



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 24, 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, 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.



Josep Maria Subirachs (1927-2014)

Inscription on the Eucharist Door at the Sagrada Familia, Barcelona
(the opening of The Lord's Prayer in multiple languages)

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

Genesis 18: 20-32

Psalms 138

Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19)

Luke 11: 1-13

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude 10:00 a.m.

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Prelude 10:00 a.m.

Pastoral No. 1

Christopher Uehlein

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*

First Presbyterian Church

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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 138

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts;

We give thanks for God's love and faithfulness!

Sing of the ways of the Lord;

Great is the glory of God!

Let us worship God.

*Hymn #457

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

John Wurster for Presbyterian Outlook 2022, adapted

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship. Even though we yearn to experience the joy God intends, we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness together:

Prayer of Confession

John Wurster for Presbyterian Outlook 2022, adapted

God of perfect love, you transform sadness into joy, despair into hope, and weakness into strength. But sin burdens us and our ways are flawed. Forgive us, restore us, and transform us into the people you created us to be. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

John Wurster for Presbyterian Outlook 2022, adapted

Relentlessly, with abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.

This is good news!

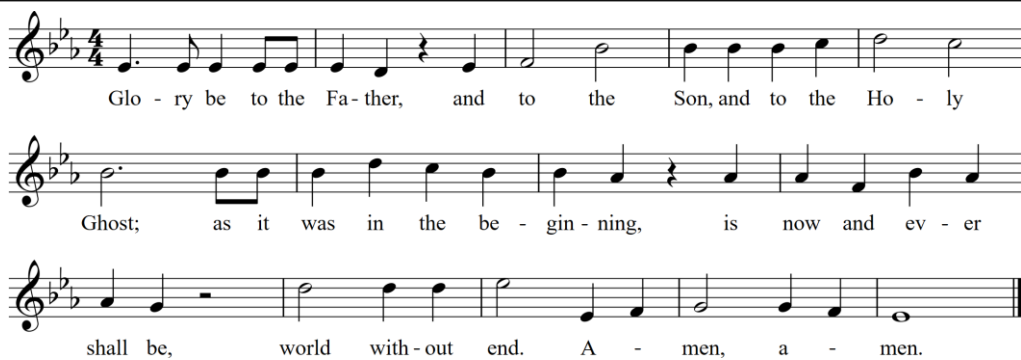
Friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ

our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Response to Grace

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOR EX)



Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

John Wurster for Presbyterian Outlook 2022, adapted

Gracious God, by your Spirit illumine the words of Scripture so we might hear what you want us to hear and become who you want us to become, in the name of Jesus, your Word made flesh; Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 18: 20-32

Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And God said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again Abraham spoke to God, "Suppose forty are found there." The LORD answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." God answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." Abraham said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." The LORD answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." God answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." When the LORD finished speaking with Abraham, the LORD and Abraham went their own ways.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 11: 1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And Jesus said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go at midnight and

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 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=VnJFdmowcFJuY3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdDz09>

Meeting ID:
822 8309 5977

Passcode:
215593

All are welcome!

say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before them.' And your friend answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though your friend will not get up and give you anything because you are their friend, at least because of your persistence your friend will get up and give you whatever you need." "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Parent give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Pestering God

Rev Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

from a Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

... We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community ... In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still ... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God *from John Wurster, Presbyterian Outlook 2022*

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, we give of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

Sunshine in my Soul/Sunlight

Arr. Brant Adams

Jordan Howe – Trumpet, Alex Gilson – Piano

To share your treasure, please visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now;"

use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEqm>; 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

according to Luke 11: 2 - 4

**"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.
 Give us each day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our sins, as we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
 And do not bring us to the time of trial." Amen.**

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn #477

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

1. God of the a-ges, whose al-might-y hand
 2. Thy love di-vine hath led us in the past.
 3. From war's a-larms, from dead-ly pes-ti-lence,
 4. Re-fresh thy peo-ple on their toil-some way.
 lead forth in beau-ty all the star-ry band
 In this free land by three our lot is cast.
 be thy strong arm our ev-er sure de-fense.
 Lead us from night to ne-ver-en-ding day.
 of shin-ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul-er, guard-ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re-li-gion in our hearts in-crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di-vine,
 our grate-ful songs be-fore thy throne a-rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho-sen way.
 Thy boun-teous good-ness nour-ish us in peace.
 and glo-ry, laud, and praise be ev-er thine.

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.

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

Vacation Bible Camp

Sundays, July 24 – August 21
Fellowship Hall
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
See e-news, website or Facebook

MusikGarten

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., 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

Ask the Pastor Anything

Sunday, July 24, 11:05 a.m.
Thursday, July 28, 5:30 p.m.
Von Maur Hall

Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., Hybrid 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

Vesper Bells and Sanctuary Choir

In Recess

*Charge and Benediction

from John Wurster, Presbyterian Outlook 2022 and

Nathan Nettleton,

<https://laughingbird.net/index.php/occasion/cp12/2022-07-24>

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Trust that God is with you and for you in all circumstances.

And may God give good gifts in answer to your prayers;

May Christ Jesus establish you in the faith;

And may the Holy Spirit pour out heaven's riches upon you.

Postlude

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

J. S. Bach

Our liturgy today is drawn from the work of Rev. John Wurster.

John is the pastor of St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas.

His liturgy is published in this week's edition of The Presbyterian Outlook.

Ireland Choir Tour: Welcome Back!

Members of First Presbyterian Church have returned from 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 partnered with 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>

Daily photos of the Choir Tour are available at the church's Facebook and Instagram pages: @musicatfirstpres

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 four Sundays between July 24 and August 14, at 11:05 a.m., in Von Maur Hall; and four 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 which begin today at 11:05 a.m. in Von Maur Hall. 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

Compassion Camp 2.0!

Join us for our second year of Compassion Camp!

Starting **TODAY** we will be meeting in Fellowship Hall 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!

From the White House Faith-Based Partnerships Office: **Free 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is Live!**

988 is the new phone number for crisis care that Americans can use to reach trained counselors who can help if they are experiencing suicidal, substance use or other mental health crises. Anyone in a U.S. state, territory, or tribe who needs suicide or mental health-related crisis support, or who has a loved one in crisis, can connect with a trained counselor by calling 988 (multiple languages), texting (English only) 988 or chatting at [Lifeline Chat : Lifeline \(988lifeline.org\)](https://www.988lifeline.org)

Lifeline responds 24/7 to calls (multiple languages), chats, or texts (English only) from anyone who needs mental health-related or suicide crisis support and connects them with trained crisis counselors. The support and service received from the crisis counselors is provided at no charge to those who use the service; however, standard data rates from telecommunication mobile carriers may apply to those who text to the Lifeline.



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.

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!

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.