



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## Asian American and Pacific Islander Month Seventh Sunday in Eastertide May 29, 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](http://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, Ojibwe, 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.



Richard Morris Hunt (1827-1895), "Jailer, Paul, Silas, and the Jailer's Family" | Bronze Door Metalwork, Trinity Church, New York City

### 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: 16-34

Psalms 97

Rev. 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17: 20-26

### The Church Gathers To...

**Prelude**

Fileuse

Marcel Dupré

**Welcome and Announcements**

Mike Bawden

**Prelude**

In Thee Is Gladness

Giovanni Gastoldi

## Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala  
*Bridging Pastor*

Rev. Pat Halverson  
*Parish Associate*

Sarah Greim & Paula Hartmann  
*\* Interim Christian Ed. Coordinators*

Matt Bishop  
*Director of Music*

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*Principal Organist  
& Assistant Director of Music*

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Kathy Middleton\*  
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for Children*

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*Custodian*

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will go to the pastor on call in case  
of emergency.

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## Praise Almighty God

### Call to Worship

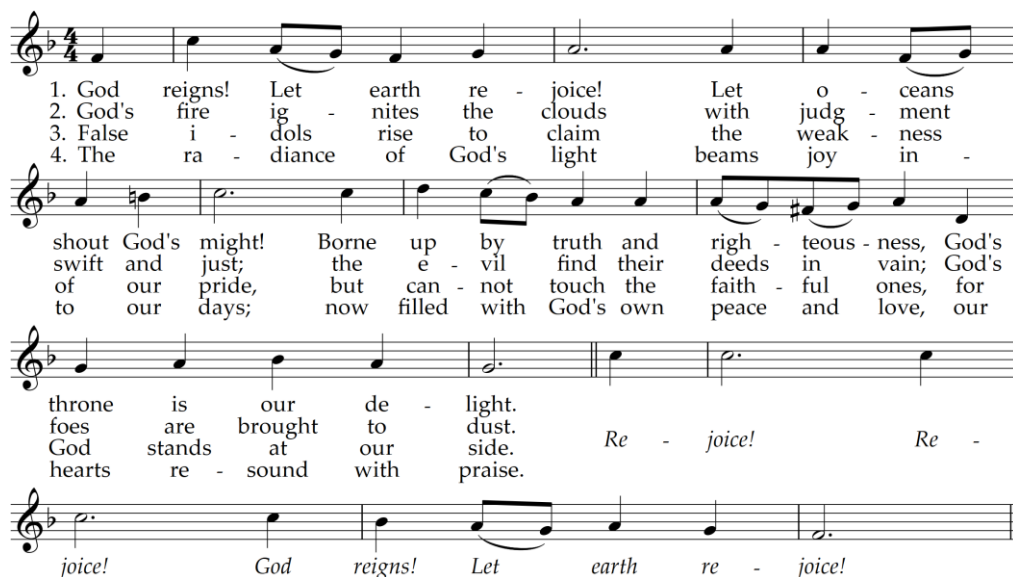
from Psalm 97

God rules! Let the earth rejoice;  
**let the coastlands be glad!**  
The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;  
**All people behold God's glory.**  
Rejoice in the Lord;  
**Give thanks to God's holy name!**  
Let us worship God.

### \*Hymn

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

MARION



## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### Call to Confession

from Rev. Barbara Chaapel, Presbyterian Outlook 2022

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession, but simply draw near to our Creator.

### Prayer of Confession

from Rev. Barbara Chaapel, Presbyterian Outlook 2022

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess we have not bowed before Jesus or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give you glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people; Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

from Rev. Barbara Chaapel, Presbyterian Outlook 2022

The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance:  
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**  
**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***from Rev. Barbara Chaapel, Presbyterian Outlook 2022*

O God, as we fully experience the good news of Easter and look toward the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, open our hearts and minds to your Word that dwells within us and calls us to unity in Christ; Amen.

**Lesson from the Christian Scriptures**

Acts 16: 16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met an enslaved girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her enslavers a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men who proclaim to you a way of salvation are enslaved by the Most High God." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her enslavers saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them while the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After giving Paul and Silas a severe flogging, the magistrates threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, the jailer put Paul and Silas in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. The jailer brought them up into the

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**In Our Prayers:** families and victims of gun violence including the communities of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna CA, TOPS grocery in Buffalo NY, and Robb Elementary School in Uvalde TX; the people of Ukraine and all who groan under oppression; for God's presence with all who are grieving the loss of Rev. Sue Howes, Carolyn Draper Math, Jim Hall, Jim Keenan, Rebecca Koos, Ron Solt, Karen Hean; for God's grace and mercy to touch Jim Lasala, 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 and those experiencing abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and natural disaster.

**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.

- 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

house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Anthem**

*Adagietto* from Symphony No. 5  
Patrick Downing - Piano

Gustav Mahler

### **Children's Message**

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

### **Sermon**

Who is Worth More?

Rev. Elissa Bailey

## **Respond to God's Word**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*from Rev. 22: 12-21*

Jesus says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End .... I am the Root and the Descendant of David, the Bright Morning Star .... Let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty, come. Let anyone who wishes, take the water of life as a gift .... Surely I am coming soon!" And we say, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"

### **Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God**

*from Rev. Barbara Chaapel*

Jesus prayed: "As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." Living in the world, we gather the gifts we have received, and bring them before God, offering back what we have, so that the world may know the love of Christ and become one.

### **Offertory**

*Offertory* from Messe Solennelle

Charles Gounod

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

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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. Elissa Bailey

*from Rev. Barbara Chaapel, Presbyterian Outlook 2022*

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 and our greatest joy

to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator.

The heavens declare your glory and the firmament shows for the work of your hands. One day tells its tale to another and each night imparts knowledge to the next. The sun, the moon, the seas, the dry lands, the plants that enrich the earth, the creatures that swim and fly and run, all these gifts of your creation, although they have no words or language, their sound goes out to all the lands, and their messages to the ends of the earth. We offer our prayers for the earth and recommit ourselves to honor and protect it. May we hear the cries of creation and see in its power and beauty your own image, and your deep love for what you have made. May we love all of your creation — every grain of sand, every leaf, every ray of light, ancient trees, pollinating bees, and all animals. May we not trouble the earth's life, or waste its resources, or abuse its beauty. May we look on the natural world with reverence and acknowledge that we are small in the vastness of the universe. We know that for you, O God, all life is like an ocean, all is flowing and blending, and that when we withhold any measure of love from anything in your universe, we withhold that same measure of love from you. Lord God, as we pray, we bring our sisters and brothers, strangers and neighbors into your presence. We rejoice with those who rejoice today: those who have found love, those who have been healed of disease, those who look forward to marriage, or the birth of children, those who have meaningful work, and happy families, those who have safe and happy homes, those who worship you in freedom and the beauty of holiness. And we weep with those who weep today: those who are sick in their bodies, their minds, their spirits, those who have lost beloved sons and daughters and fathers and mothers to gun violence, those who have lost jobs, or who cannot find meaningful work and struggle for ways to use their gifts, those who flee their own lands and homes, seeking refuge, and the strength and grace of a new community. We weep today for and with the people of Ukraine who face unimaginable loss and suffering as their cities and home and families and lives are destroyed by brutal violence. Bring them peace. Be close to all who suffer this day, O God. And even in the midst of suffering, we offer the gratitude that is in our hearts: gratitude for our lives, for our church community, for the freedom to worship, for the food and shelter and friendship that sustain us each day. By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word, so that we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. 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.**

## 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) or phone number 949-302-7542

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

**Barb Thede**  
**is turning 99 Years Young!**  
**SHHHH! It's a surprise!**

Barb's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday will be TOMORROW, 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

## 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

### Caring Closet

Sundays, 10:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Open to Receive Donations

### Memorial Day

Monday, Church Office Closed

### 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

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Parlor

### Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

### Vesper Bells

In Recess

### Sanctuary Choir

In Recess

### Summer Worship Schedule Begins

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost Communion Sunday

Outdoors, Pershing Lot 8:30 a.m.

Sanctuary & Live-Stream 10:00 a.m.

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

### \*Hymn #462

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on - ly light;  
2. Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;  
3. Vis - it then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of Righ - teous - ness, a - rise; tri - umph o'er the shades of night;  
joy - less is the day's re - turn till thy mer - cy's beams I see;  
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part. cheer my eyes and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

### \*Charge and Benediction

As you follow the journey of discipleship into the post-Resurrection world:  
remember that Christ prays for you and draws you into the very heart of God.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and  
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and may God, the Father, Son, and Holy  
Spirit, remains with you always. Amen.

### Postlude

Taps

Daniel Butterfield

Alex Gilson - Trumpet

We welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Elissa Bailey, Interim Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Iowa. Elissa is a graduate of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. She has served congregations throughout Great Rivers Presbytery in west-central Illinois. She has also served as the Assistant Stated Clerk and then the Stated Clerk in Great Rivers since July of 2012. She was elected as the Stated Clerk of PEIA in March and started on May 1st, 2022. Elissa loves the work of Stated Clerk and especially helping Session clerks navigate the process of being a clerk. Elissa is a self-proclaimed polity geek. She also enjoys teaching and learning and sees it as a life-long process. Elissa is also a full-time graduate student working to complete a Master of Mental Health Counseling and as she works towards licensure as a mental health counselor. In Elissa's free time, she enjoys her family. Elissa and her husband, Don, have six children total. Three of them live at home as well as two cats. Elissa and Don also have two grandchildren. Elissa also loves reading and she enjoys traveling. She is Grace and Sophia's Girl Scout leader and Sophia's soccer coach. Lastly, what you need to know about Elissa is that she is a born and raised Iowa girl and a piece of her heart will always belong here in her home state!

## **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

## **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](mailto:hook@fpcdavenport.org) or (563)326-1691, ext. 212.

## **Pentecost Offering** **Next Sunday, June 5**

We will receive the Pentecost Offering in worship services next Sunday, June 5, the Day of Pentecost.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the national, regional and local church to:

- encourage, develop and support its young people, and
- address the needs of at-risk children.

Our congregation retains 40% of the Pentecost Offering to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. This year, our Session has designated 40% of the Pentecost Offering to a new partnership with Washington Elementary School.

The remaining 60% of the Pentecost Offering is used to support children-at-risk, youth and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

## **Today's liturgy**

was written for the *Presbyterian Outlook* by the **Rev. Barbara Chaapel**, a retired minister in Philadelphia Presbytery who serves as Parish Associate at the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

Barbara is a past Director of Communications at Princeton Seminary and is a board member of the *Presbyterian Outlook*.

## Remembering Rev. Sue Howes by Linda Meadors

Our Pastor Emerita, Rev. Mary "Sue" Howes, has passed away and her Memorial Service was on Wednesday May 25th at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Ridgecrest Village, Davenport, IA.

Rev. Sue was our first female Associate Pastor. She and her husband, John, raised five children within our church walls, and then she went back to school and earned a law degree from the University of Iowa. Sue finished her educational quest by attending the Presbyterian seminary in Dubuque. Rev. Sue Howes was ordained right in our beautiful Victorian Sanctuary in 1987.

When asked about ordained ministry, Sue was quoted saying, "One of the privileges of this profession is entering people's lives and realizing the **great courage** that most people bring to their lives and the **great good will** that most people have for other people. It's true regardless of denomination or economic or social status".

I think Sue had a photographic memory. She preached her sermons from the center of the Chancel with no notes. Her prayers reached into people's very souls. Members cherished her words of comfort and support as she administered pastoral care. Sue provided leadership and programming with our Deacons, book clubs and church circles with charm and a dry wit. Lucky were the bride and groom when Rev. Howes said "yes" to performing their marriage vows.

After Sue retired as an Associate Pastor, she continued to say "yes" to so many church members. I asked her if she would work with me on a project with our Bix Beiderbecke Jazz Society to host their Festival Jazz Liturgy in the very sanctuary where our local traditional jazz cornet legend, Leon "Bix" Beiderbecke, was baptized and his mother, Agatha Beiderbecke, played the organ. Sue, a music enthusiast and historian agreed. With the help of our Music Ministry, we hosted over 1500 jazz enthusiasts with 2 services our first year. This tradition has continued to this day.

Rev. Sue Howes was a blessing to our church, to our community and to my family.



HOWES, John & Sue

John and Sue Howes were married in 1954. Sue was raised in Red Oak, Iowa by a multigenerational family. Sue often quoted wisdom from her Grandmother.



Associate Pastors Sue Howes and Ken Arentson performed with puppets as the choir sang "It's A Small World After All" during the first Performing Arts show in 1992.



Candidate Sue Howes was under care of our Session and Presbytery until 1987 when the Rev. Sue Howes was ordained in our sanctuary.