



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 31, 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.



Edwin Evans (1844-1923), "Grain Fields" (1890)  
Brigham Young University Museum of Art

## 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

Hosea 11: 1-11

Psalm 49

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13 – 21

## The Church Gathers To...

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

Variations on "Wondrous Love" for organ

Robert Lau

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

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

Prelude

Christopher Uehlein

**Praise Almighty God**

## Our Staff

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

Rev. Pat Halverson  
*Parish Associate*

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## Call to Worship

from Psalm 49

Rev. Dr. Millie Snyder for Presbyterian Outlook 2022

Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all inhabitants of the world:  
**we are both low and high; we are rich and poor together;**  
**we listen for wisdom and we long for understanding;**  
we incline our hearts to God's wisdom in our gathering.  
Let us worship God.

### \*Hymn #457

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Millie Snyder  
for Presbyterian Outlook 2022

We know that we have fallen short of God's ideal for our lives. Let us confess  
our sin to God now, trusting in God's grace revealed in Jesus Christ.

### Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Millie Snyder  
for Presbyterian Outlook 2022

**Heavenly Creator, forgive us when we focus on earthly accumulation  
rather than on spiritual faithfulness. Forgive us when we are overcome by  
greed and neglect the needs of those around us. Forgive us when we turn  
inward and shirk the responsibilities of community. We seek renewal and  
new life in you. Amen**

### Assurance of Pardon

2 Cor. 5:17

"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;  
everything has become new!"

Friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ  
our sins are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Response to Grace

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)



## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Living Word, by the power of your Holy Spirit transform us as the pages of Scripture reveal your will for us; Amen.

### Epistle Lesson

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:13–21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But Jesus said, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And then Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich person produced abundantly. And the rich person mused, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then the rich person said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to the rich person, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## 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 Bruce Kahler, 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 Alvarez 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 August Schedule

This summer, our discussions are based on 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!

- August 3 – The Rise of the Israelite Monarchy
- August 10 – The Kingdom of David
- August 17 – The Temple of Solomon
- August 24 – The Northern Kingdom of Israel
- August 31 – The Rise of Assyria

All are welcome!

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

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmcwcfJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID:  
822 8309 5977

Passcode:  
215593

Sermon

Self Storage

Rev Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

## Respond to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

*Revs. Allen and Sara Ewing-Merrill, UMC*  
<http://forwardonthejourney.blogspot.com>

**We believe in God, Creator of the universe, Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself. We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible. We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.**

### Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

*adapted from Rev. Dr. Millie Snyder  
for Presbyterian Outlook 2022*

We share from our abundance so we might be rich toward God. Let us offer our gifts of treasure.

### Offertory

Soft Mist is Rising

Robert A. Hobby

Dr. Andy Edwards – Tenor, Alex Gilson – Piano

*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/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

Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Hymnal, p. 16

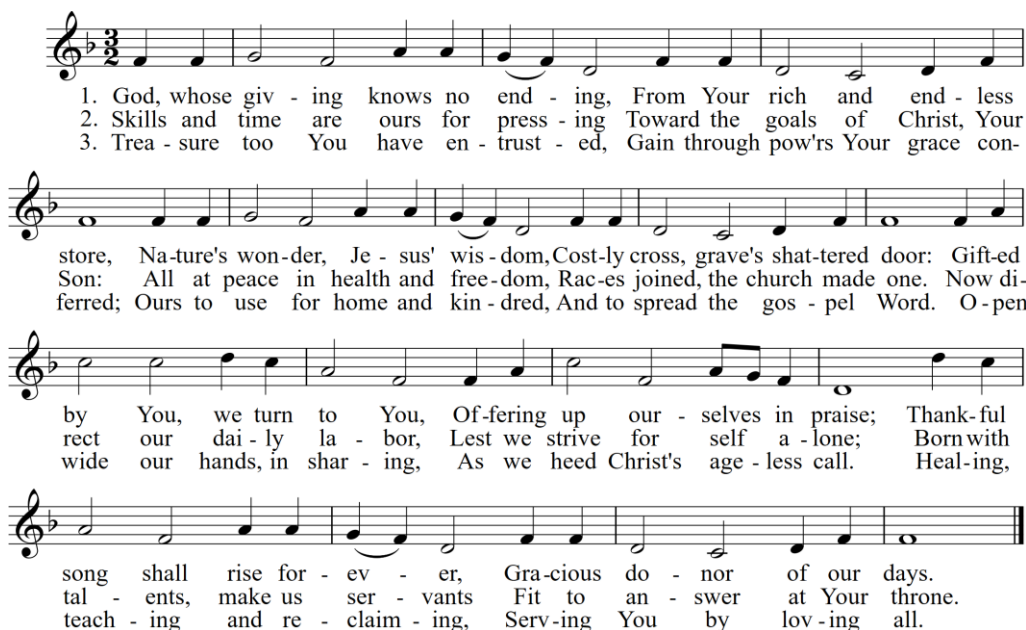
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

### \*Hymn #422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING



1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From Your rich and end - less  
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the goals of Christ, Your  
3. Trea - sure too You have en - trust - ed, Gain through pow'rs Your grace con -

store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, Cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door: Gift - ed  
Son: All at peace in health and free - dom, Rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di -  
ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, And to spread the gos - pel Word. O - pen

by You, we turn to You, Of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful  
rect our dai - ly la - bor, Lest we strive for self a - lone; Born with  
wide our hands, in shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call. Heal - ing,

song shall rise for - ev - er, Gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
tal - ents, make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at Your throne.  
teach - ing and re - claim - ing, Serv - ing You by lov - ing all.

### \*Charge and Benediction

*adapted from Rev. Dr. Millie Snyder  
for Presbyterian Outlook 2022*

Go into the world in peace to love and serve the Lord;  
Know that you are rich in God's eyes.  
You have been given new life in Jesus Christ;  
Allow that good news transform you.

May the grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the power of the Holy Spirit abide with you  
this day and every day. Amen.

### Postlude

Allegro from Organ Sonata no. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

*Our liturgy today is drawn from the work of Rev. Dr. Millie Snyder.  
Millie serves as the executive pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church,  
on the Columbia Theological Seminary Board of Trustees,  
and in several roles in the Presbytery of Charlotte.*

## 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!

## 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.  
Von Maur Hall, Hybrid Zoom  
Meeting ID: 881 9124 9272  
Passcode: 409466

### Pickle Ball

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

### Personnel Committee

Monday, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

### Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., Hybrid zoom

### Building and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m., Parlor

### Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

### Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

### Vesper Bells and Sanctuary Choir

In Recess

### Ask the Pastor Anything

Thursday, August 4, 5:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall, Hybrid zoom  
Meeting ID: 897 1333 9491  
Passcode: 646944

## 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](mailto:stoner-lasala@fpcdavenport.org)

To join these conversations online here are the hybrid zoom links:

For Sunday gatherings:

Meeting ID: 881 9124 9272

Passcode: 409466

For Thursday evening gatherings:

Meeting ID: 897 1333 9491

Passcode: 646944

## Compassion Camp 2.0!

Join us for Compassion Camp! We're 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.



**Deacons' Community Picnic: Save the Date!**

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

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Balloons for the kids and a magic show! A great big tent!  
Hope to see you there!

**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.

## What are Small Groups?

A Small Group (minimum of three, maximum of 12 people) shares “our spiritual journeys together, offering time to explore, study, pray and care for one another.”

*(Envisioning 2020 Report to the Session, p. 10)*

## What does a Small Group do?

A Small Group may form for “a defined task over a specified time period such as a book study” or missional engagement, or for an “open-ended time for topics such as on-going parenting discussions,” long-term missional partnership or Bible study.

*(references in quotation marks drawn from the Envisioning 2020 Report to the Session, p. 10)*

## Why a Small Group?

Often larger groups tend to lose people in translation. However, smaller groups of our peers allow us to stop when needed, ask questions, converse amongst ourselves and hold one another accountable. We can add a little fun by naming our group, finding different places to meet, and just personalizing our group to make it our own.

## Already Have a Small Group?

Several groups in our congregation function already as Small Groups.

Examples could be the Bible Basics 201 group or the Women of Hope Horizons Study group. Both groups are of the second Small Group type, an “open-ended time” without a stated closing date.

## Interested in joining a Small Group?

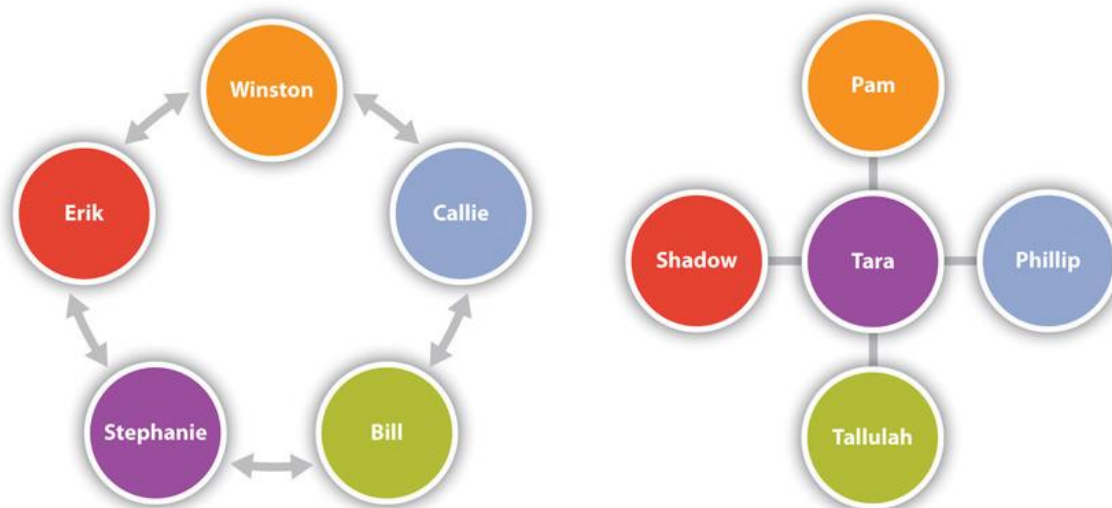
### Have a group that would like to be registered as a Small Group?

Simply sign up for yourself and your interests or for your existing group.

If you're signing up for yourself, church staff will connect you with others having similar interests.

To register your group or your interest in forming a group, simply email Susan Parker, Church Administrative Coordinator. Susan's email is [parker@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:parker@fpcdavenport.org)

(Remember to put “First Presbyterians Small Groups” in the subject line of your email.)



**Bix Festival Weekend  
Sanctuary Tour  
Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am**

On Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m., Linda Meadors and Alex Gilson will conduct a half hour tour and share the history of our Victorian Sanctuary in a Bix Beiderbecke historic site tour organized by the Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Society.

Alex will demonstrate the capabilities of our organ and sanctuary acoustics. If you'd like to learn more about our beautiful jewel toned sanctuary and precious stained-glass windows, we hope to see you there.

All are welcome to join in!



# Bix Jazz Liturgy



Sunday, August 7

8:30AM | 10:00AM

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

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN --THE BEIDERBECKE HOME CHURCH

Many congregational members may not realize that our Victorian Sanctuary is the same space where Bix Beiderbecke, his brother, Bernie, and sister Mary Louise spent many a childhood hour. For this very reason the Bix Memorial Jazz Society has partnered with our church for nearly 25 years to host the festival's official Jazz Liturgy Sunday August 7 at 8:30 and 10:00 am.

The jazz festival, now in its 52<sup>nd</sup> year, will take place at the Rhythm City Casino Event Center off Brady St. near I-80 Thurs August 4th 6-11 pm; Friday 11:30-4:15 pm and 6-11 pm; and Sat from 11:30-4:15 and 6-11 pm. Tickets are available at the door. Performing bands schedules and ticket prices are listed at [www.bixsociety.org](http://www.bixsociety.org)

Bix's mother, Agatha Hilton Beiderbecke, was accepted as a communicant member of First Presbyterian Church in February, 1887. Bix's brother and sister were baptized at First Presbyterian on June 10, 1900 and Leon "Bix" was confirmed as a member in his early teens. Agatha was an accomplished pianist and church organist and served as one of the church organists. According to our church heritage records, she was part of procession festivities when the new sanctuary was dedicated in 1899. When not playing classical piano in her home's parlor on Grand Avenue, Agatha could be found in the sanctuary of First Church just blocks away from the family home. Agatha recognized her youngest son's perfect pitch and instilled in Leon "Bix" Beiderbecke a love of music starting with the piano.



The First Presbyterian Church congregation outgrew a log cabin and two previous buildings in Davenport and marched from their third building closer at Seventh and Brady Streets, up Brady St, to the Kirkwood Boulevard and Iowa Street location which was dedicated in 1899.

In 1998, church staff and heritage committee members approached the Bix Society Board of Directors with the suggestion to move the formerly impromptu outdoor jazz liturgy from a park along the Mississippi River to the Beiderbecke's historic Home Church, with its outstanding acoustics, air-conditioning and seating for up to 800 people.

Rev Sue Howes, our former Associate Pastor, was an avid traditional jazz aficionado and local historian. She willingly officiated services with a completely memorized sermon well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and allowed plenty of time for the guest jazz ensembles to “raise the roof,” so to speak. Sadly, Rev. Sue Howes passed away in May, 2022.



*“With trumpets and the sound of the horn, shout joyfully before the King, the LORD.” Psalms 98:6  
Rev Howes led the Bix Liturgy in her Presbyterian blue suit.*

In the nearly 25 years which have proceeded the magnificent beginning of this sacred festival tradition, many additions have been made to the Jazz Liturgy which has always been a highlight service for the Church Music Department. One year Beiderbecke Family members picked the church for their reunion venue. On other years, high school jazz dancers added a youthful twist to the service, and twice, church member Wendy Hammen dramatically took on the persona of Bix’s mother, Agatha Beiderbecke, to share a mother’s perspective of Bix’s God given musical talent.

So, what can you expect when you attend the 2022 Bix Jazz Liturgy at Davenport’s First Presbyterian Church either at 8:30 am or 10:00 am Sunday August 7?

Guest musicians include Dave Bennett on the clarinet, Jeff Barnhart on the piano and Hal Smith on the drums. Our highly acclaimed Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Matt Bishop will provide vocal leadership, and principal organist, Alex Gilson will demonstrate the jazzy diversity of the 61 rank Casavant pipe organ, while the joyful congregation claps and sings along to familiar hymns.

At the 10:00 am service we will recognize any Beiderbecke relatives in attendance as well as church member Verna Burrichter who is the current President of the Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Society.

The church has chosen the August 7 Bix Liturgy service to debut a short multi-media presentation telling the story of our priceless art glass windows skillfully created by Charles Lamb, a contemporary of Louis Tiffany.