



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Pride Month  
Juneteenth**

**June 19, 2022**

**Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 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.



Sonia Sadler (1958-2013), "Juneteenth at Oak Bluffs"

## 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

Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10      Psalm 1      1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 20      Luke 6: 17 - 26

## The Church Gathers To...

**Prelude 10:00 a.m.**

Cantabile

César Franck

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Pat Halverson

**Prelude 10:00 a.m.**

My Heart is Filled with Longing

Dietrich Buxtehude



## Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala  
*Bridging Pastor*  
 Rev. Pat Halverson  
*Parish Associate*  
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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  
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# Praise Almighty God

## Call to Worship

Luke 6:20-26

We have gathered to bless God and to listen to God's choice to bless us:  
 Jesus tells us, "Blessed are you who are poor."

**We believe the promise that ours is the kingdom of God.**

"Blessed are you who are hungry now."

**We believe the promise that we shall be filled.**

"Blessed are you who weep now."

**We believe the promise that we shall receive our reward in heaven.**

Today our hope and joy are in the Lord,

**Let us offer our praise and thanks to God!**

Let us worship God.

## \*Hymn #563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,  
 3. Ston - y the road and we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,  
 ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty,  
 felt in the days when hope thus un - born had died,  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
 Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies;  
 Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet light,  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,  
 let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.  
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;  
 sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us.  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;  
 Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er  
 gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### Call to Confession

Diana Miller-Bur

As we seek to follow God's paths, we fall short.  
Let us confess our sins to the Lord to acknowledge our need of grace.

### Prayer of Confession

Diana Miller-Bur

**God of grace and mercy, we acknowledge that we often are tempted to follow paths where you do not lead. Forgive us for listening to those who deny your truths, for following those who tell us we are more important than others, for worrying about things as if you are not aware or do not care about our needs. Help us to listen to your voice amid the many and to follow your paths among the variety of choices. May our choices bring honor to you and help accomplish your will. In Jesus' name, amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Diana Miller-Bur

The Lord hears our prayer and loves us completely. Through Christ God's grace is poured out, and we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Response to Grace

GLORIA PATRI (GREATEOREX)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er  
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Diana Miller-Bur

God of love and mercy, we pray that you would shed light not only on these texts, but also within our hearts to reveal where we can grow in our obedience to you. May we follow your Spirit's leading to make wise and loving choices as we follow you. In Christ; Amen.

### Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Diana Miller-Bur

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## 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 Janis Lynn Novak, Rick Harter, Janice Reichard, Rev. Sue Howes, Carolyn Draper Math, Jim Hall, Jim Keenan, Rebecca Koos, Ron Solt, Karen Hean; for God's grace and mercy to touch Teresa Lasala, Jim Woods, Jim Lasala, Allison Kennedy, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, Chris Cook, 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 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.



### **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!

### **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 1

Rev. Pat Halverson

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on God's law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Children's Message**

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

### **Sermon**

"Choices"

Rev. Pat Halverson

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

### **Affirmation of Faith**

from the Confession of 1967 PC(USA)

Rev. Pat Halverson

**God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between siblings and breaks down every form of discrimination .... The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life .... Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess ....**

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

Rev. Pat Halverson

As you, O Lord, have blessed us, we offer back a portion as an act of worship.  
May these gifts be used to further your ministries to those near and far. Amen.

### **Offertory**

Garden Song

David Mallett

Marty Bowles Edwards - Soprano

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.

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

Faithful God You Sent Your Spirit

NETTLETON

1. God of love, may we in wor-ship wel-come our di-ver-si-ty.  
May we reach in trust and friend-ship to the poor and re-fu-gee.  
May we see Christ in the stran-ger, break-ing bonds of hate and fear.  
By your Spir-it, may we off-er glimpses of your kin-dom here.

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 sovereign creator....

... We pray in the way that you taught us,

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

### \*Hymn #387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten-der care;  
 2. Thou hast promised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;  
 In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare;  
 Thou hast mer-cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free;  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo-soms fill:  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

### \*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Pat Halverson

As we acknowledge our shortcomings and our need for God to fill us with love and righteousness, let us reach out and welcome those who may look different, or follow a different path than ours as we choose to follow the Shepherd in all things.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus,  
 the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and the grace of God be your guide today and always.

Postlude 10:00 a.m.

Little Fugue in G Minor

J. S. Bach

### Bible Basics 201 in June

Bible Basics will continue to meet each Wednesday through the summer. On Wednesday, June 15, we will start a video series, *The History and Archaeology of the Bible*. Taught by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, a National Geographic Historian and a Christian, the series looks at important archaeological discoveries related to stories in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. No preparation or study is needed. Just show up to watch the 30-minute video and join in on the discussion. Easy!

- June 22 The Tower of Babel
- June 29 The Journeys of Abraham
- July 6 Joseph in Egypt

All are welcome.

For more information,  
 contact Mark Jones  
 ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com))

Here is the Zoom link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmcwcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID  
 822 8309 5977

Passcode  
 215593



## Weekly Program Schedule

### Summer Worship Schedule

Outdoors, Pershing Lot 8:30 a.m.

### Coffee Fellowship

prior to and after worship services;  
Pershing Street lot and Narthex

### Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 10:00 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, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Open for Shopping and Donations

### Session CEFY Committee

Monday, 6:00 p.m., zoom

### Session Worship & Music Committee

Monday, 6:15 p.m., zoom

### Stated Session Meeting

Monday, 7:00 p.m., zoom

### Tabitha's Circle

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

### Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

### Pickle Ball

Wednesday,

9 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

### Staff Meeting

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Von Maur Hall, Hybrid Zoom

### Women of Hope Study

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Parlor

### Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

### Foundation Board of Trustees

Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Location TBD

### Vesper Bells and Sanctuary Choir

In Recess

### Ireland Tour Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

### Blessing of the Animals

Sunday 6/26, 8:30 a.m.

Pershing Street Lot

### Ireland Tour Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 6/26, 2:00 p.m.

Choir Room

## Mission Study is Available!

The FPC Mission Study entitled “At the Crossroads” is now available for members to read on the church website. The document was created by the Pastor Nominating Committee to tell the story of our congregation—past, present and future—for pastoral candidates. Its message, regarding the need to revitalize the life of First Church, is also directed toward the membership as we seek to partner with a new leader to achieve that goal. The PNC encourages you to thoughtfully review the study and consider how you might impact the future story of First Presbyterian Church. To access the study, click here: <https://www.fpcdavenport.org/at-the-crossroads-mission-study> or go to the home page of the of the church website and click on At the Crossroads.



### **Birdies for Charity**

The 2022 John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program has officially kicked off its annual drive to help raise donations for nearly 500 Quad City area charities. If you wish to give through Birdies for Charity, please consider First Presbyterian Church of Davenport (#2196) as your designated charity. You can submit your 2022 Birdies for Charity pledge to any of the many charities via mail or online through June 27, 2022. To donate online, please visit <https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate>.

## This Will Be a General Assembly Unlike Any Other!

For the first time in four years, General Assembly commissioners will gather in person – at least for committee meetings – for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s first hybrid assembly, built around the theme “From Lament to Hope.” The assembly will be longer than usual: stretched out from June 18 to July 9, three action-packed weeks instead of one, with 471 commissioners and 111 advisory delegates. Committees will meet in newly renovated space at the PC(USA)'s national offices in Louisville with mandatory masks and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Plenary sessions will be online — including a Juneteenth worship service on June 19, commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. An online “Hands and Feet” event July 7 will focus on ending cash bail. The business coming this year reflects public policy concerns – from racism to gun violence to global warming – as well as internal issues facing a denomination such as declining membership and a growing number of small but faithful congregations. Here's some of what to expect:

**Climate change.** The Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) is recommending that the PC(USA) divest from five energy companies – Chevron, ExxonMobil, Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66, and Valero Energy – that MRTI says are not making sufficient progress to protect the planet from global warming. An overture from Hudson River Presbytery is calling for the denomination to fully divest from fossil fuel companies — setting up a likely debate over what's the most responsible approach and whether the PC(USA) is moving quickly and forcefully enough in its response to climate change.

**Racism.** This assembly has a committee devoted specifically to issues of race and gender justice — including a report from the Special Committee on Racism Truth and Reconciliation, which calls for more work to be done to “explore and expose where White supremacy is embedded institutionally and foundationally” in the PC(USA), and encourages congregations to investigate their own histories involving people of color. An overture from the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy calls for the PC(USA) to apologize to African Americans “for the sin of slavery and its legacy.” And the committee will consider a report from the Disparities Experienced by Black Women and Girls Task Force.

**Israel/Palestine.** There have been rumblings in recent months over remarks that J. Herbert Nelson, the PC(USA)'s stated clerk, made describing Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories as "21st century slavery." Debate over that may rise up again — perhaps as the assembly considers an overture from Grace Presbytery to declare that Israel's policies, laws and practices regarding the Palestinian people amount to apartheid.

**Financial sustainability.** The Special Committee on Per-Capita Based Funding and National Church Financial Sustainability is proposing a restructuring of the top levels of the national church — a recommendation that reflects concern about the ability of the current per capita funding system to sustain the denomination when so many mid councils and small congregations are feeling financial pressure. At the heart of this discussion: what structure and funding systems are needed for a denomination that's half the size it was 20 years ago?

**Gun violence.** Week after week, people of faith are called to pray for those killed and injured after yet another mass shooting. An assembly committee on Addressing Violence in the USA will consider overtures calling for the PC(USA) to support tighter gun control, including universal background checks before firearms can be purchased and a ban on the sale and ownership of assault weapons. The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy wants the assembly to approve the "Decade to End Gun Violence," a 10-year campaign from 2022 to 2032 "to be conducted at all levels of the church."

**Denominational matters.** The assembly also will consider issues affecting the church itself, including a proposed amendment to the PC(USA) constitution to require that the minimum terms of call for all ministers would include 12 weeks of paid family medical leave. Also of interest: several recommendations to write new confessions for the PC(USA) and measures seeking to provide more flexibility for new worshipping communities and immigrant congregations in allowing their leaders to become ruling elders with voice and vote at presbytery.

**Leadership.** Two teams are standing to serve as the assembly's co-moderators; the election will be held June 18:

- Josefina Ahumada, a commissioned ruling elder from the Presbytery de Cristo, with Marilyn McKelvey Tucker-Marek, a minister from Flint River Presbytery; and
- Shavon Starling-Louis of Charlotte Presbytery with Ruth Santana-Grace of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, both ministers.

**Follow along from home.** Presbyterians can watch General Assembly committee and plenary sessions via a live stream on the internet, and can track assembly business through [www.pc-biz.org](http://www.pc-biz.org).

### From the Text of the Emancipation Proclamation

I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States ....

... by virtue of the power and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States and parts of States are and henceforward shall be free; and that the executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self defense;

and I recommend to them that in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known that such persons, of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States, to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

Abraham Lincoln



### **Blessing of the Animals Worship Service**

Please join us in celebrating God's furry and feathered creatures on Sunday, June 26 at 8:30 am. FPC's annual Blessing of the Animals service is highly anticipated and enjoyed by all.

The Blessing of the Animals is an ancient custom associated with St. Francis of Assisi. Always at home in the company of the disadvantaged and the dispossessed, Francis recognized the Divine Spark in the beauty of creation, in the love and companionship of animals, and in the poor. Francis became known as the Patron Saint of Animals and is one of the most admired monks and mystics in the history of the church. Bring your pet, large or small, to be blessed and celebrated. Pet family photos will be taken after the service.

In addition to celebrating your own, happy pets, you are encouraged to bring donations for the King's Harvest (No Kill) Animal Shelter in Davenport so that animals waiting for their "forever" homes can be well cared for. Items needed include dry or canned dog and cat food, cat litter, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, pump hand soaps, and office supplies. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted. A donation table will be set up next to the photo staging area.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Volunteers Needed!!**

Volunteers are needed to help water the flowers on the Boulevard. If you are interested or want more information, please feel free to contact Deacon Paula Hartman or Deacon Andy McNeal.