



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Fourth Sunday in Eastertide  
May 08, 2022  
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 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.

## Land Acknowledgement

First Presbyterian Church gratefully acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Indigenous communities who make Iowa and Illinois their home today. The communities we serve through our ministries occupy the traditional homelands of the people of the Kiikaapoi, Myaamia, Ojéhéti Šakówinj, Peoria, Sauk, and Meskwaki nations. We honor these and numerous Indigenous tribes who first made the banks of the Mississippi River a center for arts and commerce.



Fabrizio Santafede (1560-1635), "Saint Peter Raises Tabitha" (1601-1603)  
Pio Monte della Misericordia (Naples)

## 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.

## SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION

Acts 9:36–43

Psalms 23

Revelation 7:9–17

John 10:22–30

## The Church Gathers To...

### Prelude

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound!

Arr. George Shearing

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

### Recognition of Christian Education Leaders

Ruling Elder Diane Roebuck

### Prelude

Blessed Jesu, At Thy Word

J. S. Bach

## 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*

Angie Hook\*

*Accounting Assistant*

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*Church Administrative Assistant*

Kandis Cooper\*

*Nursery Coordinator*

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*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](http://www.fpcdavenport.org)

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# Praise Almighty God

## Call to Worship

*Easter Dialogue*

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

## \*Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON



1. Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.  
2. No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
3. No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
4. Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

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No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

# Confess to a Forgiving Creator

## Call to Confession

*adapted from Heb. 4: 14-16*

Our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, that we may receive mercy and be found by grace.

## Prayer of Confession

*adapted from Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

**Almighty God, our Mother, our Father, our Creator: you birthed the world and called us to be a new creation. Forgive us when we act as if your new creation had not dawned: when we fail to practice justice, love one another, or live selflessly. Giver of life, change us and make us new again. As you have blessed us, transform us into a blessing for others; we ask it for your love's sake; Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

*from Rev. 7: 9-17*

Salvation belongs to God, who is seated on the throne and will wipe away every tear from our eyes. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

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

**\*Response to Grace**

v. 2 of "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Christ is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;

His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

**Listen for God's Word****Prayer for Illumination***Vanderbilt Divinity Library*

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true; Amen.

**Lesson from the Christian Scriptures**

Revelation 7: 9-17

"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, and where have they come from?' I said, 'You are the one that knows.' Then the elder said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them clean in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship day and night within God's temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of the water of life. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Lesson from the Christian Scriptures**

Acts 9:36-43

"Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time, she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two people to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping, and showing

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**In Our Prayers:** the people of Ukraine and all who groan under oppression; comfort for the Families and Friends of Jim Hall, Jim Keenan, Rebecca Koos, Ron Solt, Karen Hean; for God's presence with all those who are grieving; for God's hands of healing and protection to touch Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, Chris Cook, Carolyn Draper, Janice Reichard, Erin Middleton Cavan, Danielle, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Hudson Stoner, Dorothy Downing, families and victims of gun violence, abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

**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:** For anyone who is homebound 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 who need prayer with those who commit to a ministry of prayer. Contact 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 church office.

### Anthem Text

When Music Wakes My Sleeping Heart

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB

When music wakes my sleeping heart  
and plays my spirit strong,  
then all I love is gracious gift  
and every breath, a song.

*From all that lives, in  
symphony,  
let music echo mightily.  
From east to west, and  
ceaselessly,  
let music ring eternally!*

When music gathers us in  
prayer  
and summons us to praise,  
then beauty spills her shining  
light  
across our darkened days.  
[Refrain]

When music calms the fearful  
heart  
and lifts the downcast soul,  
may all our song be healing  
balm  
to make the wounded whole.  
[Refrain]

When music fills the universe  
and all is melody,  
then every voice will join the  
hymn  
of soaring majesty.  
[Refrain]

"All honor to the Holy One,  
all praise and glory be!"  
Our alleluias without end  
will ring in harmony.

[Refrain]

tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

When Music Wakes My Sleeping Heart  
The Sanctuary Choir

Joel Martinson

**Children's Message**

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

**Sermon**

The First Caring Closet

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

## Respond to God's Word

### Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Presentation

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Deacon Al Frohlich

On behalf of the Session, I present our 2022 Confirmation Class to reaffirm the baptismal covenant into which they were baptized. They now desire to profess publicly their faith and to assume greater responsibility in the life of the church, and God's mission in the world.

We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith and to share with us in our common ministry. In your baptism you were joined to Christ and made members of his church. In the community of the people of God, you have learned of God's purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nurtured at the table of our Lord and called to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Hear these words from Holy Scripture:

*1 Peter 2:9*

"You are chosen, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of the shadows into God's marvelous light."

### Profession of Faith

Now, as you publicly declare your faith, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which you were baptized.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I do.**

Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**I will.**

Our Confirmation Class has stepped into the living waters of the stream of believers that has been flowing for more than 200 years. With the whole church, let us confess our faith using both the ancient Apostles' creed and the brand new creed offered by this Confirmation Class:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Our faith is a journey we have only just begun.**

*Confirmation Class of 2022*

You have publicly professed your faith.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, by water and the Spirit you claimed us as your own, cleansed us from sin, and given us new life. You made us members of your body, the church, calling us to be your servants in the world. Renew these your children in the covenant you made in their baptism. Continue the good work you have begun in them. Send them forth in the power of your Spirit to love and serve you with joy, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Laying on of Hands

O Lord, uphold Rachel A. Frohlich, Benjamin C. Jacobsmeier, and Alex P. Wholers by your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Welcome

Rachel A. Frohlich, Benjamin C. Jacobsmeier, and Alex P. Wholers, by publicly professing their faith, have expressed their intention to continue in the covenant God made with them in their baptism. Let us welcome them as they join with us in the worship and mission of the church.

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

**Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God**

*adapted from Thom M. Shuman*

For those who have no place to rest:

**may our gifts provide shelter.**

For those who are parched for justice:

**may our generosity quench their thirst.**

For those who wander the streets alone and afraid:

**may our blessings provide a way.**

For those who are in the valleys of suffering:

**may we offer ourselves as companions on the journey.**

We ask it for your love's sake;

**Amen.**

**Offertory**

Melody in G Major

Alexandre Guilmant

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

## **Bible Basics for the month of May**

We are progressing through an 8-week study on I and II Thessalonians. Here is our schedule for the upcoming lessons.

- May 11: Instructions for Christian Life (I Thess 4)
- May 18: Eschatology and Final Admonitions (1 Thess 5)
- May 25: More Thanksgiving (II Thess 1)
- June 1: Resistance and Delay (II Thess 2)
- June 8: Some Practical Advice (II Thess 3)

All are welcome. Please contact Mark Jones

([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com)) for more information or study material. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmcwcFJuY3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

Passcode: 215593

### 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](mailto:diana.miller.bur29@gmail.com)

Thank you!! We hope to see you at the lectern soon!

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Cre-a-tor, Word and Spirit one. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

### **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.**

It is truly right ...

... we pray in Jesus' name and as he taught us:

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

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.**

## **Go To Serve With God's Blessing**

### **\*Hymn #442**

### **The Church's One Foundation**

AURELIA

1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
3. Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,  
4. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
She is His new creation By water and the word;  
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
By His schisms rent a sunder, By her e-sies dis-tressed,  
and mys-tic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food;  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-ery grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

## **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Choral Benediction**

The Peace of God

John Rutter

Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

And the blessing of God Almighty,

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,

Be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

### **Postlude**

Fuga in C Major

Felix Mendelssohn

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2022**



Alex P. Wholers



Benjamin C.



Rachel A. Frohlich

## **2021 – 2022 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS**

Colleen Duenas

Al Frohlich

Marty Bowles -Edwards

Paula Hartman

Kristine Oswald.

Jane Magnusson

Vickie Stegall

Abby Saskowski

Hugh Stafford

Jed Steckel

Heather Calvert

## **Weekly Program Schedule**

### **Online Worship Watch Party**

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

See e-news, website or Facebook

### **MusikGarten**

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Zoom

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

Summer Recess

### **Adult Christian Education**

10:35 – 11:20 a.m.

Von Maur Hall, Hybrid Zoom

### **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

### **Memorial Service for Jim Hall**

Monday, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

### **Deacons Outreach Committee**

Monday, 6:00 p.m., Zoom?

### **Board of Deacons**

Monday, 7:00 p.m., Von Maur Hall

### **Pandemic Task Force**

Monday, 7:30 p.m., Zoom

### **Staff Meeting**

Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Von Maur Hall, Hybrid Zoom

### **Finance Committee**

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m., Zoom

### **Pastor Nominating Committee**

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

### **Caring Closet**

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

### **Pickle Ball**

Wednesday,

9 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

### **Bible Basics 201**

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

### **Foundation Board of Trustees**

Thursday, 5:15 p.m., Zoom

### **CDF Committee**

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

CE Building, 3d Floor

### **Vesper Bells**

Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

### **Sanctuary Choir**

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### March 2022 Financials

	March 2022		March 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	49,280	52,767	70,587	63,800
Custodial Accounts Income	5,135	-	2,976	-
Compensation Expenses	42,826	47,837	43,448	41,490
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	19,665	22,024	19,974	29,026
Custodial Accounts Expenses	5,135	-	2,976	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(13,211)</b>	<b>(17,094)</b>	<b>7,165</b>	<b>(6,716)</b>
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	191,200	194,687	242,489	226,154
Custodial Accounts Income	6,476	-	3,957	-
Compensation Expenses	126,434	131,447	121,019	123,791
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	49,305	51,664	50,618	58,055
Custodial Accounts Expenses	6,476	-	3,957	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>15,461</b>	<b>11,576</b>	<b>70,852</b>	<b>44,308</b>

All numbers are rounded.

### Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir Concert

Friday, May 13 | 7:30pm

Join us for an evening of great choral music with the Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir, under the direction of Tom Trenney. The concert will include a joint choir piece with FPC's Sanctuary Choir. Free admission, masks required!

### Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir

## HOLD FAST —to— Dreams TOUR

Tom Trenney, conductor / Anne Wilson, accompanist

Friday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church  
1702 Iowa Street, Davenport, IA  
*featuring the Davenport First Presbyterian Church Choir*

