

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

February 27, 2022
Transfiguration Sunday
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

Exodus 34: 29-35

Psalms 99

2 Cor. 3:12 – 4:2

Luke 9: 28-36

“Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’ -- not knowing what he said.”

Luke 9: 33



Anonymous 17th-century Greek icon (Benaki Museum | Athens, Greece)

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

The Dancing Pipes

Jonathan Dove

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Bridging Pastor

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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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Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Improvisation

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

from Seasons of the Spirit

From a cloud and in a crowd,

God is revealed to us.

On mountaintops and in neighborhoods,

Christ is revealed to us.

On the playground and in the workstation,

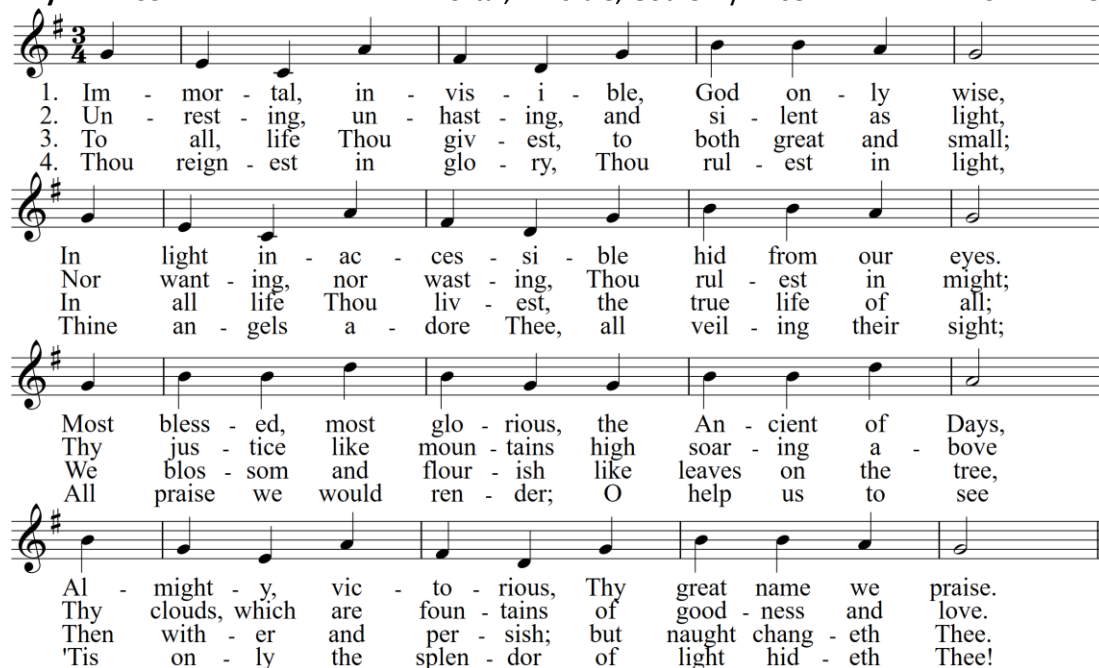
the Spirit is revealed to us.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn #263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO



Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

from Psalm 99

The Psalmist writes, "In a pillar of cloud, the Lord spoke to all who called on God's name. When they cried to the Lord, God answered them." In the peace that passes all understanding, let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

adapted from Moira Laidlaw

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess how our attitudes and behaviors conceal rather than reveal you. When we conceal your love because our eyes are veiled by prejudice and intolerance; when we conceal your truth because we fail to give a credible witness; when we conceal your justice because we refuse to empower those who are powerless; when we conceal your mercy because we are indifferent to those in need: forgive us, Lord. As we repent, send your glory to shine through our words and deeds. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

from Luke 9: 17-18

The Apostle Paul writes, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,

there is freedom. And [we], seeing the glory of the Lord ... are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another."

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

Anthem

His face shone like the sun
The Sanctuary Choir

Jonathan Dove

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

from Feasting on the Word

By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our eyes with your radiance, and give us life as we hear your Word today; Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 9: 28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

Sermon

If Only

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed (*traditional*)

Hymnal p. 14

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

2 Cor. 9:6

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Improvisation

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.

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 Erin Middleton Cavan, 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.

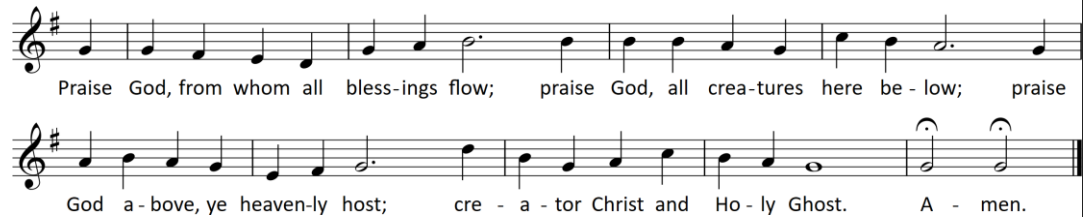
Choral Anthem Text

"His face shown like the sun"
Matthew 17:2,5

He was transfigured. His face shown like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

A bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be low; praise
God above, ye heavenly host; creator Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 Lord's Prayer (traditional)

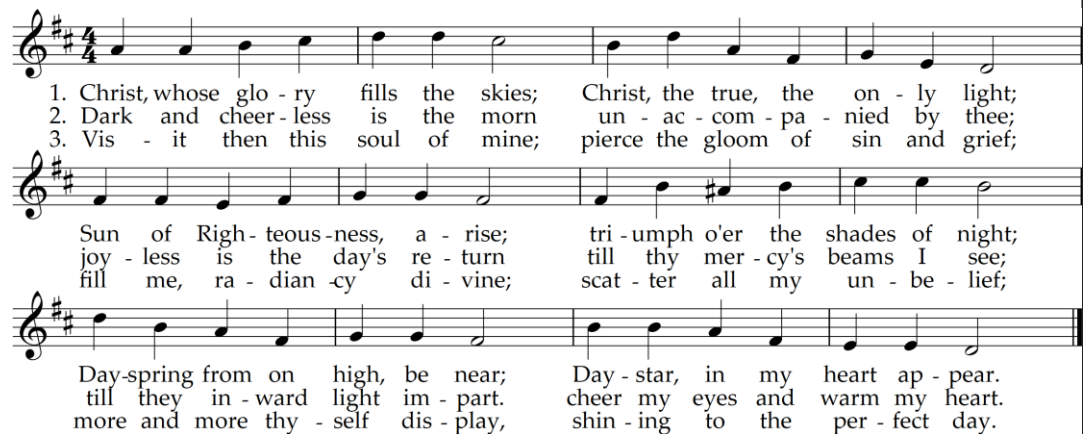
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Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn #462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON



1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
joyless is the day's return till thy mercies beams I see;
fill me, radiant - cy di - vine; scatter all my unbelief;
Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.
till they inward light impart cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

*Charge and Benediction

from Nathan Nettleton

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

live boldly, that you may witness to God's power;

live brightly, that you may be a reflection of God's Word.

And may God strengthen you and go before you;

may Christ Jesus unveil your minds; and

may the Holy Spirit transform you from glory to glory;

today and always; Amen.

Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

Postlude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Arr. Dale Wood

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 today, 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.

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 2; in person 12 noon; virtual re-broadcast 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday service with communion will be held in the Sanctuary at noon on March 2; the service will be livestreamed, recorded and re-broadcast at 7 p.m. the same evening. At the end of today's worship service, worship hosts will distribute ashes and communion elements to use at home for those planning to attend online. **REMEMBER: do not mix ashes and water as this will create caustic lye which is corrosive to skin, eyes and esophagus. Use OIL as the substrate when you impose your ashes and oil-based cleansers (NOT water!) to remove ashes from your forehead.**

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.

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!

Bible Basics 201

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 in recess on 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>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977
Passcode: 15593

Adult Christian Education **February Update**

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

February 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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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

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(s) will be on March 29 and April 5!

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

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.

January 2021 Financial Report

	January 2022		January 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	106,807	106,807	99,473	99,472
Custodial Accounts Income	441	-	541	-
Compensation Expenses	40,862	40,862	37,728	37,037
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	15,258	15,258	12,168	12,107
Custodial Accounts Expenses	441	-	541	-
Surplus (Deficit)	50,687	50,687	49,577	50,328
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
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All numbers are rounded.

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 Styrts' church 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>

Here's the link to the training video from World Relief volunteer orientation:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/17tjC8YoSSkv9QTg4uzZeRNdsV8p7PZsn/view?usp=s_haring

If you watch the training, tell Pastor Kathy so she can pass on your name to Pastor Katie and the World Relief Volunteer Coordinator.

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

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

Building and Grounds Committee
Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Nominating Committee
Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm.
Zoom

Ash Wednesday Services
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
12:00 p.m. (in person & livestream)
7:00 p.m. (virtual replay)

Bible Basics 201 in Recess
resumes next week

Staff Meeting/Training
Thursday, 10 a.m.

Vesper Bells
Thursdays, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
Chapel

Sanctuary Choir
Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

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.

On Sundays in Lent starting March 6, Bruce and Kathy invite you to gather at 10:35 a.m. in Von Maur Hall or on zoom to explore your own and others' faith questions.

Bruce and Kathy hope you will begin to reflect now so your insights have time to develop: We're asking questions to learn, expand our understanding, and deepen our relationships. Some questions, though they are worth asking, may not have definitive answers.

We encourage open-ended questions about which people disagree, that may not have an answer or have more than one answer, that deepen our faith or spirituality, that we've been reluctant to ask.

When a question is posed, we want to struggle with it. We don't want to give simplistic answers, dismiss any question, question the validity of a question, or rebuke our fellow questioners.

There are several ways to share your question: you can write it down and place it in the question box in the back of the sanctuary; you can email it to Bruce brucenbufe@gmail.com or Kathy stoner-lasala@fpcdavenport.org; if you'd like your question to remain anonymous you can email it to Church Administrative Assistant Susan Parker parker@fpcdavenport.org



Thelma Cornelia Davidson, educator, church leader, and human rights advocate, was born August 29th, 1920. She grew up in Iron Station, NC where her father, Rev. Robert James Davidson, was a Baptist minister and principal of the Western Union Baptist Academy. Her mother, Violet Wilson Davidson, was a teacher and community organizer. Once Rev. Davidson became principal of Davidson High School and pastor of several Baptist churches, the Adair children began to participate in all the churches in town.

In 1934, Thelma Davidson graduated from Lincoln Academy and went on to Barber-Scotia Junior College and then Bennett College. In 1940, she married Presbyterian minister and Sunday school missionary Rev. Eugene Adair. They moved in 1942 to Harlem, New York, where they raised three children. In 1943, Rev. Eugene Adair became pastor of Mount Morris Ascension Presbyterian Church; Elder Adair completed her M.A. and Ph.D. in education and became a Professor of Education at Queens College, University of the City of New York, where she is Professor Emerita.

In Harlem, Adair organized and directed Day Care Centers and Head Start Programs for the children of migrant farm workers and working parents. In her religious life, she is a ruling elder in the Mount Morris Ascension Presbyterian Church of New York City in Harlem and a leader in Black Presbyterians United. In 1976, Dr. Adair was elected moderator of the 188th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. She was the first African American woman to hold the highest office in the United Presbyterian Church's highest policy-making body. As moderator from 1976 to 1977, Dr. Adair traveled the world, visiting seventy countries and conducting meetings with local and national leaders such as President Gerald Ford.

By 1980, Dr. Adair found herself in yet another international role as the President of Church Women United which organizes Christian women in over 125 countries. As President, Adair emphasized uplifting local voices, recognizing that American women could not assume to be experts in solving other countries' problems, encouraging women to build lasting friendships with women in other countries, and creating mutually beneficial partnerships.

Adair has written many works on early childhood education, some of which have been official guides for early childhood educators. Many Head Start programs have been established in West Harlem because of her passion and help. In 1944 she created the Arthur Eugene and Thelma Adair Community Life Center Head Start, which served more than 250 children throughout Harlem each year.

Now 101 years of age, Thema Adair's message for the National Black Presbyterian Caucus is, "We are just beginning a new struggle for justice. It's time again to ask everyone to reaffirm what we have fought for, and start a new world for our children, and our children's children. I love each of you."