

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

January 30, 2022
Carnival 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

Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm 71: 1-6
1 Corinthians 13: 1-13
Luke 4: 21-30

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you"
-Jeremiah 1: 5



Carnival masks in Barcelona, Spain; photographer, Llanydd Lloyd (Unsplash).

Preparation for Worship

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

*Worshippers who are comfortable doing so, please stand.

Bold indicates congregational response.

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Humbly We Adore Thee

Arr. Mark Slater

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Minute for Mission

Paper Hearts Drive

Deacon Cathy Pratscher-Woods

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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will go to the pastor on call in case
of emergency.

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Prelude

My Lord! What a Morning

African-American Spiritual

(Refrain)

My Lord! What a morning; my Lord! What a morning;
O my Lord! What a morning, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall. *(Refrain)*

You will hear the sinner cry ...
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall. *(Refrain)*

You will hear the Christian shout ...
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall. *(Refrain)*

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Feasting on the Word, adapted

From the beginning, God calls us.

God sets us apart for meaning and purpose.

We avoid our calls and make excuses because we are afraid.

But God reassures us in many and various ways.

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

God is with us and sustains us.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn

I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river....

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

*Call to Confession

Feasting on the Word, adapted

God calls us to speak the truth. Even when our truth is difficult to say we can trust that God will deliver us. Let us dare to tell the truth about ourselves:

***Prayer of Confession**

Feasting on the Word, adapted

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived our lives in love. We have lost patience, been rude and irritable, and insisted on our own way. We are too comfortable with the way things are and we remain silent in the presence of injustice. Forgive us and heal us; fill us with love that is humble and patient. We ask it through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate; Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Feasting on the Word, adapted

God has loved us from the very beginning; God's love will never end. We need not fear, for we are held in God's healing power that makes all things new.

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

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Feasting on the Word, adapted

Spirit of life and love, as the word of God came to Jeremiah, touch us with your Word today. Open our hearts and enter in, that we might be witnesses to your love; Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13

"If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: For comfort, the Family and Friends of Linda Shawver, 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 r/o to 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

Mardi Gras Fun

Today, 10: 35 – 11:20 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Cherub Choir/ Kirkwood Choir/ Sunday School

In Recess

Confirmation Class.

In Recess

Adult Christian Education

In Recess

Caring Closet

Sundays, 10:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Open to Receive Donations

Chamber Chorale

Sundays, 11:20 a.m.- 12:20 p.m.
In Recess

Pickle Ball

Mondays and Wednesdays,
9 – 11:00 a.m.; Gym

Caring Closet

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

PNC

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm.
Zoom

Church Marketing and Growth

Tuesday, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Zoom

Staff Meeting

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
Zoom

Bible Basics 201

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.
Zoom

Vesper Bells

Thursdays, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
Chapel

Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

“Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’ Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.’ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Children’s Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

Sermon

God’s Interruption

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God’s Word

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Lord’s Prayer

traditional

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

from Feasting on the Word

Let us love God and our neighbors, not only in our words but also in our deeds, when we share from the gifts God has given to us.

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

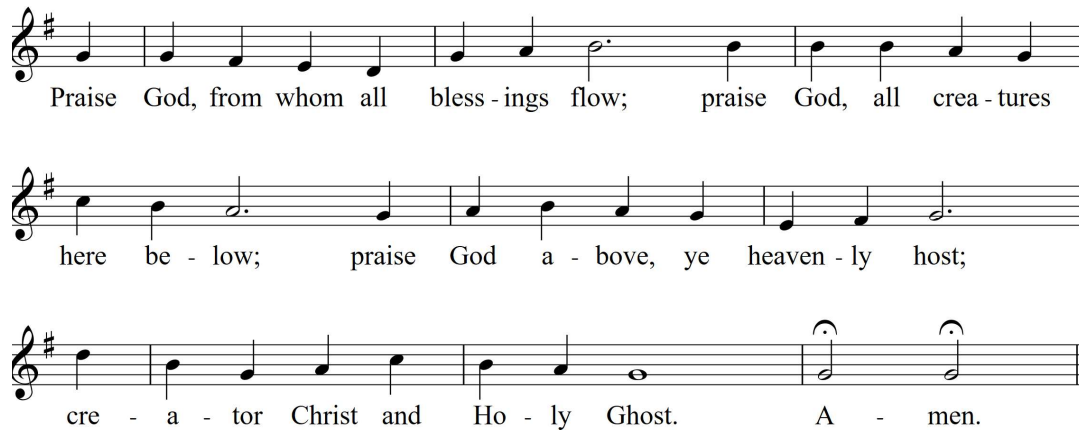
(Refrain)

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know him in his fullness and believe;
You’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” *(refrain)*

To share your treasure, 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



Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

(Refrain)

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. *(Refrain)*

Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. *(Refrain)*

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. *(Refrain)*

*Charge and Benediction

from Feasting on the Word

Go with the love of God made visible in you,
for you are filled with the Spirit of Life;
Go out to love your neighbors,
the ones just like you and the ones not at all like you.

May the love of God help you to bear all things;
the love of Christ inspire you to believe all things;
and the love of the Holy Spirit empower you to hope all things,
so you may abide in faith, hope and love this day and forever.

Postlude

Amen, Amen

Parade to Fellowship Hall for Mardi Gras Fun!

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Bible Basics 201 – January 2022 Lessons

On January 19, we started the Yale series of 12 lessons on Women in the Bible. [Women in the Bible | Study Mary Madgalene | Yale Bible Study.](#)

Bible Basics participants are volunteering to facilitate lessons from the series between January 19 and March 9 (7 lessons as we are likely skipping Ash Wed – March 2).

After pivoting to a series of lessons on Passover and Easter between March 16 and April 13 with a Holy Week recess on April 13, we may complete the series on Women in the Bible or choose another curriculum for the remainder of the spring.

For more information, contact Mark Jones at mkjones@mchsi.com

Here is the zoom link for the Bible Basics 201 group.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmcwCFJuZ3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977
Passcode: 215593

2022 Update from Adult Christian Education

ACE has kicked off 2022 with Virtual meetings for January. Join us!

January 30: [Reading the Bible: Ethical Issues](#) (online study guide available)

Our zoom link remains the same:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BBMU1PdHcrVENEZnVsQT09>

Meeting ID:
871 4227 5458

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Annual Report

A friendly reminder: annual reports are DUE

Carnival Sunday: New Orleans Music and Mardi Gras Fun



*Sponsored by
Congregational Development/Fellowship and Music/Worship Committees*

Today, we celebrate **Carnival Sunday** with New Orleans music and Mardi Gras fun!

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 guest artists **Ivory and Gold**, a husband and wife jazz duo Jeff (piano) and Anne (flute, vocals) Barnhart, together with our Sanctuary Choir, to lead this jazzy musical service.

Immediately following the worship service follow the parade down into Fellowship Hall for Mardi Gras fun! And then, take home a slice of the traditional Mardi Gras King Cake – perhaps YOU will be the one to find the baby in your slice?

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.

2022 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

Sunday, February 27 | 10:30am

The Session has scheduled the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation for Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 10:30am. The focus of the Annual Congregational Meeting is to receive reports from 2021 with a look at 2022. Fifty-four (54) church members are required for a quorum and we encourage you to attend! The meeting will be conducted in person and over Zoom.

Liturgists Wanted!

If you are interested in serving as a liturgist for Sunday services, please reach out to Diana Miller-Bur, our new Liturgist Coordinator.

But you ask:

What is a Liturgist?

Liturgists stand at the lectern, lead the congregation in all the responses and share the Word of God by reading the Scripture lessons.

How often would I have to volunteer?

As much or as little as you want, that is up to you.

Please contact Diana with any questions or with your interest. Her email is:

diana.miller.bur29@gmail.com Thank you!! We hope to see you at the lectern soon!

Deacons' Paper Hearts Drive

Once again, the Deacons are sponsoring a toilet paper drive to benefit the Humility of Mary emergency shelter. From now until March 31 you may bring your toilet paper donations to the church; our Deacons will bring them to the Humility of Mary Shelter services.

Our goal is 1,500 rolls. Not shopping during the pandemic? Send your monetary donations to the church office. Our Deacons are delighted to do your toilet paper shopping for you!

Let's demonstrate love in action and support this worthy cause.

Do You Want to Receive Your Church News Electronically?

It's easy to sign up! Simply send an email to staff members Matt Bishop at bishop@fpcdavenport.org or Susan Parker at parker@fpcdavenport.org

2022 Per Capita - \$38 per member

Per Capita is the annual contribution each Presbyterian makes to support our denomination's local, national, and international ministries. The 2022 Per Capita is \$38 per member, the same amount as in 2021. A member is one who has been confirmed or welcomed into the congregation by confession of faith, letter of transfer from another congregation, or reaffirmation of faith. You can submit your annual Per Capita contribution by mail or you can pay online.

It's Almost Time for the Next Broadcaster

We will publish the next edition of The Broadcaster, our news magazine, in the last two weeks of February. There's no time like the present to be thinking about your contribution! We will welcome your committee news, feature stories, photographs, activity reports and/or announcements of upcoming events – please send your information to Church Administrative Assistant Susan Parker at parker@fpcdavenport.org

December 2021 Financial Report

Calendar year 2021 ended with a positive financial outcome. This resulted from strong giving from the congregation and lower compensation expense than anticipated. Lower compensation expense was due largely to not having a full-time Christian Education staff member for most of the year. Non-compensation expenses for the year included purchasing multimedia equipment for Von Maur Hall and elsewhere in the church and establishing a reserve for future building maintenance expenses.

| | December 2021 | | December 2020 | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| General Fund Income | 85,945 | 67,380 | 175,083 | 83,646 |
| Custodial Accounts Income | 12,543 | - | 5,097 | - |
| Compensation Expenses | (40,444) | (51,690) | (39,030) | (50,348) |
| Non Compensation General Fund Expenses | (90,295) | (19,047) | (38,874) | (28,785) |
| Custodial Accounts Expenses | (12,543) | - | (5,097) | - |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (44,794) | (3,357) | 97,179 | 4,513 |
| | 2021 Year-To-Date | | 2020 Year-To-Date | |
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| General Fund Income | 756,636 | 659,104 | 952,503 | 865,754 |
| Custodial Accounts Income | 53,292 | - | 81,794 | - |
| Compensation Expenses | (466,695) | (538,780) | (550,296) | (598,954) |
| Non Compensation General Fund Expenses | (276,870) | (207,089) | (187,485) | (248,260) |
| Custodial Accounts Expenses | (53,292) | - | (81,794) | - |
| Surplus (Deficit) | 13,072 | (86,765) | 214,723 | 18,540 |

All numbers are rounded.

