



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday
August 21, 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

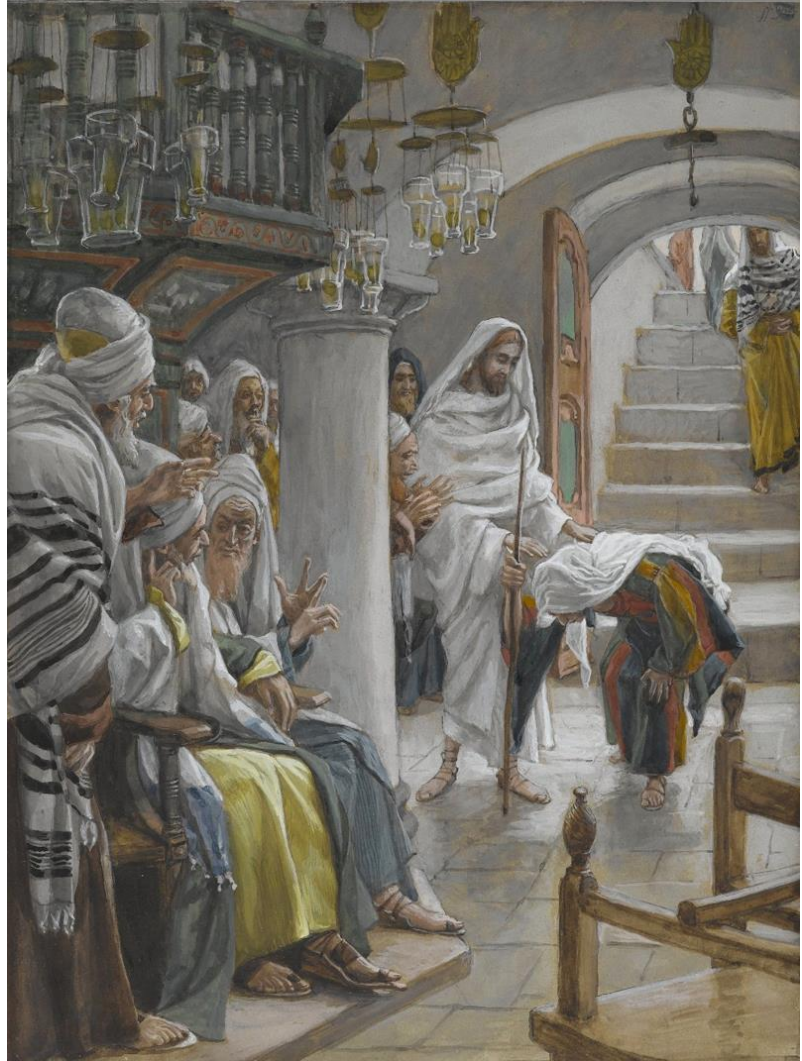


MATTHEW 25

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, Ojéethi 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.



James Tissot (1836-1902), "Woman with an Infirmary of Eighteen Years"
Brooklyn Museum, New York

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.

To help you get to know the people sitting in your pew/row, please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbors.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION

Isaiah 59: 9b-14

Psalms 103: 1-8

Hebrews 12: 18-29

Luke 13: 10-1

Our Staff

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 of emergency.

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The Church Gathers To...

Prelude 10:00 a.m. Three American Folk Hymns Dale Wood
Welcome and Announcements Deacon Ted Brown
Minute for Mission Board of Deacons
Prelude 10:00 a.m. Berceuse Louis Vierne

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship Adapted from Spill the Beans, Issue 8
 retrieved from: www.spillthebeans.org/uk

Come, those who are seeking healing.

We are here, seeking peace.

Come, those who are searching for wholeness.

We are here, seeking a place to belong.

Come, those whose voices have been silenced.

**We are here, those who have been waiting too long
 and those who need to stand aside for others.**

Come, those who are looking for God.

We are here and asking for God to be among us, to dwell with us.

***Hymn #210** Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

Refrain

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

Rev. Elissa Bailey

As we gather in this space and time, we have come lifting our voices in song and
 praise. We also come before God knowing there are times when we have missed

the mark and we must confess our limitations before our Creator. Let us now open our hearts in confession:

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from *Spill the Beans, Issue 8*
retrieved from: www.spillthebeans.org/uk

Creator and maker of all things in heaven and on earth, we gather on this day, this seventh day, this day we call the Sabbath. We are here. We are your people recognizing we need you and your blessing upon us. Yet we acknowledge also that our efforts of celebration of the Sabbath can seem half-hearted, our joy in worship can be distracted, and our thoughts are still bound to the activities of the week since passed. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to recognize the Sabbath as the celebration of new life, of freedom from bondage and as the door to another week of opportunity to serve and to be served. To love and to be loved. In Christ's precious name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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Friends, receive the Good News of Jesus Christ: We are loved.
God is among us and opens our hearts to experience new life.
God equips our souls, refreshes our minds, forgives our sins, strengthens our bodies, and brings us, wherever we may be, into the promise of forever.
For this, we worship and give thanks, to the glory of God. **Amen.**

*Response to Grace

GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Listen for God's Word

Blessing of the Backpacks

Insert

Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Gracious God, we ask for your Holy Spirit to envelop us this day that we might hear your Word, know your Word, and follow your Word, as you would call us to do. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 58:9b-14 NRSV

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and God will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil; If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted; Then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong; And you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer

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 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 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=VnJFdmcwcmFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID:
822 8309 5977

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of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; If you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; If you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; Then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 13: 10-17

Now he [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

"An 18-Year-Old Priority"

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Affirmation of Faith

from Brief Statement of Faith, *PCUSA Book of Confessions*

... We trust in God the Holy Spirit
Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
Sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
And binds us together with all believers
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
Sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
And binds us together with all believers
In the one body of Christ, the Church....
...In a broken and fearful world
The Spirit gives us courage
To pray without ceasing,
To witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
To unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
To hear the voices of peoples long silences,
And to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
And to live holy and joyful lives,
Even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
Praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

from Psalm 103: 1-6

Bless the LORD, and do not forget all God's benefits:

the LORD forgives our iniquity, heals our diseases,
redeems our life from the Pit, crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,
satisfies us with good as long as we live, renews our youth like the eagle's,
and works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

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

Offertory

Wondrous Love

Arr. Richard Walters

Julia Meyer, Diana Miller-Bur – Voice, Alex Gilson - Piano

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*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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Prayer Following Communion

from the Book of Common Worship

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

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday

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

Broadcaster Deadline

TODAY, August 21

Coffee Fellowship

prior to and after worship services;
Narthex

Vacation Bible Camp

Today, 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 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

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday

9 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

Boy Scout Troop 7

Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Gym and Fellowship Hall

Pandemic Task Force

Monday, 7:30 pm., Zoom

Church Staff Meeting

Lunch and Learn

Monthly Staff Birthday Party

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

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

Worship Schedule

August 28, Single Service 10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

Deacons Neighborhood Picnic

Sunday, August 28, 11:00 a.m.
Church Lawn.

Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank you that in your great love you have fed us at your Table with this spiritual food, and have assured us of your goodness toward us; and that we are members of the mystical Body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people, and heirs of your everlasting kingdom. We ask you, Heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace that we may continue in this holy fellowship and live henceforth to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns, and is worshipped and glorified with you and with the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn #383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a - round me spread,
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor-row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change -less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a -bove, A ran - somed soul!

*Charge and Benediction

As we go from the place where we celebrate and worship on this Sabbath, may our hearts know a place where the priority of wholeness comes first. May we step forth in wiliness with the courage to do the unpopular, the risky, so that all may know of God's immense love. May we go into our week with a fresh start knowing that each moment is a new opportunity to put God and God's people as our priority. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer, Amen.

Postlude

Processional in D Minor

Robert Lind

Compassion Camp

Today, 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Broadcaster Deadline!

TODAY, August 21, 2022

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.

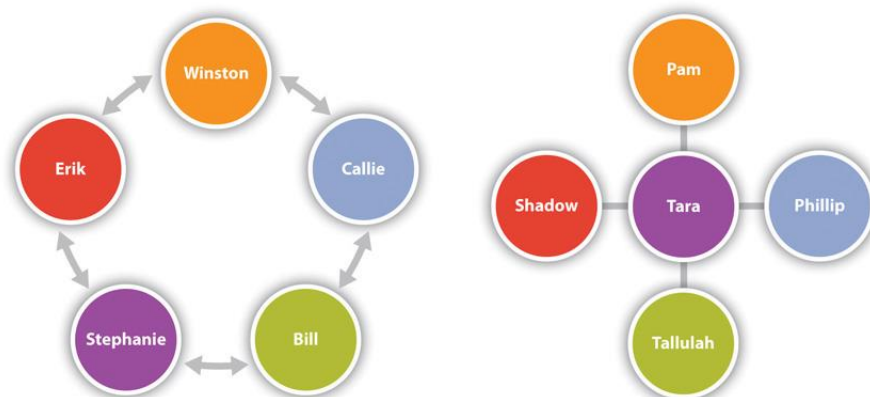
If you’re signing up for yourself,

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.)



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.

Looking for something to read?

“Check out” the selections in our Donald B. Blackstone library located in the church’s lower level next to the Fellowship Hall. We have added 34 new and donated books to the library this year. New books are from authors Janet Bell to Jacqueline Winspear. There are also 2800+ other selections in the library including children, young adults, reference, historical, biography, fiction, mystery, and large print. Self checkout is on the desk with reminder date cards, we have a three week return policy. Please checkout books to allow the committee to review what is popular for future purchases.

Thanks for using your library.

Committee:

Kirk Christie (chair)
Dan Breinich
Bev Koos
Irene Huffman
Vicki Stegall

Memorial to the Lost

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



Blessing of the Backpacks

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Opening Prayer

God our teacher, thank you for the privilege of education.

God who came as a child to show us

how to be children of God,

**you speak to us through the words, actions,
play, and feelings of children.**

You call us to listen to the Spirit speaking
through our young siblings in Christ.

**We celebrate the beginning of this school year
and ask for your blessings upon the children, the educators,
and the families who support them all.**

But in this celebration of education and learning,
we do not forget children and families and teachers
who do not have the resources they need.

**Today we remember those who are beginning school this year:
those who have what they need to learn and grow in safety,
and those who lack supplies, teachers,
and safe buildings for all needs and abilities.**

Distribution of Backpack Tags

Blessing Prayer

God of fresh starts and new beginnings,
we bring ourselves, our feelings, and our backpacks to you.

**In our backpacks, we carry blank pages,
sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons,
and in our hearts, we carry big feelings,
unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations.**

There are endless possibilities
of what this new year might bring—
of what we might learn, who we might meet,
and who we might become.

God, our friend who is always with us:

be with us as we ride the bus.

Be with us as we walk.

Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes.

Be with the grown-ups going back to school.

**Thank you for our teachers, helpers,
caregivers, and leaders,
and for all they do to help us learn and grow.**

God, our friend who's full of wonder,
fill their hearts and bless their hands. Amen.

Backpack Benediction

Children, families, and all who love them,
go out into the beautiful world that God has made!

Go and play! Go and learn! Go and love others!

May you be filled with lovingkindness
for yourself and everyone around you.

May the prayers of your faith community
keep you safe, healthy, and full of joy. Amen