



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022
Worship at 9:30 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, Ojibwe, 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.



Hendrik Terbrugghen (ca. 1588-1629), "Rich Man and the Poor Lazarus"
Centraal Museum (Utrecht, Netherlands)

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

Amos 6: 1-7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Luke 16: 19-31

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Cathédrales

Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Diana Miller-Bur

Minute for Mission

Board of Deacons

Introit

God Is Gone up with a Shout

Eric Thiman

Praise Almighty God

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
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
Darren Long
Facilities & Custodial Supervisor
Kevin Wilson
Custodian
Chad Dean*
Custodian

* Part-time employee
+ Unpaid leave

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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

from Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry;
who sets the prisoners free;
who lifts up those who are bowed down;
who watches over the strangers;
who upholds the orphan and the widow.
The LORD will reign forever!
Praise the LORD!

***Hymn #407**

When a Poor One

EL CAMINO

1. When a poor one who has noth - ing shares with strang - ers,
2. When at last all those who suf - fer find their com - fort,
3. When our joy fills up our cup to o - ver - flow - ing,
4. When our homes are filled with good - ness in a - bun - dance,

When the thirst - y wa - ter give un - to us all, When the
When they hope though e - ven hope seems hope less - ness, When we
When our lips can speak no words oth - er than true, When we
When we learn how to make peace in - stead of war, When each

crip - pled in their weak - ness strength - en oth - ers,
love though hate at times seems all a - round us,
know that love for sim - ple things is bet - ter,
stran - ger that we meet is called a neigh - bor,

Then we know that God still goes that road with us, Then we

know that God still goes that road with us.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

from Hebrews 4: 14-16

Our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us tell the truth about ourselves before God and our neighbors.

Prayer of Confession

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Retrieved from Book of Common Worship,
(Louisville, KY Westminster/John Knox Press. 1993) 54.

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we try to hide from you because we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2: 8

*selected by Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis
published in Presbyterian Outlook,
retrieved from: pres-outlook.org*

“By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing: it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one might boast.”

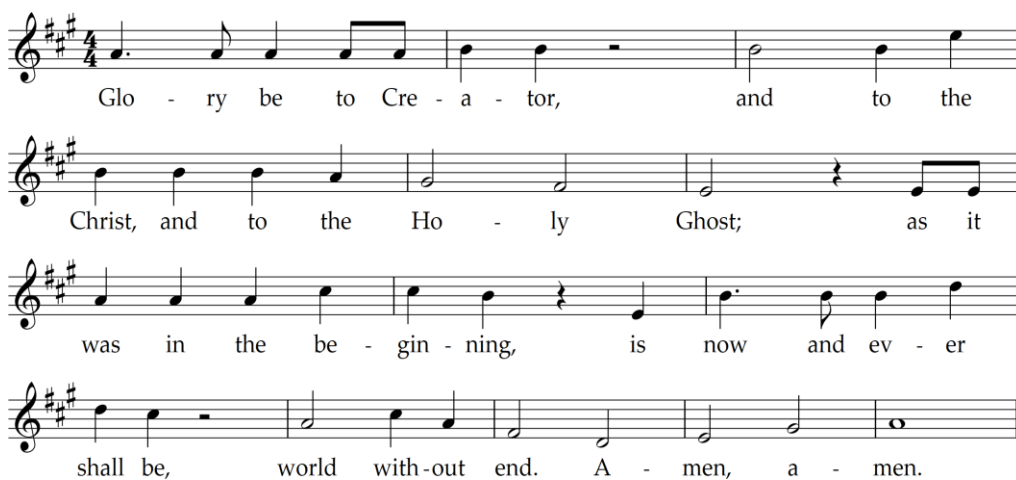
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ: our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Response to Grace

GLORIA CREATOR

MEINEKE



Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Service for the Lord's Day

Supplemental Liturgical Resource 1,

© 1984 The Westminster Press.

Retrieved from Book of Common Worship,

(Louisville, KY Westminster/John Knox Press. 1993) 60.

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior; Amen.

Epistle Lesson

1 Timothy 6: 9-10, 17-19

But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who

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 Kathy Goldsmith (Ruth Rensberger's daughter), Betsy Kisler, Jim Lasala, Ella Johns, Georgia Sodawasser, Gloria Wadsworth, Chris Cook, Bruce Kahler, Jim Calhoun, Holly Rivera; for God's mercy and grace to touch Dylan's grandmother, Roberta Shadensack, 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 contact 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 a joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coatrack near the church office.

Bible Basics – Study of Isaiah

We are starting a study of the Old Testament book, Isaiah. We will once again draw from the library of courses available from Yale Divinity School. This particular study will look at major themes in Isaiah, chapters 1-39. The study will run until Thanksgiving.

Here is the link to the study material: [First Isaiah | Yale Bible Study](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVfhFdz09). You do not need to register for the course. You can download a Study Guide, discussion questions, and watch a video (about 15 minutes). Then join us for the discussion on Wednesday nights even if you didn't have time to review the lesson.

- September 28 Historical Context
- October 5 Isaiah's Call Vision
- October 12 Immanuel
- October 19 Messianic Prophecy

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

Adult Christian Education (ACE) September Schedule

10:35 a.m. on Sundays,
Von Maur Hall

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BBMU1PdHErVEZnVsQT09>

Meeting ID: 871 4227 5458
Passcode 1702

Today:

What Does it Mean to be a Matthew 25 Church?
Led by Terri Sheetz

October 2:

Homecoming Luncheon
ACE in Recess October 2 only

October 9:

Supporting Characters of the Bible
led by Mark Jones

October 16

Supporting Characters of the Bible
led by Mark Jones

October 23:

Book of Confessions Overview
led by Jed Steckel

richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 16: 19-31

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Anthem

O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord
The Sanctuary Choir

Emma Lou Diemer

Children's Message

Director of Christian Education Elder Kristy Woodrow

Sermon

Is There a Cure for Jerks? Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Affirmation of Faith

*The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Part I, Book of Confessions 9.32.*

(Louisville, KY: Office of the General Assembly, 2016), 292.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a human being involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity to others and the awful consequences of our own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

*adapted from Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis.
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retrieved from: pres-outlook.org*

All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Remembering the abundant life that God has offered us, we return to God, the giver of all. With gladness we give of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

Offertory on "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Robert Lau

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



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.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Prayer of Jesus

2021-2022 Confirmation Class

**Our God Who is above, Holy is your Name;
allow us into Heaven.
May your requests of us be completed in our lives,
as well as where you have spread your word.
Give us this time to fill our souls.
Forgive us for what we have done wrong
and others who have done wrong to us.
Don't let us follow wrongdoings
and shield us from harm,
for your home is our home.
Almighty love and glory we give to you
now and for eternal life. Amen.**

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn #408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

Anthem Text

Text: from Psalms 95 & 96

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God; and a great king above all gods. In his hand

are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down; and come, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker. For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

For he cometh to judge the earth; and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. For he is the Lord, our God.

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

For details, check the online calendar

Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

See e-news, website or Facebook

MusikGarten

Sundays, 8:30 a.m. Zoom

10:35 a.m. CE Building 3d floor in person

Kirkwood Choir

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., CE Building 301

Adult Christian Education

Sundays, 10:35 a.m. Hybrid Zoom

Von Maur Hall

Children's Meet-n-Greet

with DCE Kristy Woodrow

Today, September 25

10:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Chamber Chorale

Today, September 25

11:20 a.m. Choir Room

Caring Closet

Sundays, 10:30 – 11:00 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

Church Staff Meeting

Lunch and Learn

Monthly Birthday Party

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

Von Maur Hall, Hybrid Zoom

Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

Women of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., Parlor

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Vesper Bells Rehearsal

Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

World Communion Sunday October 2

Peacemaking Offering received

Homecoming Sunday October 2

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Luncheon 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Sunday School Kick-Off

Sunday, Oct. 2, 10:45 a.m.

Christian Ed Building 3d Floor

Nursery Open with masked attendants

Otherwise, masks optional

1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the
2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed
3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man
4. O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain - side, Make haste - to
5. Till all the world shall learn Thy love, And fol - low

cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of
thresh - olds fraught with fears, From paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from
heal these hearts of pain; A - mong these rest - less
where Thy feet have trod; Till glo - rious from Thy

self - ish strife, We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of Thy tears.
sor - row's stress, Thy heart has nev - er known re - coil.
throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
heav'n a - bove Shall come the ci - ty of our God.

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Baron Mullis.

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The bridging of the chasm is too much for us.

The good news of the Gospel is that Christ

has already bridged the abyss of our sin;

Christ has brought us into God's loving embrace.

What remains is for us live into the fullness of our humanity
to the glory of God.

Now may the love, grace, and communion
of the triune God

be and abide with us all,

for this day and forevermore. Amen.

Sending Anthem

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

The Sanctuary Choir

Postlude "Outburst of joy from a soul before the Glory of Christ which is its own glory"

Olivier Messiaen

Children's Meet-n-Greet with Director of Christian Education Kristy Woodrow

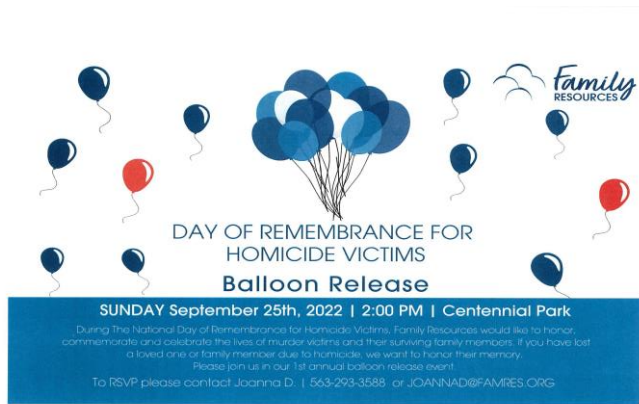


TODAY, Sunday September 25 at 10:45 a.m. in Fireplace Room

Memorial to the Lost

Balloon Release at Centennial Park

TODAY, September 25, 2:00 p.m.



Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 6:30 to 8:00pm. Karla Jones will host the group in her home, 5910 Crow Valley Park Drive, Davenport. All who have interest in making prayer shawls for the church or blankets, hats or sweaters for Knit for Kids are welcome to attend. Questions, contact Karla Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-349-4000).

Sunday School Kick-Off and Registration

Sunday School will be starting on October 2, following the 9:30 am worship service!

To help us plan our classroom needs, we are asking that Sunday School registration forms be completed at your earliest convenience.

Physical copies are available at the back of the sanctuary,
and in the Kirkwood choir room.

These forms cover Sunday school, Kirkwood choir, and Musikgarten.

A digital option is also available at this link: <https://bit.ly/fpcdavenport>.

We are looking for volunteers!

No teaching experience necessary.

If you would like to volunteer for one Sunday or for many Sundays,
please let our Director of Education Kristy Woodrow know at:
woodrow@fpcdavenport (or in person).

Homecoming Service and Luncheon

October 2, 2022

Please note the corrected time:

The worship service will be at our usual time, 9:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary
Luncheon to follow in Fellowship Hall

Newcomers' Inquiry

Sunday, October 2 at 10:45 a.m. in the Parlor

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.

New Members will be recognized on October 9 during the worship service.

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.

Tabitha's Circle

Tabitha's Circle (AKA Little Dresses for Africa) will meet in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday October 5, 2022, from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. New Members are welcome!

For additional information or questions contact Sharon Simmons 563-355-7008 or srsimmonds50@gmail.com

This week 135 dresses and 30 shorts for boys are being delivered to the LDFA Headquarters in Michigan. We are blessed to be supporting this mission with our contribution of time and talents.

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!

Library Committee:

Kirk Christie (chair)

Dan Breinich

Vicki Stegall

Bev Koos

Irene Huffman

Soon: Manna and More will be Back!!!

After a long 18 months, the Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee is very excited to welcome our church family back to breakfast on October 9! We will continue to serve breakfast on the second Sunday of every month for the rest of the academic year (through May).

Please join us for food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall either before or after the 9:30 worship service. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 and then again at 10:30 to 11:00.

Our October menu is pancakes with various toppings, sausage, fruit, and beverages. We ask for a donation of \$3 per adult and \$1 per child 12 and under to help defray the cost.

We can't wait to celebrate being post-pandemic with you on October 9!

From the Stained -Glass Window Restoration Project

Do you use the Pershing Street entrance?

Starting around September 15, Glass Heritage will be working on the stained glass windows on the west side of the church building. There are two windows directly above the Pershing Street entrance that workers will need to access during their work week which is Monday through Friday. The crew has set up moveable scaffolding over the Pershing Street door; whenever you need to access that door the crew will move the scaffolding for you. At the end of each work day, the crew will move the scaffolding out of the way. Please be patient while the scaffolding is moved. Thank you.