

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

# February 6, 2022 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Worship at 9:30 a.m. Black History Month

#### Welcome!

We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org).



COVENANT NETWORK OF PRESBYTERIANS

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 6: 1-8 Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11

"Jesus said to Simon,
'Put out into deep water
and let down your nets
for a catch'"

-Luke 5: 4



Joachim Beuckelaer (ca. 1533-1575), Miraculous Draught of Fishes. The Getty Center, Los Angeles.

## **Preparation for Worship**

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

\*Worshipers who are comfortable doing so, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

## The Church Gathers To...

Prelude Fuga in a, BWV 543,2

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

J. S. Bach

Prelude Var. III from Variations Sur un-Noël Marcel Dupré

# **Praise Almighty God**

## **Call to Worship**

Feasting on the Word, adapted

God the Holy One calls us in the sanctuary.

God the Holy One calls us in our ordinary work.

God the Holy One calls us on the roads we travel.

God the Holy One calls us through our relationships.

God the Holy One calls us from the corners of the earth.

We come to listen for God the Holy One to call us here, today. Let us worship God.





Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

\*\*Bridging Pastor\*\*

\*\*Description\*\*

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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

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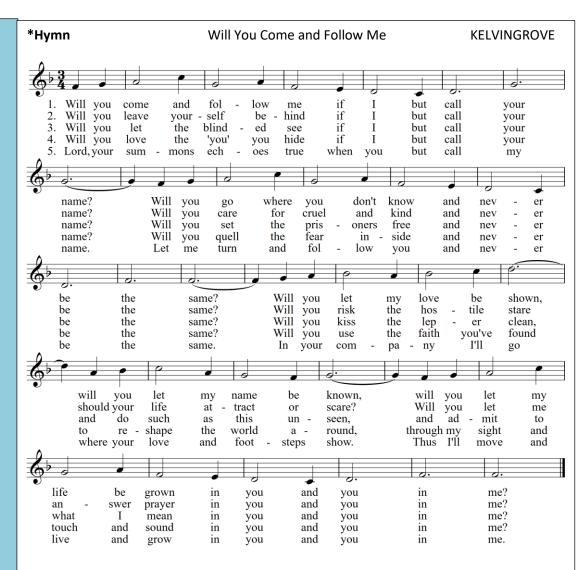
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# **Confess to a Forgiving Creator**

Call to Confession Psalm 138: 6

"The Lord God is high, yet regards the lowly, and perceives the haughty from far away." In the confidence of the children of God, let us confess our sin:

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Isaiah 6, Feasting on the Word, adapted

Holy One, though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us when we wander away from you, when our lives do not reflect your glory, when we abandon your purposes. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we might respond to your call with renewed devotion; we pray in Jesus' name; Amen.

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Psalm 138: 7-8, adapted

"God's steadfast love endures forever! Though we walk in the midst of trouble, God preserves us; the Lord's hand is stretched out to fulfill God's purpose for us."

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

Anthem

God of the Ages The Sanctuary Choir arr. Howard Helvey

## Listen for God's Word

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Isaiah 6, Feasting on the Word, adapted

Holy One, earth and heaven echo with your glory; humanity and angelic host alike sing your praise. Open our hearts to your breathtaking Word, that in our speech and actions we might exalt your name in all things; Amen.

#### **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of God's robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed, and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Scripture Reading**

Luke 5: 1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So, they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

Sermon

Deep Water

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

# Joys & Concerns

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

## **God of the Ages**

Daniel C. Roberts

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Alleluia!

## Respond to God's Word

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

1 Corinthians 15: 3-10a

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; he was buried; he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; and he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time .... Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain.

## **Prayers of the People**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

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 Prayer of Jesus

2021-2022 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.

## Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

from Feasting on the Word

God calls us to cast our nets into the deep waters of God's abundance, and then, to share of the plenty God has shared with us. Trusting in the One who calls us, we give our tithes and offerings in the name of Jesus, the great Fisher of people.

## Offertory

Var. V from Variations Sur un Noël

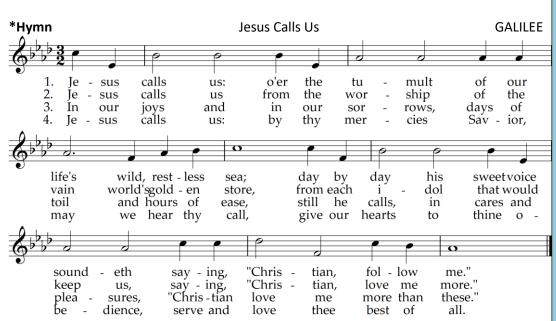
Marcel Dupré

To share your treasure, please visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now," use the link: <a href="https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm">https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm</a>, or mail your check in to the church office.

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



# Go To Serve With God's Blessing



#### \*Charge and Benediction

Nathan Nettleton and Psalm 138:3, adapted

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

And as you go, by the grace of God be all you have been called to be. Cast wide the net of God's love and remind one another of the good news.

May the Holy One fill you with awe; may Christ your Teacher amaze you with grace; and may God's spirit of glory renew your strength.

**Choral Benediction** the Peace of God John Rutter

**Postlude** Fugato from Variations Sur un–Noël Marcel Dupré

### **January Session Highlights**

- The Session welcomed new Elders to their first meeting Peter Bawden, Kirk Christie, Nancy foster, Bev Koos, Dawn Hickenbottom, and Jay Williams, along with returning Elders Paula Burnett, Diane Roebuck, and Karla Ruiter.
- Approve the request for the baptism: Bennett Lane Downing, son of Patrick and Kristine Downing. Baptism date to be Sunday, March 20, 2022, with Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner – Lasala officiating.
- Received a report from the finance Committee that the church ended the 2021 year with income over expenses of \$12,000. This was largely due to lower-than-expected compensation expenses.
- The Session approved a 2022 budget presented by the Budget Committee. The budget is a deficit budget of \$108,000.00. The deficit includes the necessary funds to search for, hire, and move a Head of Staff and a Christian Education Director. The budget discussion will be shared with the congregation at the Annual Meeting on February 27, 2022.
- Elders meeting with members of Presbytery of East Iowa (PEIA) organized as part of
  the reconciliation process reported on their meetings. One group is talking about
  how to best support our PNC. The other group is talking about improved
  communications. These discussions with PEIA are some of the final steps in the
  reconciliation process.

## 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 study 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 <a href="mkjones@mchsi.com">mkjones@mchsi.com</a>

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## Virtual Trivia Night Fundraiser February 25, 6:30pm (ZOOM)

First Presbyterian Church will hold a Virtual Trivia Night to raise funds for the Sanctuary Choir's 2022 tour to Ireland. This fun, family-friendly evening will require no technological prowess beyond using Zoom. As with in-person trivia events, teams of 8 are \$100/team; alternatively, you can pay \$12.50/person and be assigned to a team. Teams will be able to purchase "double downs" and "mulligans" for additional prices.

Visit https://bit.ly/3GmyVz6 or email bishop@fpcdavenport.org to purchase a ticket and reserve your spot - participation is limited!

## Adult Christian Education February Update

Hybrid Zoom From Von Maur Hall Sundays, 10:35 - 11:20 a.m.

**February 6**: Yale Bible Study's *Reading the* 

Bible: Session 2 tackles the presentation of violence, patriarchy, slavery, and sexual behavior which provides so much challenge. The history of the Bible, the writings of the Old Testament, and Jesus' teaching are considered together in a way that fosters greater understanding of the messages in the Bible.

February 13, 20, 27: Living in Community from PC USA's Follow Me series: When God looked at the first human in Genesis 2:18, God proclaimed that it was not good for the human to be alone and created a partner to provide companionship. Since the beginning, humans have lived in some type of community. At their best, these communities work together to share abundant life. The church is a living community committed to gathering together across differences, feasting and listening together, uplifting those in need, and supporting those who depart. This vision of believers worshiping God together as they learn to live a life worthy of the gospel is strong evidence that life in community is intrinsic to being a Christian.

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## 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 10:30 a.m. to transact any business of the church, ecclesiastical or corporate, that may properly come before it, including a review of the budget adopted by Session and receipt of the reports of all official boards and organizations. 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: <a href="mailto:diana.miller.bur29@gmail.com">diana.miller.bur29@gmail.com</a> 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 deliver 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 by supporting this worthy cause.

## **Do You Want to Receive Your Church News Electronically?**

It's easy to sign up! Simply sign up on the church website or send an email to staff members Matt Bishop at <a href="mailto:bishop@fpcdavenport.org">bishop@fpcdavenport.org</a> or Susan Parker at <a href="mailto:parker@fpcdavenport.org">parker@fpcdavenport.org</a>

## 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	1
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.

#### **Weekly Program Schedule**

#### **Online Worship Watch Party**

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. See e-news, website or Facebook

#### MusikGarten

Sundays, 8:30 am. Zoom

## Cherub Choir/ Kirkwood Choir/ **Sunday School**

10:35 – 11:20 a.m.

CE Building, 3d floor

#### **Confirmation Class.**

10:35 – 11:20 a.m.

CE Building, 3d floor

#### **Adult Christian Education**

10:35 - 11:20 a.m.

Hybrid Zoom, Von Maur Hall **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.

**Choir Room** 

#### **Pickle Ball**

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

Gym

#### **Personnel Committee**

Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Zoom

## **Caring Closet**

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

#### **Social Justice Training**

Tuesday, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Zoom

#### **Pastor Nominating Committee**

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Zoom

## **Staff Meeting and Training**

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. Hybrid Zoom

## **Bible Basics 201**

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

Zoom

## Congregational Development/Fellowship

#### Committee

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

#### **Vesper Bells**

Thursdays, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Chapel

## **Sanctuary Choir**

Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary



Black History Month began in 1926 when Carter G. Woodson started Negro History Week. Woodson had a master's degree from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. from Harvard University, both in history. A historian and school principal, Woodson's lived experience was that Black people are underrepresented in the books and scholarly communication that shape American history.

To study Black history in a disciplined way and promote the achievements of African Americans, Woodson, together with Jesse E. Moreland, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), established the "Journal of Negro Histor" and founded Negro History Week so students could learn about the history and accomplishments of African Americans.

Even so, the most popular American middle school textbook still mentioned only two African Americans when, in 1976, President Gerald Ford decreed a national observance of Black History Month.

From the beginning, an annual theme has been chosen to focus public attention and study. Since 1976, our Presidents have signed decrees to announce the annual themes chosen by the ASALH.

The 2022 theme is "Black Health and Wellness."

## **Respectful Communication Guidelines**

R = take RESPONSIBILITY for what you say and feel without blaming others.

E = use EMPATHETIC listening.

S = be SENSITIVE to differences in communication styles.

P = PONDER what you hear and feel before you speak

E = EXAMINE your own assumptions and perceptions

C = keep CONFIDENTIALITY (Share CONSTRUCTIVELY to uphold the wellbeing of the COMMUNITY)

T = TRUST ambiguity because we are NOT here to debate who is right or wrong

From *The Bush Was Blazing But Not Consumed* by Eric H.F. Law Chalice Press, 1996.