

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

February 20, 2022
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).



People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome here, along with their families.

We are a
Matthew 25 church



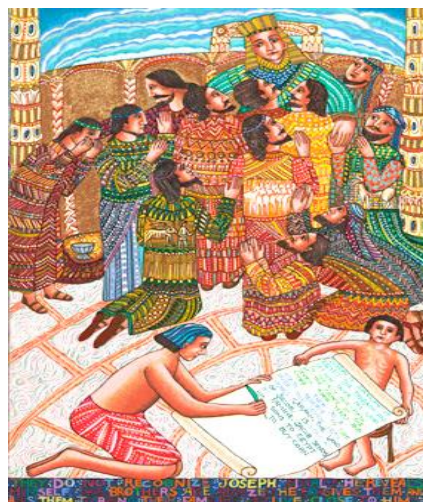
MATTHEW 25

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

Genesis 45: 1-15
Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40
1 Cor. 15: 35-38, 42-50
Luke 6: 27-38

"But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." Luke 6: 35



John August Swanson (1938-2021), "Story of Joseph" (detail)

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	Vivace from Trio Sonata No. 3, BWV 527	J. S. Bach
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Pat Halverson
Prelude	I Need Thee Every Hour	Arr. Dale Wood

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Let us come before the Lord in praise;
splendor and majesty are before God.

**This day we gather to worship God
and to be refreshed in God's truth and love.**

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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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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*Hymn #332

Live into Hope

TRURO

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

We know we are imperfect, and so we go to the Lord with honesty, admitting our need for forgiveness and our trust in the mercy of God.

Prayer of Confession

Our loving God, we are still learning how much your love for us is unconditional and infinite. We admit that we often do not love others as you call us to do. Forgive us for our inability to forgive others, and for our unwillingness to do good to those we deem undeserving. Forgive us for our tendency to hold grudges and withhold grace and kindness from those who have been ungracious and unkind to us. Thank you for loving us unconditionally and continue to lead us in your path of love. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

from Luke 6: 35

Jesus promised that God is merciful, even to us. Trusting in God's goodness and love, hear these words of assurance:

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

Anthem

Lift Every Voice and Sing
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Roland Carter

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

from Feasting on the Word

God of all Epiphanies, draw us close in your Spirit as we listen for your Word in the words. Empower us to discern your will and live according to your purposes; Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 45: 3-15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Luke 6: 27-38

Jesus said, 'But I say to you that listen,

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be merciful, just as God your creator is merciful. 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: With thanksgiving at the birth of Franklin Joseph Hennes; for comfort for the Family and Friends of **Carol Ann Block**, Karen Hean, Lynda Shawver, Tanya Barnes Smith, Rev. James Clark; for God's presence with all those who are grieving; for God's healing hands to touch Danielle, Dick Duncan, Jim Hall, Decklin, 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.

Anthem Texts

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

James Weldon Johnson
(1871-1938)

Lift every voice and sing till
earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of
liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the
listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling
sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that
the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that
the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new
day begun,
let us march on, till victory is
won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter
the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope
unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not
our weary feet
come to the place for which our
parents sighed?
We have come over a way that
with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our
path through the blood of the
slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till
now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our
bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of
our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus
far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led
us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we
pray.
Lest our feet stray from the
places, our God, where we met
thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the
wine of the world, we forget
thee;

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

Sermon

“A Primer on What It Means to Love Others” Rev. Pat Halverson

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

from Scots' Confession, Ch. 13

We believe: “The cause of good works, we freely admit, is not our free will, but the Spirit of the Lord Jesus, who dwells in our hearts by true faith, bringing forth such works as God has prepared for us to walk in.”

Prayers of the People

Rev. Pat Halverson

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

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Luke 6: 30-31

Jesus said, “Give to everyone who begs from you; and do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Offertory

Lord, Build Me a Cabin in Glory Land

Arr. Uzee Brown Jr.

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

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Pat Halverson

As you, O Lord, have poured your blessings upon us in so many ways, we offer to you our service and a portion of our substance that your good news may continue to reach others near and far. Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Hymn*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound**

MC KEE



1. The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2. True faith will o - pen up the door by and
 3. True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4. If what we have we free - ly share to

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.

Charge and Benedictionfrom Psalm 37*

Do not fret because of the wicked.
 Trust in the Lord and do good.
 Delight in the Lord, and God will give you the desires of your heart.
 Be still before the Lord; and wait patiently for God.
 Let us walk in grace and love, knowing that the Lord God is with us.

May you experience the love of God,
 the forgiving grace of Christ,
 and the power of the Spirit within.
 May you walk in peace.

Choral Benediction

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

Postlude

Triumphal March of Heritage

Uzee Brown Jr.

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 Ruitter.
- Approve the request for the baptism: Bennett Lane Downing, son of Patrick and Kristena 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 mkjones@mchsi.com

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmcwcfJuY3hSWEpQanNBVfhFdz09>

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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 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.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BBMU1PdHERVENEZnVsQT09>

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Adult Christian Education
March-April Preview

Dare to Ask:
A Lenten Exploration

Facilitated by Bruce Bufe and Kathy Stoner-Lasala, Dare to Ask is a Lenten exploration of faith questions: questions we were reluctant to ask, questions we thought nobody wanted to hear, questions we thought we were the only person asking. Sundays in Lent starting March 6, 10:35 a.m. Hybrid Zoom, Von Maur Hall.

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: 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 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 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, the first week of March. 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

Between The Covers Book Club

Between the Covers Book Club will meet on Monday, February 21 in the parlor at 12:30 p.m.. "The Great Dissenter" by Peter S. Canellos will be discussed, led by Irene Huffman.

Caring Closet Update

The Caring Closet will be getting ready for Spring in the next few weeks and we welcome donations of spring clothing including formals and accessories. Prom Night will be at the beginning of April.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing is Coming Soon!

What if these were the days when Jesus was living with us? What if this were the moment God chose to connect? Where would we find Jesus? Here, in our congregation? Or in our neighborhoods?

Perhaps Jesus would be among people classified as "essential," who might struggle to feed their own families, while ensuring food makes it to others' tables.

Perhaps Jesus would be working in a neighborhood, mostly ignored by governments and industry, except when there are resources to be exploited or removed.

Perhaps Jesus lives in any of the places, so impoverished in a world of plenty, that help and hope seem like illusions.

Or perhaps locked away, drowned out or disregarded so far from us that we never even know our Savior's name.

What if this is the time? What if this is the place?

Our faith proclaims that God connects in each of those places, and in each person bearing God's image. Our faith proclaims that God is among us, and that Jesus can be found among those most precious to God, those neighbors experiencing hunger, oppression or lack, even now, even among us.

One Great Hour of Sharing connects us with people coming together to respond to the needs in their neighborhoods. It is the largest way Presbyterians connect with one another and unite with congregations in every corner of the Church and with partners all over the world. We connect in order to grow, together, while offering support that addresses shared needs in a particular context.

With God and with one another, we connect the story of Jesus who lived, healed and preached among those who had least during his earthly ministry, through ministries that seek healing and wholeness in our world today.

One Great Hour of Sharing connects us to proclaim that Christ is here! God is with us! Jesus is among those who have least, those who hunger and thirst, those who are sick or alone; with those seeking justice and righteousness with their neighbors and all who are in need.

Christ is here! When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

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

Between the Covers Book Club

Monday, 12:30 p.m., Parlor

Session Committees

Welcome/CEFY/Worship

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Zoom

Session Meeting

7:00 p.m. Zoom

Caring Closet

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

Staff Meeting and Training

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Hybrid Zoom

Bible Basics 201

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Pandemic Task Force

7:30 p.m., Zoom

Vesper Bells

Thursdays, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Chapel

Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Trivia Night

Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom



Katherine Johnson, a longtime PC (U.S.A.) ruling elder and member of Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia, was a NASA mathematician and aerospace technologist from 1953-86.

Johnson was hired as a research mathematician by the agency that preceded NASA after the agency opened hiring to African Americans and women. Johnson's computations influenced every major space program from the Mercury launches through the space shuttle program, including the calculations that helped synch the Apollo Lunar Lander with the moon-orbiting Command Module. She also worked on the Space Shuttle and the Earth Resources Satellite and authored or co-authored 26 research reports.

Johnson was known especially for her calculations of the 1961 trajectory for Alan Shepard's flight as the first American in space and for her 1962 verification of the first flight calculation made by an electronic computer, in this case for John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth. Her work was featured in the book and 2016 hit movie *"Hidden Figures."*

When President Barack Obama awarded Johnson the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2015, Johnson was 97 years old. She the first African American woman to receive this honor.

New Mission Opportunities!

EXPO (EX-incarcerated People Organizing)

Quad Cities Interfaith is working with EXPO to support formerly incarcerated people to be restored to full participation in the lives of their communities. This project involves making phone calls to formerly incarcerated people who are now eligible to be restored as voters. Formerly incarcerated people are not automatically restored to their former voters' rolls, but not everyone knows this. These phone calls are to inform formerly incarcerated people that their right to vote has been restored and to share the contact information they will need to re-register to vote. If you're interested, contact Pastor Kathy via email here: stoner-lasala@fpcdavenport.org



Pastor Katie Styr's Church in Milan and Refugee Resettlement

Pastor Katie's church, First Presbyterian Church in Milan, IL, has a refugee partnership team that is working to resettle Afghan Allies and other refugee families; the team would love to partner with First Davenport members in this work.

World Relief has matched Milan's refugee partnership team with an established refugee household in the Quad Cities.

One member of the household needs transportation to and from dialysis appointments on Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday from noon to 3:00. Volunteers can sign up for as many round trip rides as they wish – it's not necessary to commit beyond a volunteer's capacity. Volunteers must complete an application with background check, go to an orientation and be vaccinated.

Here's the volunteer application:

<https://worldrelief.powerappsportals.com/new-vol-app/?wroffice=quadcities>