



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Bix Jazz Liturgy Sunday  
August 7, 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](http://covnetpres.org)).



People of all gender identities are welcome here, along with their families.

We are a  
**Matthew 25 church**



**MATTHEW 25**

Matthew 25 congregations identify themselves as working toward one or more of three goals: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

## Land Acknowledgement

First Presbyterian Church gratefully acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Indigenous communities who make Iowa and Illinois their home today. The communities we serve through our ministries occupy the traditional homelands of the people of the Kiikaapoi, Myaamia, 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.



Anon. 16th-century Dutch, "A Sermon on Charity" (detail)  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City

## Preparation for Worship

We invite you to meditate silently on art, music, and Scripture.

\*Worshippers who are comfortable doing so, please stand.

**Bold** indicates congregational response.

## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40, 48b

## The Church Gathers To...

**Prelude**

Jeff Barnhart, Dave Bennett, Hal Smith

**Welcome and Announcements**

Elder Linda Meadors

**Windows Restoration Team**

**Prelude**

Jeff Barnhart, Dave Bennett, Hal Smith

## Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

*Bridging Pastor*

Rev. Pat Halverson\*

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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](http://www.fpcdavenport.org)

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## Praise Almighty God

### Call to Worship

*from Psalm 150*

Praise the LORD!

**Praise God in the sanctuary!**

Praise the LORD with trumpet sound,  
and with lute and harp!

**Praise the LORD with tambourine and dance,  
and with strings and pipe!**

Praise the LORD with clanging cymbals,  
with loud clashing cymbals!

**Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!**

Praise the LORD! Let us worship God.

### \*Hymn

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CLOSER WALK

### Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1. I am weak, but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk  
close to thee. *Ref.*

2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord,  
none but thee. *Ref.*

3. When my feeble life is o'er  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy shore, dear Lord  
to thy shore. *Ref.*

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### Call to Confession

*Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*  
<http://rev-o-lution.org/archives>

We long to be God's faithful children. But too often we hunger and thirst for for false satisfactions. Let us come before God in prayer, heart to heart.

### Prayer of Confession

*Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*  
<http://rev-o-lution.org/archives>

**Faithful One, the pursuits of the world have captured our hearts. Bread of our Lives, we spend our days pursuing wealth and worldly possessions. We forget who we are; we forget whose we are. Forgive us, O God. Remind us that our true treasure is your absolute and unconditional love. We ask it in the name of Jesus, who, by his death and resurrection, secured for us treasure that alone can satisfy our longings; Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

We belong to God, and no one can take that away from us.

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

### Anthem

Music Down in My Soul  
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Moses Hogan

### Prayer for Illumination

*from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*  
<http://rev-o-lution.org/archives>

Redeeming Sustainer, as we open the pages of your Word, visit us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hurry to make you welcome in our hearts; Amen.

### Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:32-40, 48b, selections

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so they may open the door as soon as the master comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds alert; truly I tell you, that master will sit the servants down to eat and serve them. If the master comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those servants. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, the owner would not have let the house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?" .... Jesus said, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Sermon

Buried Treasure?

Rev Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

### Hymn

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

1. He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

2. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands  
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands  
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

## 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 Gloria Wadsworth, Chris Cook, Bruce Kahler, Jim Calhoun, 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, Julia Pedigo, Jim Woods, Jim Lasala, Allison Kennedy, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, , 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 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 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

3. He's got the little tiny baby  
in his hands. . . .  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

5. He's got you and me, sister  
in his hands. . . .  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

4. He's got you and me, brother,  
in his hands. . . .  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

6. He's got everybody here  
in his hands. . . .  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

## Respond to God's Word

### Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Luke 12: 33-34

Jesus said, "Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." We offer our treasure to the Lord.

### Offertory

Jeff Barnhart, Dave Bennett, Hal Smith

*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

O When the Saints Go Marching In

1. O when the saints go marching in,  
O when the saints go marching in,  
O I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.
2. O when the sun refused to shine,  
O when the sun refused to shine,  
O I want to be in that number  
when the sun refused to shine.
3. O when they crown him LORD of all,  
O when they crown him LORD of all,  
O I want to be in that number  
When they crown him LORD of all.

### \*Charge and Benediction

*adapted from Rev. Thom Shuman  
and Rev. Nathan Nettleton*

As God's people, be ready:  
to invite strangers into your hearts  
and to set the table for everyone;  
to choose love, not hate;  
and to feed those who wander  
through deserts of both food and fear.

And may your true self be strengthened by God;  
may Christ Jesus find you attentive and well-prepared;  
and may the Holy Spirit give you the assurance  
of all that you have been promised.

### \*Sending Anthem

The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
The Sanctuary Choir

Peter C. Lutkin

### Postlude

Jeff Barnhart, Dave Bennett, Hal Smith

### 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. and 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

### **Coffee Fellowship**

prior to and after worship services;  
Fellowship Hall

### **Vacation Bible Camp**

Today, Postponed

### **Young Families Pizza Party**

Today, 11:05 a.m., Fellowship Hall

### **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, August 7, 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

### **Church Staff Meeting**

Monday, 10:00 a.m., Von Maur Hall

### **Deacons' Outreach Committee**

Monday, 6:00 pm.  
Fellowship Hall

### **Deacons' Mission Connection Committee**

Monday, 6:30 pm.  
Von Maur Hall

### **Board of Deacons**

Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Von Maur Hall

### **Boy Scout Troop 7**

6:30 p.m. Gym and Fellowship Hall

### **Finance Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

### **Pastor Nominating Committee**

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

### **Women of Hope Bible Study**

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Parlor

### **Bible Basics 201**

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

### **Vesper Bells and Sanctuary Choir**

In Recess

### **Ask the Pastor Anything**

Thursday, August 11, 5:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall, Hybrid zoom  
Meeting ID: 897 1333 9491  
Passcode: 646944

### **Ethan Belby Eagle Scout Court of Honor**

Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary

## **Conversations with Pastor Kathy**

"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. 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**

Postponed Today

### **Young Families Pizza Party**

Today, 11:05 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

## **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!

### 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.

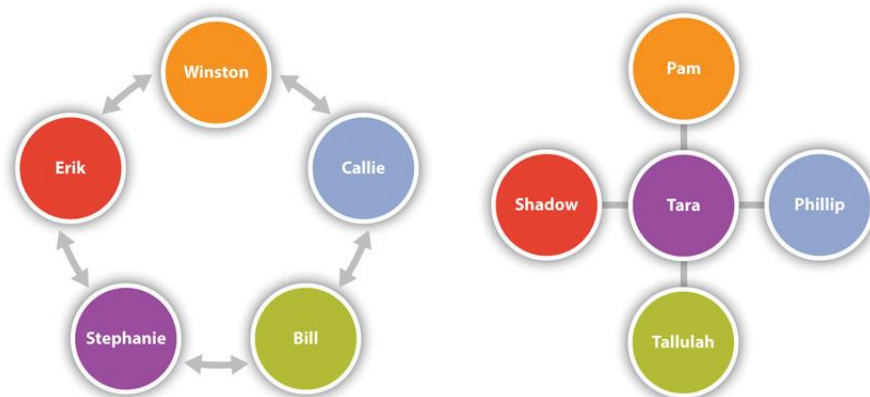
If you’re signing up for yourself,

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.)



### 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 church website and click on At the Crossroads.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN --THE BEIDERBECKE HOME CHURCH

*"With trumpets and the sound of the horn, shout joyfully before the King, the LORD." Psalm 98:6*

Some congregational members may not realize that our Victorian Sanctuary is the same space where Bix Beiderbecke, his brother, Bernie, and his 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 the 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 then marched from their third building, at Seventh and Brady Streets, up Brady Street to our 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 and Pastor Emerita, 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.

In the nearly 25 years since 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 on 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 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.



*Procession festivities when the new sanctuary was dedicated in 1899.*



*Rev. Howes led the Bix Liturgy In her Presbyterian blue suit.*