



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 2022
Worship at 8:30 and 10:00 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, 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.



Jesus MAFA, "Martha and Mary" (1973)

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

Amos 8: 1 - 12

Psalms 15

Colossians 1: 15 - 28

Luke 10: 38 - 42

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude 10:00 a.m.

Our God

Chris Tomlin

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Pat Halverson

Prelude 10:00 a.m.

Once He Came In Blessing

Harm. by J. S. Bach

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

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

Susan Parker

Church Administrative Assistant

Kandis Cooper*

Nursery Coordinator

Darren Long

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

Adapted from 1 Chronicles 16:8-10

Let us give praise to the Lord.

Let us proclaim God's name.

Let us make known among the nations what God has done.

We have come to sing praise to God

and hear again of God's wonderful acts.

Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Let us worship God.

*Hymn #457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

Just as Mary of Bethany had "chosen the good part," so have we. But we fall short in many ways. Let us confess our sin to the Lord and acknowledge our need of grace.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy, we call you our Lord and Savior. But often we dilute our understanding of who you are; often, we make excuses for our thoughts, words and deeds that are contrary to your desires. Remind us of your infinite grace that accepts the sinner but forgives and cleanses each one of us. Forgive us where we fall short of your call to live in holy obedience, humility, and love. With your great patience, turn us once again to follow Jesus in all things. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

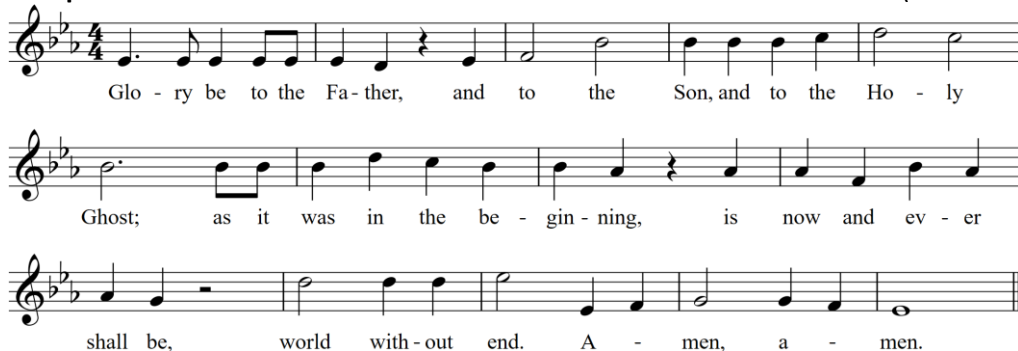
The Lord hears our prayer and loves us completely.

Through Christ God's grace is poured out, and we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Response to Grace

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)



Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott
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Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Guide us, Holy Spirit, through your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before God — provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is Christ whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine and all who groan under oppression; for God's presence with all who are grieving the loss of Holly Rivera, Sandra Darland Meeks, Janis Lynn Novak, Rick Harter, Janice Reichard, Rev. Sue Howes, Carolyn Draper Math, Jim Hall, Jim Keenan, Rebecca Koos, Ron Solt, Karen Hean, David Layman; for God's mercy and grace to touch Fr. Joseph Nietzel and religious leaders inside Russia who have spoken out against the Russian invasion of Ukraine and are now incarcerated, Julia Pedigo, 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.

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez in Zacapa, Guatemala; Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill in 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 coat-rack near the church office.

Bible Basics 201 **Summer Schedule**

Bible Basics will continue to meet each Wednesday through the summer.

We have started 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/study is needed. Just show up to watch the 30-minute video and join in on the discussion. Easy!

- July 20 Mystery of the Exodus
- July 27 Settlement in the Promised Land

Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information.

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmcwcmFJa3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID:
822 8309 5977

Passcode:
215593

All are welcome!

care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

Sermon

"The Need for a Fuller Christology"

Rev. Pat Halverson

A Colossians 1 Christology of Christ, who is our:

1. Creator, v. 16
2. Sovereign, vv. 16-18
3. Sustainer, v. 17
4. Head of the Church, v. 18
5. God Incarnate, v/19
6. Reconciler (Redeemer/Savior) v. 20
7. Sanctifier, vv. 21-22
8. Presenter, v. 22

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

from a Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, and

delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

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 our neighbors, those near and far. Amen.

With gladness, we give of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

Everlasting God
Sherry Williams – Voice, Jay Williams – Guitar

Lincoln Brewster

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!

Volunteers Needed!!

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

*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



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 you Spir - it, may we off - er glimpses of your kin - dom here.

Prayers of the People

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

Prayer of Jesus

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 #477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

Weekly Program Schedule

Summer Worship Schedule

Today, 8:30 a.m. Pershing Street Lot
10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

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

Ireland Choir Tour Travelers

July 9 - 20

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

Eagle Scout Ceremony for

Andrew Crocker

Today, July 17, 2:30 pm.
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Between the Covers Book Club

Monday, 1:30 p.m. Parlor or Fellowship Hall
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., zoom

Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday
9 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

PUNCH Leaders Meeting

Thursday, 1:00 p.m., Von Maur Hall
Hybrid Zoom

Vesper Bells and Sanctuary Choir

In Recess

Vacation Bible Camp

Sunday, July 24, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Ask the Pastor Anything

Sunday, July 24, 11:05 a.m.
Von Maur Hall

***Charge and Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

Rev. Pat Halverson

So as we continue to try to understand the person of Christ as the man Jesus and as the second person of the trinity, let us do that which we do understand: let us choose the “good part” which will not be taken from us. Let us seek to love as Jesus loved.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Anna Laura Page

Compassion Camp 2.0!

Join us for our second year of Compassion Camp!

Starting **next Sunday**, we will be meeting inside the church for **five Sundays**:

Sundays

9:30-11am

July 24 – Aug 21!

We will be learning about how the Bible teaches us to be compassionate to others through stories. We will also have holy yoga, craft/service projects and a light snack. We can't wait to see you there!

See you on July 24th!

Bix Race Day Fellowship

Grab a lawn chair and join other FPC members and friends to watch the Bix race on our church's Kirkwood Boulevard lawn. This annual event is eagerly anticipated and is a fun way for the FPC community to participate in the race day festivities. Donuts and beverages will be served (free will donation gratefully accepted). The date is Saturday, July 30. Festivities begin at 7:00 am and continue to 11 am. Hope to see you there!

Ireland Choir Tour

Members of First Presbyterian Church continue their 12-day music outreach tour of Ireland. We are grateful for the support of the congregation and ask for your prayers for safe travel and meaningful experiences. As our mission component, we are partnering two charity organizations in Ireland: COPE Galway works with the unhoused, victims of domestic abuse, and senior citizens; the Alice Leahy Trust is a homeless shelter and healthcare service in urban Dublin. You can give to these organizations through the church in advance of our departure at this link:

<https://bit.ly/3u1Nipc>

You may follow our progress and view daily photos at the church's Facebook and Instagram pages: @musicatfirstpres

Itinerary:

July 9: Depart FPC by coach for O'Hare, fly direct to Dublin

July 10: Arrive in Dublin, transfer by coach to Galway (2 nights)

July 11: Walking tour of Galway, excursion to Aillwee Cave and the Cliffs of Moher

July 12: Travel to Bunratty Castle, lunch in Limerick, and arrive in Cork (2 nights)

July 13: Concert in St. Peter's Church, Bandon

July 14: Travel to Kilkenny (2 nights)

July 15: Day in Carlow (Sister City with Davenport), civic welcome from the mayor, concert in St. Mary's Church

July 16: Travel to Dublin (4 nights)

July 17: Free day in Dublin

July 18: Concert in All Saints Church, Blackrock

July 19: Concert in St. Mary's Church, Lucan

July 20: Fly direct to O'Hare, travel by coach back to FPC



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.

Conversations with Pastor Kathy

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is hard at work and, prayerfully, hopes to be moving toward presenting a candidate for your Head of Staff position between now and September. This is joyful, hopeful, expectant news - thanks be to God!

As your Interim/Bridge period draws to a close, you may be holding onto a sense of loose ends to tie off. To close out these questions, Pastor Kathy will host a four-week series of conversations, "Wrapping Up the Turmoil Times: Ask the Pastor Anything."

"Wrapping Up the Turmoil Times: Ask the Pastor Anything" conversations are scheduled for Sundays between July 24 and August 14, at 11:05 a.m., in Von Maur Hall; and Thursdays between July 28 and August 18, at 5:30 p.m., in Von Maur Hall.

It's not necessary to register to attend these conversations. However, if you have a question that might take some research in advance of the conversation you plan to attend, please email that question to Pastor Kathy at stoner-lasala@fpcdavenport.org

Bix Jazz Liturgy



Sunday, August 7

8:30AM | 10:00AM

JEFF BARNHART | DAVE BENNETT | HAL SMITH
THE FPC SANCTUARY CHOIR

Deacons' Community Picnic: Save the Date!

Sunday, August 28, following worship services, on the church grounds.