



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Asian American and Pacific Islander Month Sixth Sunday in Eastertide May 22, 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.



Joel Bergner, "Global Refugee Mural" (2009) | Silver Spring, Maryland

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.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION

Acts 16: 9-15

Psalms 67

John 5: 1-9

Revelation 21: 10 – 22:5

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

I Love Thee, My Lord

Arr. George Shearing

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Pat Halverson

Minute for Mission

Caring Closet

Elder RuthAnn Tobey-Brown

Prelude

In Thee Is Gladness

Giovanni Gastoldi

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

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Alex Gilson

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& Assistant Director of Music

Linda Bengfort*

Assistant Choral Director

Kathy Middleton*

Assistant Choral Director

for Children

Kristine Olson

Finance Manager

Angie Hook*

Accounting Assistant

Susan Parker

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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

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Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

from Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us.

May our ways be known on earth, our salvation among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

May our worship be acceptable in your sight, O God

*Hymn #341

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a
2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, Vi-sions of
3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my
fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion,
rap-ture now burst on my sight; An-gels, de-scend-ing,
Sav-ior am hap-py and blest, Wat-ching and wait-ing,
pur-chase of God, Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood.
bring from a-bove, Ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
look-ing a-bove, Filled with His good-ness, lost in His love.
Refrain
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long;
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

from 1 John 1: 8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In peace, let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

adapted from Book of Common Worship PC(USA)

Together, let us confess our sins to the Lord.

O God of all that is good, we come to you knowing our need for your forgiveness. We acknowledge our self-centeredness at times, our pride, our lack of trust, our unwillingness to hear another's thoughts or see their pain. Even as you forgive us, help us to empathize more and judge less, and to offer grace as you have done for us. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

from Rev. 21: 1-6

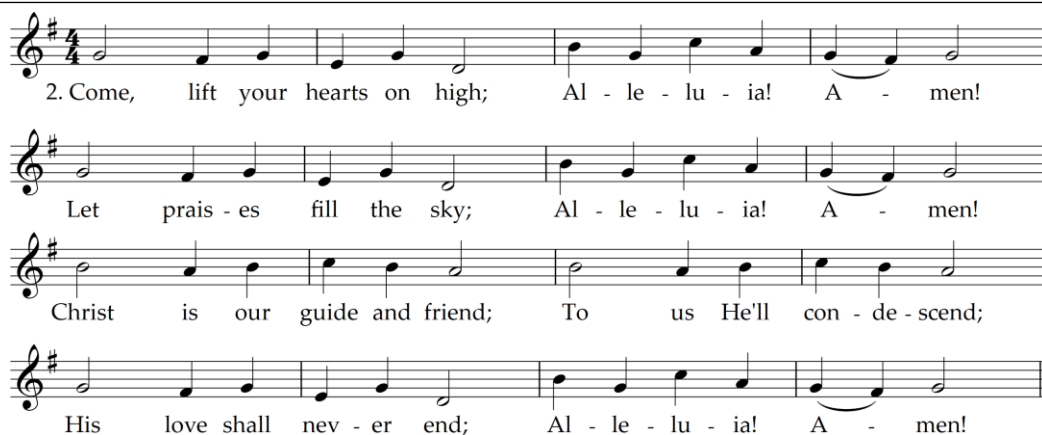
The Apostle John assures us: If we confess our sins to the Lord, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Thanks be to God!

Amen.

*Response to Grace

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



Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Dear Lord, as we continue in this season of Easter, we remember your gift of grace to the world through Christ. We remember your gift of grace to us. As we sing our praise and learn from your word, we ask that you inspire our faith. Help us to continue to walk in the footsteps of Jesus until that day we join with all the saints before your throne. Amen.

Lesson from the Christian Scriptures

Revelation 21: 1-6

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her spouse. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be God's people, and God will be with them. The Lord will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the One who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' And also, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then the One who was seated on the throne said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'"

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lesson from the Christian Scriptures

1 John 5: 1-13

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God: when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only, but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit, and the water, and the blood, and these three agree. If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: the people of Ukraine and all who groan under oppression; comfort for the Families and Friends of Carolyn Draper Math, 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 Allison Kennedy, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, Chris Cook, 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 Colleen Duenas.

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.

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 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) for more information or study material. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJuY3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

Passcode: 215593

Caring Closet

There will be an Open House directly following the worship service. Please come and see the fruits of your labor.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel Lesson

John 13:33-35

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

Sermon

The Marks of Genuine Faith

Rev Pat Halverson

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

John 14: 18, 26

We believe the words of Jesus: "I will not leave you as orphans, I am coming to you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all I have said to you."

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Our Lord, we know that all that we have is from your hand. We now offer a portion of your blessing as an act of worship. We pray that you will guide us to use it to further your good news and ministry of love to others from this place. Amen.

Offertory

Andante con moto in F

Alexandre Guilmant

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 blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here be -
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word and Spir - it 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. 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.

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 #389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

NYLAND

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still;
4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee

Be Thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;
A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will;
That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;

Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er And shield my soul from sin.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou gaurd - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my friend.

*Charge and Benediction

The Lord is risen.

He is risen indeed!

May you be strong in faith as you walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

May the peace of God, the inner strength of the Holy Spirit, and Christ's love be with you all. Go in hope, serve in grace.

Amen.

Postlude

In Thee Is Gladness

J. S. Bach

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

or phone number 949-302-7542

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

Prayer Shawl Group

The prayer shawl group is meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 6:30-8.00pm. Karla Jones is hosting the group at her home, 5910 Crow Valley Drive, Davenport.

All who have interest in making prayer shawls for the church or blankets, hats, and sweaters for Knit for Kids are welcomed to attend.

Contact Karla Jones, 563-349-4000/mkjones@mchsi.com with questions.

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/Confirmation Class/

Adult Christian Education

Summer Recess

Tabitha Circle

Sunday, 10:30 am., Fellowship Hall

Caring Closet

Sundays, 10:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Open to Receive Donations

Staff Meeting

Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Von Maur Hall, Hybrid 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

Women of Hope Study

10:00 a.m., Parlor

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Vesper Bells

In Recess

Sanctuary Choir

In Recess

First Presbyterian Church Welcomes Angie Hook as Accounting Assistant



Please welcome Angie Hook to our team as our new Accounting Assistant. Angie brings over 20 years of business experience to the Finance Department and is a welcomed addition to the staff of the church. She enjoys a good cruise with family and friends and learning foreign languages. Angie is looking forward to being in a role that will contribute to the good of the community.” Please stop by the office and say “hello” to Angie on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or you may contact her at: hook@fpcdavenport.org or (563)326-1691, ext. 212.

Little Dresses for Africa AKA Tabitha’s Circle

Little Dresses for Africa was first founded in 2008 and since that time, has been improving the lives of children all across the Continent of Africa. The primary goal is to encourage self-worth and love in little girls by providing them with simple but beautiful dresses. The project also has added a program for boys called BRITCHES FOR BOYS. FPC has been a part of this mission since 2012 and is in need of additional members to continue this program. If your talent isn’t using a sewing machine, help is always need for cutting, pressing, sorting and labeling.

Please join us for the next “meeting” TODAY, Sunday May 22, 2022 from 10:30-12:30 in Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Sharon Simmonds at srsimmonds50@gmail.com or 563-355-7008.

Barb Thede is turning 99 Years Young!

Barb’s 99th birthday will be on Monday, May 30, and we’re planning to surprise her with a card shower. Please send your warmest greetings and congratulations to Barb at Ridgecrest – Oakwood Place: 4126 Northwest Blvd., Apt. 204, Davenport, 52806

March 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	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(13,211)	(17,094)	7,165	(6,716)
	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	-
Surplus (Deficit)	15,461	11,576	70,852	44,308

All numbers are rounded.

April Financials

	April 2022		April 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	33,495	53,432	51,048	56,600
Custodial Accounts Income	2,515	-	3,597	-
Compensation Expenses	41,700	50,058	36,759	44,378
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	28,448	39,880	17,371	18,800
Custodial Accounts Expenses	2,515	-	3,597	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(36,653)	(36,506)	(3,082)	(6,578)
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	224,695	248,119	293,536	282,754
Custodial Accounts Income	8,991	-	7,554	-
Compensation Expenses	168,137	181,505	157,778	168,169
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	77,749	91,544	67,958	76,855
Custodial Accounts Expenses	8,991	-	7,554	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(21,191)	(24,930)	67,800	37,730

All numbers are rounded.

To the Congregation of FPC:

COVID-19 and its variants have continued to be present in the area but at a low risk level. This virus risk level has stabilized in the last two weeks; while not ideal, we are at a place that makes this a good time to start optional masking on June 5. If the level goes to high-risk CDC recommends masking indoors.

Also, starting June 5th, FPC will start the summer outside service at 8:30 am. The inside service will move to 10:00 am and will also be live-streamed.

Along with the move to summer service times, FPC will restart some traditional service practices. You will find that the fellowship pads will be passed to those sitting in your row. This will let you connect with those seated near you and help you to greet each other by name. The offering plate will be passed as we did in 2019 and, eventually, the Communion elements will once again be passed with tray service. On June 5, though, we will be using separate pre-packaged communion cups and wafers.

You will also see that the choir will continue to be masked just because of the amount of aerosols their breathing and singing generate. Also, masks will continue to be worn in the staff area (the entire second floor of the education building). Signs will be posted to indicate the staff area.

The Pandemic Task Force will continue to monitor hospitalization and community outbreaks in the area, but if the risk levels greatly increase FPC may, at some point, be required to return to masking. We hope and pray that COVID risk levels remain stable and do not increase or peak.

Sincerely,
The Pandemic Task Force