



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

Season of Creation: Cosmos Sunday
October 16, 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 Kiiikaapoi, Myaamia, Ojééthi 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.



SEASON OF CREATION

OCTOBER 16 - COSMOS
9:30AM - WORSHIP | 10:35AM CHRISTIAN ED



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

Proverbs 8: 22-31 Psalm 104:24-31 Colossians 1: 15-20 John 6:35, 41-51

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Praeludium in C

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Pat Halverson

Minute for Mission

Stewardship Committee

Prelude

Earth and All Stars
The Vesper Bells

Arr. Matthew Compton

Our Staff

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Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

This day we join with the cosmos to glorify God.

**The galaxies high in the sky
radiate the splendor of God's presence.**

God created us in the divine image
and placed us on this piece of stardust called Earth.

**We gather in the presence of our Creator
and connect with others in this cosmos, this world,
to learn of and to praise our Creator.**

Let us notice this day
the beauty of creation around and above us.

As the skies show forth God's immense greatness,
we have a special place in this web of creation.

May our praises reach up to heaven.

*Hymn #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo-ries known;
That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad And built the loft-y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, By or-der from Thy throne;
I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eyes;
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev-er in Thy care,
The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o-bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the skies!
And ev-ery-where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

As those created to bear the image of God, we realize that image is often tarnished
by our sin. Let us confess to our merciful Creator.

Prayer of Confession

**Dear Lord, we admit that we often are so wrapped up in our personal needs
and wants, that we forget we are part of a larger community. Forgive us for
our selfish ways that can wound others. Forgive us for our selfish disregard
for the beauty of your creation. Forgive us for deliberately polluting the air
and water, for denying the need to conserve resources, and in our greed
assuming we deserve to be blessed by the riches of your creation because we
live in this part of your world. As part of the world community remind us to
use the blessings of your creation wisely. Amen.**

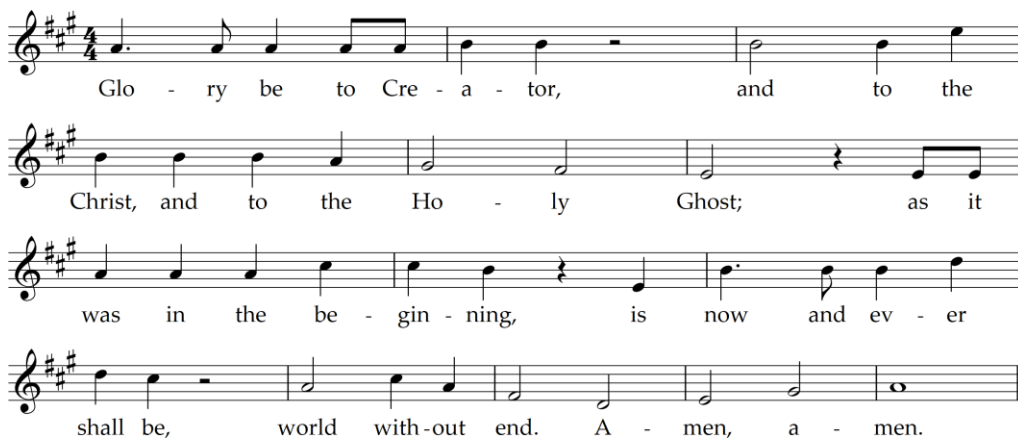
Assurance of Pardon

Christ hears our confession and forgives our sins. Earth is our home for now, but in faith let us take time to gaze at the beauty around and above us this day and offer thanks to our merciful and forgiving Creator God.

*Response to Grace

GLORIA CREATOR

MEINEKE



Glo - ry be to Cre - a - tor, and to the
Christ, 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

Prayer for Illumination

Lord as we remember your greatness as Creator of the vast universe, we also look within ourselves. May your presence within our hearts illumine your word and empower us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus this day and in the days that follow. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 6: 35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the One who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Creator comes to me. Not that anyone has seen God except the one who is from God; they

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 Betty Nelson, Eleanor Beadles White, 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, 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, Julie Bennett (Nancy Foster's Sister), 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 contact the church office directly (563-326-1691).

Bible Basics – Study of Isaiah

We are currently studying the Old Testament book, Isaiah, using a course available from Yale Divinity School. This particular study looks 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](#). 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.

*October 19 Messianic Prophecy

- October 26 The Demand for Justice
- November 2 Isaiah and the Wise

Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmc0OWFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

Passcode: 215593

Today

October 16

Supporting Characters of the Bible
led by Mark Jones

October 23:

Book of Confessions Overview
led by Jed Steckel

have seen the Creator. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Anthem

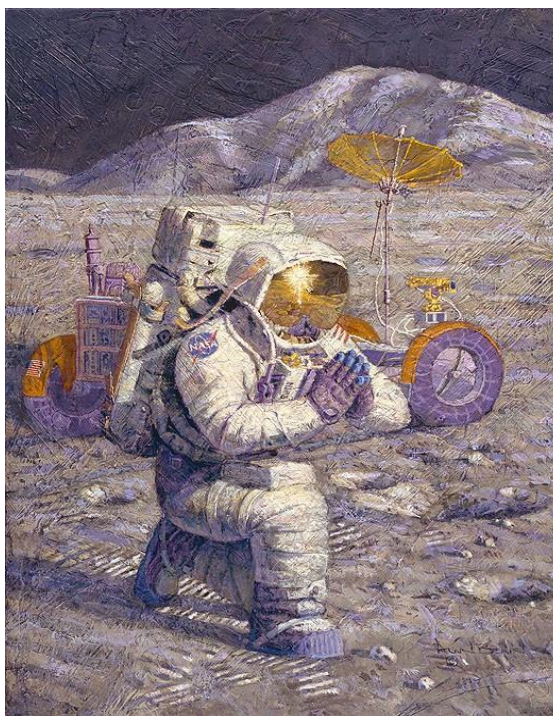
We Are...
The Sanctuary Choir

Ysaïe Barnwell

Children's Message

Director of Christian Education

Elder Kristy Woodrow



Sermon

"Christ and the Cosmos"

Rev. Pat Halverson

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things. We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin. We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation. We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos. We believe the Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation. We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.

Prayers of the People

The Creator be with you and all creation.

And also with you.

Open your hearts.

We open them to our Creator.

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

It is right to join with the world in thanking God.

God our Creator, source of everything in the universe, we look to the expanse of the heavens and the beauty of this world and say simply, "thank you." Thank you for coming to us here on this speck of a rock in the vast universe, to help us bear well the image of our creator, redeeming us from our sins. May we live lives that honor you and accomplish your redeeming work in this world. We look forward to that day when we shall see you face to face in that eternal home you have prepared....

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.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need on planet Earth. Amen.

Offertory

Dance of the Morning Stars
The Vesper Bells

Hart Morris

To share your treasure, please visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now" or 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.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

Anthem Text

Text: Ysaïe Barnwell

For each child that's born, a morning star rises and sings to the universe who we are.

We are our grandmothers' prayers, and we are our grandfathers' dreaming, we are the breath of our ancestors, we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time, we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions, we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love, we are lovers of life and the builders of nations, we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith, we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.

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.

Liturgy Credits

Today's liturgical elements are adapted from the liturgy suggested for the Season of Creation by the Uniting Church of Australia. Accessed at <https://seasonofcreation.com/worship-resources/liturgies/series-c-the-wisdom-series/liturgies-cosmos-sunday/>

Weekly Program Schedule

For details, check the online calendar

Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Online Worship Watch Party

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

10:35 a.m. Von Maur Hall

Sunday School

10:45 a.m.

Christian Ed Building 3d Floor

Fireplace Room

Nursery Opening Soon!

First Night Out Organizational Meeting

10:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Chamber Chorale

Today, October 9

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.

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday

9 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

Christian Education &

Fellowship for Youth Committee

Monday, 6:00 p.m. Zoom

Worship and Music Committee

Monday, 6:15 p.m. Zoom

Session Meeting

Monday, 7:00 pm. Zoom

Church Staff Meeting & Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

Von Maur Hall, Hybrid Zoom

Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Pandemic Task Force

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Zoom

PUNCH Meeting

Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

Hybrid Zoom/Von Maur Hall

Vesper Bells Rehearsal

Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

1. God, you spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, fill the seas and
2. You have called us to be faith-ful in our life and
3. God, your word is still cre-at-ing, call-ing us to
spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blo-ssoms, call forth
min-is-try. We re-spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in
life made new. Now re-veal to us fresh vis-tas where there's
sun-shine, wind, and rain. We cre-at-ed in your im-age,
one com-mu-ni-ty. When we blur your gra-cious im-age,
work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis-tor-tion.
would a true re-flec-tion be of your jus-tice,
fo-cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength-ened
Pol-ish us with lov-ing care. Thus, new crea-tures
grace, and mer-cy and the truth that makes us free.
as your peo-ple, and we move on-ward towards your goal.
in your im-age, we'll pro-claim Christ ev-ery-where.

*Charge and Benediction

As you take time to look up and around you,
as you ponder the vastness and beauty of creation,
offer thanks to God,
and open your hearts to the continued creative work of God within you.

May the power and love of God,
the grace of Christ,
and the joy of the Spirit within fill you
as you walk through your days on this earthly and temporary home.

Go in peace.

Sending Anthem

The Blessing of Aaron
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Walter Rodby

Postlude

Finale from Symphony No. 6

Charles-Marie Widor

Candidating Sunday is November 6, 2022!

Following a comprehensive search and review of prospective pastoral candidates to lead First Presbyterian Church of Davenport into the 21st Century, our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has unanimously recommended a candidate for consideration by the congregation. The candidate and his terms of call to our church will be presented on Sunday, November 6th. We strongly encourage all members of First Church to attend worship that day and participate in the candidate confirmation process.

The PNC started meeting at the beginning of 2021 and met weekly via Zoom, participating in weekly meetings from home, hotels, campsites and at least three different continents!

The dozen volunteers were put to work reviewing over forty different applicants for the position of pastor/head-of-staff for FPC. Candidates from both the US and UK were considered and several interviews were conducted via Zoom with prospective pastors. In August, three candidates were brought to the community to learn more about First Church and the Quad Cities, and to meet with the PNC in-person for a final series of interviews.

The candidate recommended by the PNC has tremendous people skills, is spiritually grounded, and has a great sense of humor (more on that when he introduces himself to the congregation during worship on Sunday, November 6th).

We hope you'll join us in welcoming and celebration on November 6th.

Mike Bawden
PNC Chair

Sunday School Volunteers Needed!

We will continue using a one-room school-house model for now. Volunteers are needed each week so we can comply with the Child Safety Policy – there is no teaching requirement unless you would like to do so! Interested in volunteering? Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/fpcdsundayschool>

First Night Out Reorganizing for 2022/2223: TODAY!

First Night Out (FNO) is a social group for couples and singles of all adult ages. It's a great way to meet old and new church friends and enjoy a social network of members. FNO meets monthly for activities planned by the members of the group. FNO will be reorganizing **today, at 10:45 a.m.** We will meet in Fellowship Hall for Bagels, Beverages, and Planning. If you are unable to attend this planning session on the 16th, you can still be part of the group. Contact Marilyn Jorgenson (563-391-2737) or Tom & Sue Ervin (563-289- 3139) with questions.

Between the Covers

BTC book club meets Monday, October 17, at 12:30 PM in the parlor to discuss *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*.

A Message from the Finance Committee

It is your gracious financial commitment to FPC that allows FPC to continue its ministries and missions to help support church members, community, and staff. With new technology and changes in tax law, the very meaningful act of placing your gift in the offering plate each Sunday is no longer the only way to financially support FPC. For anyone looking for alternative ways to give, here are a few options to affect giving to the church:

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.

- Automatic Bank Payments (ACH) and Credit Card Payments – This option allows funds to be electronically debited from a checking or savings account (ACH) or charged to a credit (or debit) card. Each payment method will deposit your donation to the church's account on a date that the individual chooses. Go to www.fpcdavenport.org and click the "Donate Online" link located on the top of the website.
- Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) – This option allows a donor who is at least 72 years young to direct their RMD distribution from their IRA, beneficiary IRA, or other qualified retirement plan directly to a charitable organization. This option may provide a tax benefit to the donor. **Please discuss with your financial/tax advisor to determine if this option is available and right for you.** When directing your required minimum distribution to FPC, **please notify the Finance Office** to receive up-to-date instructions and to ensure you receive full contribution credit.
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- Gifting Stock – **Please discuss with your financial/tax advisor to determine if this option is available and right for you.** When gifting stock to the church, **please contact the Finance Office prior to the donation** to receive up-to-date instructions on how to process your stock donation to FPC and to ensure you receive full contribution credit. Please provide the following information prior to the estimated donation date:
 1. Number of Shares Transferred
 2. Company or Stock Symbol
 3. Estimated Date of Transfer
 4. Indicate how you would like this applied (ex: pledge, special donation, etc.)

As always, thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at olson@fpcdavenport.org or 563.326.1691 Ext. 219.

Pastor Kathy's Remote Office Hours

Remote office hours zoom link will be open on
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85045399699?pwd=aWVxZjR3dlM2NnRveFhsYWk4aVFxQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 4539 9699

Passcode: 709546

*If you need assistance to enter the zoom room, Church Administrative Assistant Susan Parker will be available to set up a zoom call for you in a room at the church.
 Susan's phone number is (563) 326-1691 x200*