



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 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

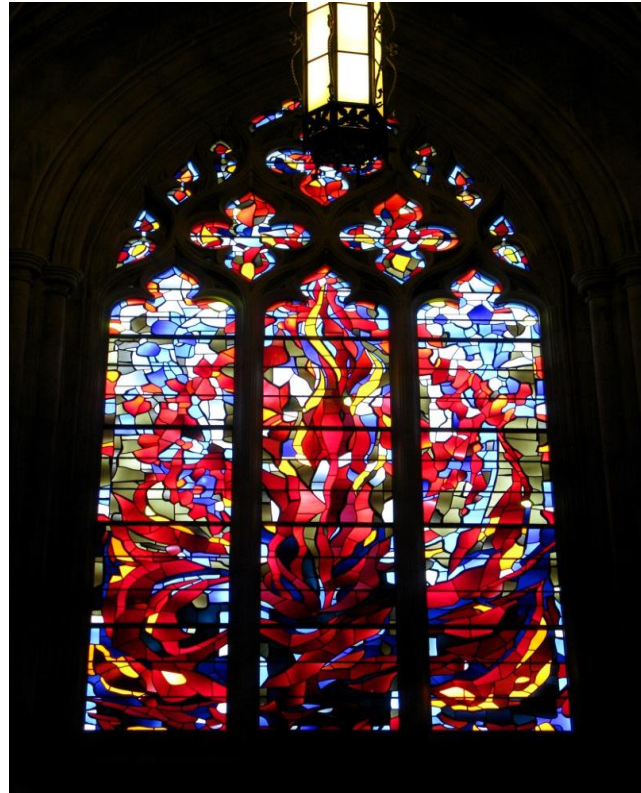


MATTHEW 25

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.



Dieter Goldkuhle & Robert Pinart, "Fire" (1979)
Stained glass, National Cathedral, Washington, D.C

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 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

Luke 12:49-56

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude 10:00 a.m.

Adagio from Organ Symphony No. 3

Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Pat Halverson

Prelude 10:00 a.m.

Communion in E minor

Alexandre Guilmant

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

1702 Iowa Street

Davenport, Iowa 52803

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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 Isaiah 25:1

We gather to worship God, to learn of Christ, and to express our faith

We seek the touch of the Spirit to illumine our hearts

Lord, you are our God;

In perfect faithfulness, God has done wonderful things,

We exalt you, O God, and praise your name.

*Hymn #210

Our God, Our Help, in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

Rev. Patricia Halverson

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Patricia Halverson

God of grace and mercy, we know well your commands to love, to be generous to those in need, to be selfless. But we too often find ourselves weighed down with our own cares, and our trust in you weakens. Forgive us for our apathy. Forgive us for our lack of perseverance in following your paths of righteousness when it may cost us something. We believe you are with us, within us now and calling us to follow wherever you lead. Through Christ our Lord 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. Patricia Halverson

God of eternity and of each day's events, may your words reach our hearts this day as your Spirit illumines and our faith receives them. We ask in Christ's name, Amen.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:49-56

I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed. Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three, they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

[Jesus] also said to the crowds, when you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain," and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat," and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Divisive Christianity

Rev Patricia Halverson

Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Luke 12: 33-34

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 within our church family, to our neighbors, those near and far. Amen.

Offertory

Bless the Lord, All Nations

Antonio Caldara

Anna Putman, Cecily Ferris – Flute, 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 your Spir - it, may we off - er glimpses of your kin - dom here.

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 Georgia Sodawasser, 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 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) for more information.

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID:
822 8309 5977

Passcode:
215593

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 #538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's
3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the
joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion,
world a - way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,
Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, To the truth the we be found;
May we ev - er Reign with Thee in end - less day.

*Charge and Benediction

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

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

Postlude

Excerpt from *Organ Chorale No. 3*

César Franck

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

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

Today, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Broadcaster Deadline!

Next Sunday, August 21, 2022

We're looking for your articles, photos, and news items:
sharpen your pencils and start writing!

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.

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;
Narthex

Vacation Bible Camp

9:30 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 14, 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

Christian Education,

Fellowship for Youth Committee

6:00 p.m. Zoom

Worship and Music Committee

6:15 p.m. Zoom

Boy Scout Troop 7

Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Gym and Fellowship Hall

Session

7:00 pm. Zoom

Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. Von Maur Hall

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

PUNCH Meeting

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

Ask the Pastor Anything

Thursday, August 18, 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, Hybrid zoom

Meeting ID: 897 1333 9491

Passcode: 646944

PAS Season Announcement Party

6:00 p.m. Grape Life

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

Sunday, August 21

Broadcaster Deadline

Sunday, August 21

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?

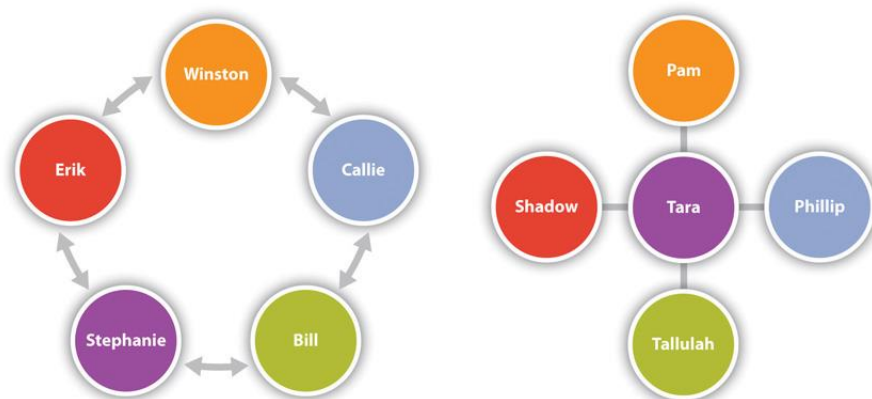
Simply sign up for yourself and your interests or for your existing group.

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



Remembering those who have lost their lives to violence. Our hearts and spirits grieve for those who were taken from us too soon.



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August 13
August 20
August 27
September 3
September 10
September 17
September 25



First Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church of Davenport
St. John's United Methodist Church
Third Missionary Baptist Church
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
Bethel AME Church
Centennial Park for Balloon Release

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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DAVENPORT

Invites You To The

2022-23 PERFORMING ART SERIES

SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022

6:00 PM  8:00 PM

THE GRAPE LIFE

3402 Elmore Ave. Davenport

Light Hors d'oeuvres Provided • Wine Available for Purchase

You're Invited!!!

WE'RE FIRING UP THE GRILL!!

Please join us for a.....

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC!!!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1702 IOWA ST.
LOOK FOR THE TENT!
RAIN OR SHINE!!

SUNDAY AUGUST
28, 2022
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!

MEAT, BAKED BEANS, AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE!