

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

Season of Creation: Oceans Sunday
October 23, 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**

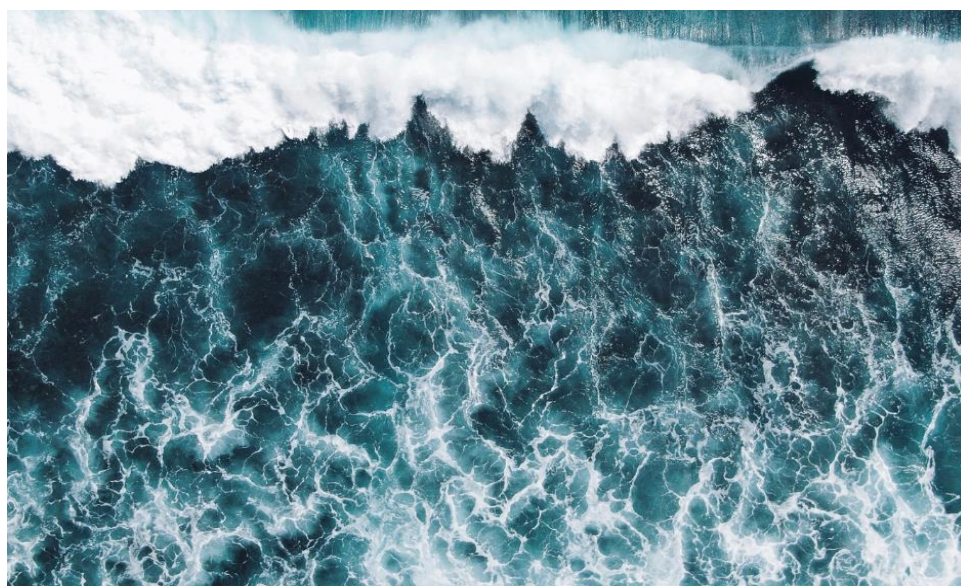


MATTHEW 25

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, Ojééhi 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 23 - OCEANS
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

Job 38: 1-18

Psalms 104: 1-9, 24-26

Ephesians 1: 3-10

Luke 5: 1-11

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Festival Piece on "Nicaea"

John B. Dykes

Welcome and Announcements

Matthew Bishop

Minute for Stewardship

Cathy Pratscher-Woods

Prelude

Sing Alleluia to the Lord
The Kirkwood Choir

Terry D. Taylor

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

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

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Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth,
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Holy! Holy! Holy! The waters are filled with God's presence.

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

Holy! Holy! Holy! We are filled with God's presence.

In the words of the psalmist, our Lord is the maker of heaven and earth,
the sea and everything in them ... God remains faithful forever.

Holy! Holy! Holy! We praise our creator God who is faithful forever.

Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?

You are mighty and your faithfulness surrounds you.

You rule over the surging sea;

when its waves mount up, you still them.

Holy! Holy! Holy! We shout with acclamation:

there is none who compares to the Lord God Almighty!

Let us sing praise to the one who appoints the sun to shine by day,

who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,

who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ---

the Lord Almighty is God's name.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty

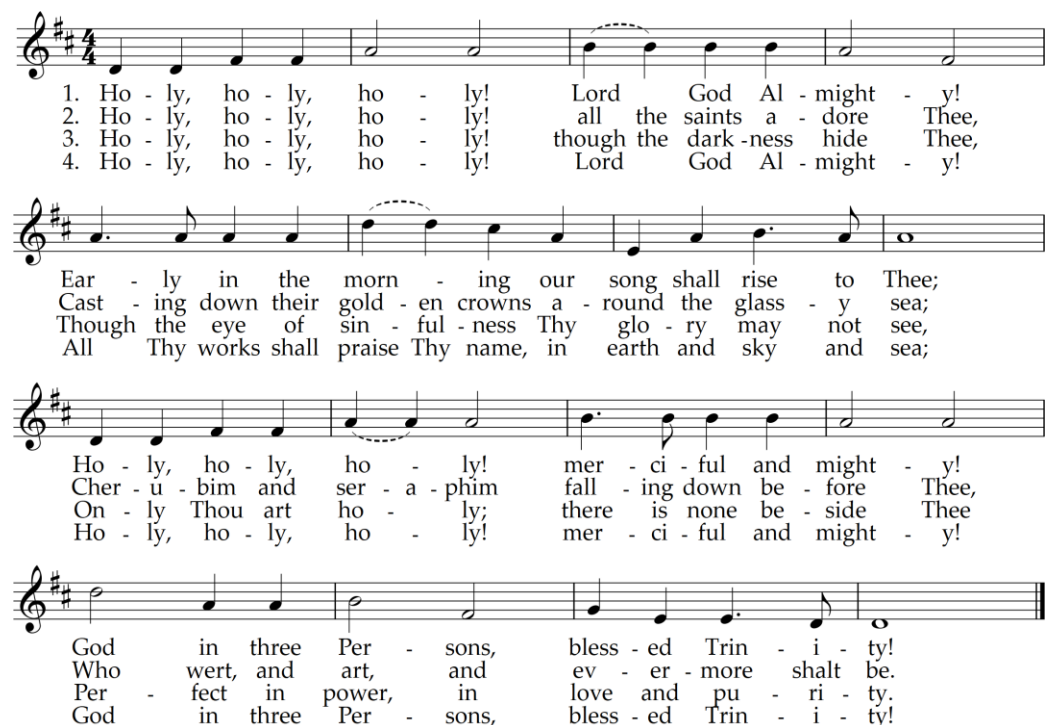
With the waters and oceans and seas and all of creation,

we sing praise to your holy name!

*Hymn #138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

based on 1 John 1: 8-9

Our sins are many, yet the grace of our God is as wide as the ocean and deeper than the deepest sea. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us now confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, in your abundant and lavish grace you have given us so much, and in return we give so little. We confess we do not take the time to appreciate your creation - the oceans, the seas, the earth and all of the creatures of your majesty. We do not care for your creation as we should and we do not care for one another as you have commanded. We do not take time to truly thank you, Lord, and we take your many gifts for granted. Forgive us our selfishness, our thoughtlessness, and our neglect of your creation. Forgive us and help us to do better as we strive to change our ways and live into our calling as children of our living God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

from John 3:16 and Romans 8: 34

We know that God, creator of all things in heaven and earth, loved the world enough to give God's only child as our Savior and Redeemer.

We know that Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel ...

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Response to Grace

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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

As we listen for to your Word and consider all the wonderful works of your creation, Lord God, we ask that you open our hearts and minds. May we understand these scriptures so fully that we cannot help but respond in faith, hope, wonder and love. Amen.

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), Larry 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).

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

Currently, we are 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 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=VnJFdmowcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977
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Adult Christian Education

Sundays, 10:35 a.m. Hybrid Zoom

Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BBMU1PdHERVENEZnVsQT09>

Meeting ID: 87142275458
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October 23:

Book of Confessions Overview
led by Jed Steckel

October 30:

Heidelberg Catechism Study
led by Jed Steckel
in Parlor or Fireplace Room

November 6:

RECESS for Congregational Meeting?

November 13:

Heidelberg Catechism Study
led by Jed Steckel

November 20:

Heidelberg Catechism Study
led by Jed Steckel

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Job 38: 4-18

Thus says the Lord, "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together, and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? When I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'? Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment. Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken. Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this!"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 104: 24-26

How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number—
living things both large and small.
There the ships go to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson

Luke 5: 1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So, they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in
the power of the Holy Spirit.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy
Ghost, be upon you, and remain
with you forever. Amen.

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!

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

Scout Troop 7/Scout Troop 1107

Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Gym, Game Room, Fellowship Hall, Library

Church Staff Meeting & Lunch and Learn

Monthly Staff Birthday Party

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

Von Maur Hall, Hybrid Zoom

Women of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

Parlor

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

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

*Hymn #271

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Things

LACQUIPARLE

1. Man - y and great, O God, are Thy things, Mak - er of
2. Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with Thee, Thou star - a -

earth and sky; Thy hands have set the heav - ens with stars,
bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at Thy
With Thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

word the wa - ters were formed; Deep seas o - bey Thy voice.
life that has no end, E - ter - nal life with Thee.

*Charge and Benediction

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through you,
fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in all the earth,
the wonder of all of creation,
and the love and grace of Jesus Christ within you.

We go in peace,

celebrating and caring for God's creation,

sharing Christ's love with all we meet,

and guided by the Holy Spirit in all we do.

Praise be to the Lord God Almighty! Amen.

Sending Anthem

Go Forth into the World in Peace

John Rutter

The Sanctuary Choir

Postlude

Fuga in C Major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach

Sunday School News

On Sunday, October 30th, we will be having a Fall Festival during the Christian Education hour in Von Maur Hall! Expect pumpkin painting, trunk-or-treat bag decorating, games, and snacks! On Sunday, November 6th, we will be having an All Saint's Day party during the Christian Education hour in Von Maur Hall!

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

Congregational Meeting

The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, with joy, has called a special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 10:35 AM, following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee, vote on their recommendation for Pastor/Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church, and approve the terms of call. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. Members unable to attend in-person may attend via Zoom.

Topic: Called Meeting of the Congregation

Time: Nov 6, 2022, 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86468377696?pwd=MW5od3N1emwxcM9ubG1mM2NsTEFrQT09>

Meeting ID: 864 6837 7696

Passcode: 070991

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.

Fall Church Grounds Clean-up

Building & grounds is having a fall clean-up on Saturday November 5th, starting at 8:00 am. We had so much help this spring, that it only took 2 ½ hours. Come one, come all. Any amount of help would be greatly appreciated. Any questions please contact Matt Kabel (563)940-6133.

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*

Vaccine Booster

The Pandemic Task Force strongly recommends and encourages our community to stay up to date on your immunization and receive your COVID-19 booster shot when appropriate and your influenza vaccine at your soonest convenience. Both shots are readily available from area pharmacies; consult your physician with any questions. Let's all stay healthy this fall and winter!