love To the  
2. Bring we the myrrh of hu - mil - i - ty To the  
3. Ev - er se - cure in His change - less - ness, Though the  
feet of the ho - ly Child, Ev - er re - mem - ber - ing  
throne of the Son of God, Ev - er re - call - ing the  
king - doms of earth may fall, Bring we the gold of our  
God's great gift Of a love that is un - de - filed.  
pu - ri - ty Of His life when the earth He trod.  
faith - ful - ness To the King who is Lord of all.  
Ho - ly the In - fant and ho - ly the moth - er And ho - ly and  
pre - cious the gifts that we bring; Praise to the Fa - ther and  
praise to the Spir - it And praise to Christ Je - sus our King.

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### \*Call to Confession

*from Isaiah 60:2*

Into our darkness, God's light shines.

Let us acknowledge the shadows in our lives:

### Prayer of Confession

*from Feasting on the Word, adapted from Psalm 72*

**Merciful God, you give light to the world, yet we prefer to live in darkness.**

**Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of**

**privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet**

**we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Forgive us our sin, and lead us to**

**true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ**

**we pray; Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

*Eph. 2: 17-19*

The apostle Paul wrote, "Jesus came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; so then, we are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."

Friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

*Moira Laidlaw, adapted*

God of Light, as we turn to the Word within the words, break into our darkness. Make your love visible for us today as you did for those travelers so long ago, that we might be led to you as you are revealed in Jesus Christ; Amen.

### Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3: 1-12, selections

"This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles .... In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to the holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel .... Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things .... This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that God has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12

"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**In Our Prayers:** For comfort, the Family and Friends of Rev James Clark, Beverly Orcutt, Audre Zoeckler, Florabelle Smith, Lois Osterman, Dottie Tavor, Dick Wells and Cheryl McCulloh; for God's presence with all those who are grieving; for God's hands to touch Teresa Lasala, 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.



## Weekly Program Schedule

### Online Worship Watch Party

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

### MusikGarten

Sundays, 8:30 am.  
zoom

### Congregational Meeting

Postponed to 1/16

### Cherub Choir/Sunday School

In Recess

### Kirkwood Choir/Sunday School

In Recess

### Confirmation Class

In Recess

### Adult Christian Education

In Recess

### Chamber Chorale

In Recess

### Officer Training

Postponed to 1/16

### Pickle Ball

In Recess

### Caring Closet

Closed

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Closed

### Staff Meeting

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.  
Zoom

### Pickle Ball

In Recess

### Bible Basics 201

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.  
Zoom

### Vesper Bells

In Recess

### Sanctuary Choir

In Recess

Sermon

Baby Shower

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

## Respond to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

*Ephesians 3: 5-6, 11-12*

In former generations this mystery was not made know to humankind,  
as it has now been revealed to the holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

that Gentiles have become fellow heirs,  
members of the same body,  
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus  
through the gospel.

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose  
that God has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
in whom we have access to God  
in boldness and confidence through faith in him."

### Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Let us share from the bounty which the Lord has provided us, asking ourselves:  
"What can I give Him? I will give my heart."

The Star Carol

Alfred Burt

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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 shep - herd 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.

### 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...**

The Lord's Prayer

Traditional, *Hymnal* p. 16

## Proclamation of the Date of Easter

*The ancient "Proclamation of the Date of Easter" on Epiphany dates from a time when printed calendars were not available.*

*Many dates on the liturgical calendar are computed in relation to Easter, which moves each year to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon" between March 22 and April 25.*

*This ancient proclamation is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord.*

*We listen now to an abridged version of the ancient text.*

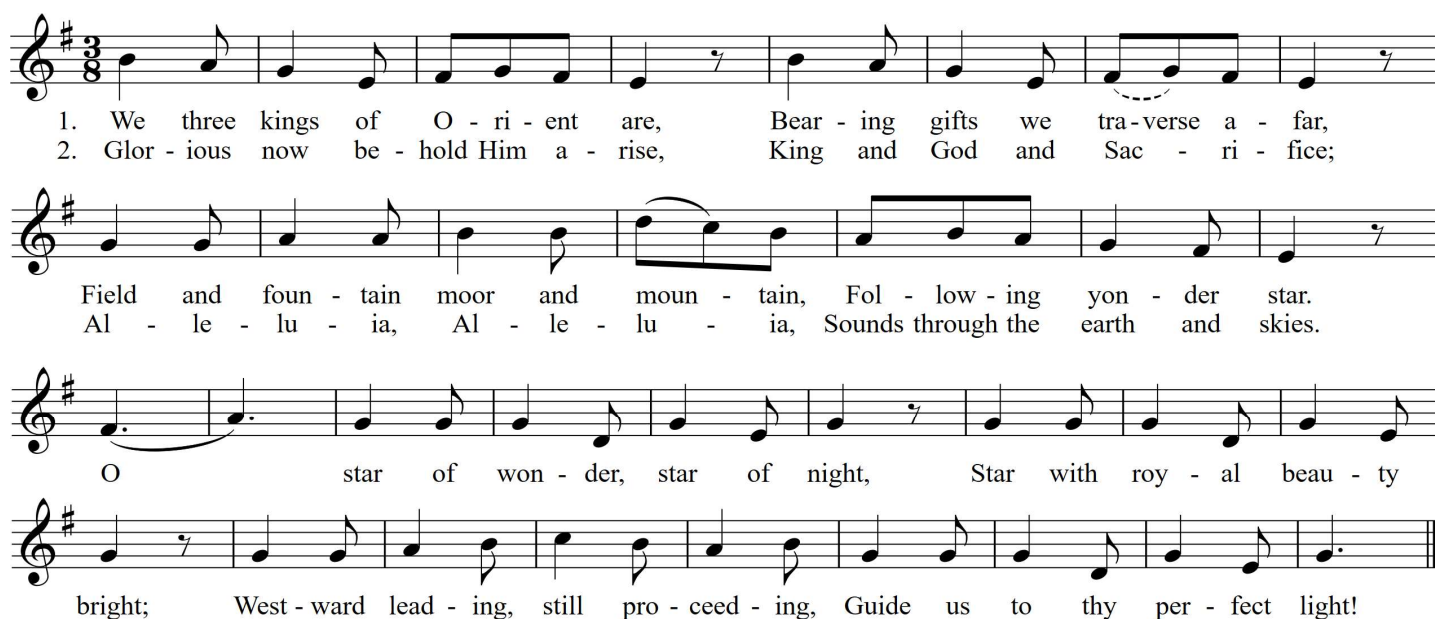
Friends in Christ, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of Christ's return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons we celebrate the mysteries of salvation. We recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated this year between the evening of April 14<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday, and the evening of April 17<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday. From Easter are reckoned all the seasons of the church year. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on March 2<sup>nd</sup>; Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on June 5<sup>th</sup>. To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, forever and ever; Amen.

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

### \*Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
2. Glor - ious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;  
Field and foun - tain moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Sounds through the earth and skies.  
O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty  
bright; West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light!

### \*Charge and Benediction

*adapted from Nathan Nettleton and Feasting on the Word*

Go now – follow the star and seek out the Christ.

And as you travel:

share good news;

bring light to those who dwell in shadows;

speak for those whose voices are silenced;

offer hope to those for whom no one cares.

And may God make you a reflection of holy glory;

may Christ Jesus, light of the world, uphold you in love;

and may the Holy Spirit, revealer of Gods mystery,

lead you onward to God's promise.

### Postlude

Fanfare on 'Antioch'

Gerre Hancock

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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**

### **Called Meeting of the Congregation**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa has postponed the Special Meeting of the Congregation until Sunday, January 16, 2022, immediately following the worship service for the election of Church Officers.

### **Bible Basics 201 – December 2021 Lessons**

On January 12, 2022, Jim Tucker will be sharing a lesson called *Herod the Great: The Rest of the Story*.

Beginning January 19, 2022, we are starting a new series from Yale University on *Women in the Bible*. The first lesson is on Sarah. Here is the link to the study material: [Women in the Bible | Yale Bible Study](#). The Yale homepage offers you an option to register for the class. You do not need to do this. In the “curriculum” tab you will find a short lesson video and a study guide. If time allows you to review these before class, please do so. If time is short, you are welcome to join us for the fellowship and discussion without any study at all. We will watch the video together to start the class.

Please contact Mark Jones ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto: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

### **Poinsettias**

We take down our poinsettia display on Epiphany Sunday, this year on January 9, 2022. If you wish to take a poinsettia to someone who might enjoy its holiday cheer, please do so.

### **Session Highlights for December 2021**

- Thanks were given and blessings offered for Elders Dan Ellard, Jeffrey Gomez, Pete Madden and Don Wood, who have completed their active service on the Session.
- Received a report from the Finance Committee that we will end the year with a positive balance (income over expenses) due to a few estate gifts and lower than budgeted compensation expenses.
- A requested update on the FPC Response to the Synod Administrative Committee recommendations was submitted to Synod on December 14, 2021.
- The Reconciliation Circles offered by Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw have been completed.
- The Wedding Coordinator position at the church was eliminated as it duplicated much of what the wedding officiant must do.
- Adopted a formal policy for conducting electronic voting on Session motions between stated meetings, if necessary.



**Save the Date – January 30, 2022**

Celebrate **Carnival Sunday Jan 30th 9:30** with New Orleans music, Mardi Gras fun and a delicious brunch after worship. In the United States the principal Carnival celebration is in New Orleans, where the Carnival season opens on Twelfth Night (January 6) and climaxes with the Mardi Gras festivities commencing 10 days before Shrove Tuesday. For the second time, we have invited husband and wife Jazz duo Jeff (piano) and Anne (flute, vocals) Barnhart, guest artists, along with our Sanctuary Choir to lead this jazzy musical service.

Sponsored by your Congregational Development/Fellowship and Music/Worship Committees be prepared for great music, and, if all goes well with our temporary pandemic setback, delicious food! Immediately following the service we hope to follow the parade down into Fellowship Hall for Pulled Pork Sliders, Red Beans and Rice, Coleslaw, and piece of the famous King Cake.

