

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2022 Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Welcome!

We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org).



COVENANT NETWORK OF PRESBYTERIANS

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

We are a Matthew 25 church



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, Očhéthi Šakówin, 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.



August Rodin (1840-1917), "Hand of God" (ca. 1898) Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

Preparation for Worship

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

*Worshipers 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

Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 25-33

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude Excerpt from Organ Symphony No. 5 Charles-Marie Widor

Welcome and Announcements Deacon Julia Meyer

Minute for Mission Board of Deacons

Prelude So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower Arr. George Shearing

Our Staff

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Bridging Pastors

Rev. Pat Halverson*

Parish Associate

Kristy Woodrow

Director of Christian Education

Sarah Greim & Paula Hartmann

* Interim Christian Ed. Coordinators

Matt Bishop

Director of Music

Alex Gilson

Principal Organist

& Assistant Director of Music

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Kathy Middleton*

Assistant Choral Director

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Nursery Coordinator

Darren Long

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Kevin Wilson

Custodian

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Custodian

* Part-time employee

First Presbyterian Church

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Outside office hours, this number will go to the pastor on call in case of emergency.

For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook

www.fpcdavenport.org

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Mark Hayes, Arr., "Bright and Beautiful (A Children's Suite)" (©2000 Jubilate Music Group, LLC.)

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Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

published in Presbyterian Outlook, retrieved from: pres-outlook.org

From daily worries that distract and distort your life-giving path,

Gather us, O God.

From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy on our hearts,

Gather us, O God.

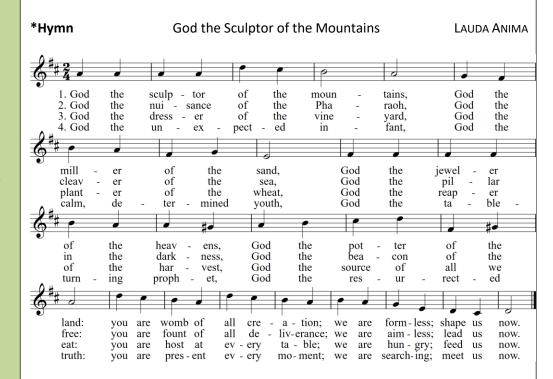
From temptations to escape through worldly addictions and comforts,

Gather us, O God.

We choose you and Christ's way.

Help us attend to your presence in worship.

Let us worship God.



Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

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The path of faithfulness is oftentimes difficult and full of obstacles of our own making. Let us humbly approach God, who calls and creates, confessing the sins that turn us away from new life in Christ.

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Spill the Beans, Issue 44 retrieved from: www.spillthebeans.org/uk

Creative parent, you designed the universe and poured out your unconditional love to make it. We are in awe of you. Jesus Christ, you gave yourself freely to the world, taking on human form, offering us love and inviting us to build your kingdom with you.

We are in awe of you. Loving Spirit, you are within us and all around us, gently nudging and guiding us along, when we allow you in. We are in awe of you. Loving Parent, you know us completely, every fiber of our being is made by you. We are truly in awe of you.

God, you continue to love us and call us to you, allowing us to choose freely to follow or turn away. Forgive us for those times when we choose to turn away, for when the cost seems too great for us to bear and instead, we choose our own selfish desires over you.

Remind us that you long to forgive us, that your love for us is eternal and that no matter how often we fail or turn away, you will always be there for us, waiting to welcome us home when we choose to come to you. For this we pray. So be it. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

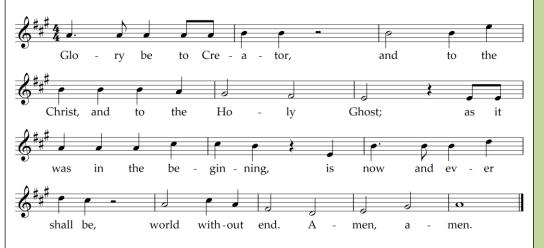
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Our God, who restores and resurrects, grants us new life in Jesus Christ. Know that you are forgiven and live fully in joyful freedom. **Amen.**

*Response to Grace

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Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Illuminating Spirit, guide our hearts and minds as we hear the Word and the words today. Shape us and mold us as your word is proclaimed. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 18:1-11 NRSV

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? Says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

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 Jim Lasala, Ella Johns, Georgia Sodawasser, Gloria Wadsworth, Chris Cook, Bruce Kahler, Jim Calhoun, Holly Rivera; for God's mercy and grace to touch Duane Schipull, Julia Pedigo, Jim Woods, 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 31 – The Rise of Assyria

All are welcome!

Please contact Mark Jones (<u>mkjones@mchsi.com</u>) for more information.

Here is the Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82 283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcF Jua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

Passcode: 215593

At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Director of Christian Education Elder Kristy Woodrow

Gospel Lesson Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all of your possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon "Molded into Disciples"

oles" Rev. Elissa Bailey

Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA) Selected by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

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We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every gender, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

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We have more to offer than we recognize or realize. God has given us abundant gifts.
Let us respond faithfully to our generous God by presenting our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

Bright and Beautiful (A Children's Suite) Arr. Mark Hayes Brighton Greim – Voice, 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/2V8nEgm; or mail your check in to the church office.

*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God



Prayers of the People

Adapted from Spill the Beans, Issue 44 retrieved from: www.spillthebeans.org/uk

Merciful and Mighty God, we thank you for the life you have given us. We thank you for the people who journey with us and your unconditional love which never fails. We love for a world to become a place where all are welcome, where all live in peace. You desire people to work together to bring equality, equity, and justice for everyone. Lord, we hear your call and ask your help as we contemplate what you are asking us, remembering all you have given for us and knowing you ask little in return. Lord, we pray for all who know and love you already, for all who use their gifts to build the kingdom and who willingly accept the cost of their service. Lord, we pray for all who don't know you yet but strive to make the world a better place, based on love and justice. May they come to know you as we do and continue to serve you. Lord, we pray for all who have come to know you but feel the cost is too much to bear and who choose to live their life their own way. May they know you will always be there for them and welcome them when they are ready to return. May they have a sense of your presence in their lives no matter what choices they make. Lord, we pray for all who are coming to know you and wondering what you are asking them to do. We pray for all who are considering a call to ministry in the church. May they be open to your call and willing to take the risk of serving you in this way. Lord, we pray for your church, facing the cost of fewer members and restructuring. May all the pruning and change bring new growth and life, preparing the church for this next phase in kingdom building. Lord, we offer these prayers and are thankful that you promise to answer them in your own time and way, Help us to be

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 Hartmann or Deacon Andy McNeil.

Weekly Program Schedule

Worship Services

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

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

Labor Day Church Office Closed

Pickle Ball

Wednesday 9 - 11:00 a.m., Gym

Boy Scouts Troop 7

Monday, 6:30 p.m. Gym and Fellowship Hall

Church Staff Meeting Lunch and Learn

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

Building and Grounds Committee Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. Parlor

Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom **Deacons Pastoral Care**

& Spiritual Development Committee

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Zoom

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Pandemic Task Force

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Zoom

Congregational Development & Fellowship Committee

Thursday, 5:30 pm. CE 3d Floor

Vesper Bells

In Recess

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Worship Service

Sunday, September 11 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Congregational Informational Meeting

Sunday, 10:35 a.m. Sanctuary

MusikGarrten/Cherub Choir/ Kirkwood **Choir/ Sunday School/Confirmation Class/** Adult Christian Education Sunday, September 11

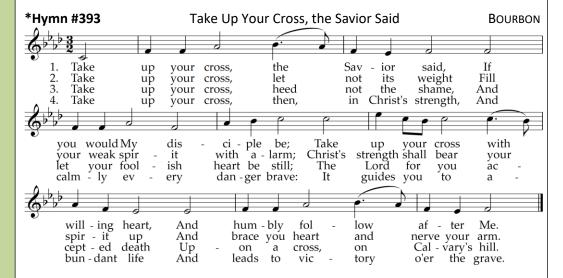
ready to receive and act on the answers when they come. And with the words that Christ has taught us, hear us as we pray...

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.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing



*Charge and Benediction

Friends, we are here to be molded and shaped into discipleship. But that molding and shaping does not end here. As we go from this place this day, let us allow God to continue to be the potter in our lives. Let us listen for God's call to be crafted into new and exciting ways that will continue the kingdom of God. For we are all called beloved children of God. In the name of the Creator, of the Redeemer, and of the Sustainer, Amen.

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

Newcomers' Inquiry

Sunday September 18 at 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

The Newcomers' Inquiry will provide a look at First Presbyterian Church, what we do, what we believe, what our faith questions might be, how we are governed, and how we are connected to our denomination (which is the Presbyterian Church [USA]). Bring your questions and join us for conversation and refreshments! For more information, call Paula Burnett at 563-349-9046.

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 check-out books to allow the committee to review what is popular for future purchases.

Thanks for using your library. Committee:

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

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

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 Assistant.

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.

S'more Fun with FPC Families!

Calling all Families! Join us on Friday Sept 16th 6:30-8:30 for fellowship, food, fun and S'mores!

Where: The Greim's Residence: 1660 W 51st ST Davenport, IA 52806 Please bring a dish to share. We will have s'more fixings and the main dish. RSVP to Sarah Greim segreim@gmail.com so we have enough food!

Let's kick off this year with "s'more"fellowship!

Memorial to the Lost

Centennial Park for Balloon Release September 25



SUNDAY September 25th, 2022 | 2:00 PM | Centennial Park

	July 2022		July 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 41,289	\$ 47,962	\$ 40,770	\$ 44,230
Custodial Accounts Income	45,572	-	10,992	-
Compensation Expenses	(45,119)	(53,623)	(33,507)	(43,191)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(14,965)	(23,792)	(15,221)	(13,018)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(45,572)	-	(10,993)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$18,795)	(\$29,453)	(\$7,959)	(\$11,979)
PPP2 Grant	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$18,795)	(\$29,453)	(\$7,959)	(\$11,979)
	2022 Year-To-Date		2024 W T D 4	
			2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 351,681	\$ 400,300	\$ 439,721	\$ 407,699
Custodial Accounts Income	76,270	-	21,890	-
Compensation Expenses	(298,000)	(334,936)	(273,484)	(292,266)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(129,990)	(169,560)	(117,721)	(121,091)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(76,269)	-	(21,894)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$76,308)	(\$104,196)	\$48,512	(\$5,658)
PPP2 Grant	108,000	108,000	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$31,692	\$3,804	\$48,512	(\$5,658)

All numbers are rounded.

The Organ Swell Shade Project

This week, The Bogue Pipe Organ Company began a much-needed repair for FPC's own Magnusson Memorial Organ. The pneumatic shade operators of our Casavant Frères Organ were in such a state of disrepair that the shades of our enclosed divisions were constantly open, without the option to close them. This removes the dynamic possibilities for most of our pipes. The Worship and Music committee recently approved a contract to replace these old broken-down mechanisms with new, electric motor operators. During this Sunday's service, you will hear what our organ sounds like with the electric motor in the swell division being fully operational. This project aims to restore the organ to its previous functionality, while creating richer possibilities for choral accompaniment. The shade motors for the other two enclosed divisions will continue to be worked on during the coming weeks.