1702 Iowa Street Davenport, IA 52803 A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Reformation Day Season of Creation: Storm Sunday October 30, 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).



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.



SEASON OF CREATION

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



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

Isaiah 1: 10-18 Psalm 32: 1-72 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude Toccata in D minor, BWV 565 J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Pat Halverson

Minute for Stewardship Deacon Glen Roebuck

Prelude Jesu, meine Freude, BWV Anh. 58 J. S. Bach

Our Staff

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

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Rev. Pat Halverson*

Parish Associate

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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

adapted from Psalm 32

us,

eth.

We gather to worship the God of sun and storms, the One who is with us through all of life.

We come in joy,

knowing our transgressions are forgiven and our sins are covered.

As faithful followers,

we offer our praise and our prayers to the Lord.

We trust, that even in distress,

the rush of "mighty waters shall not reach us."

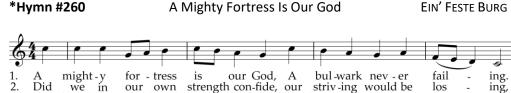
We believe God is our hiding place.

We worship the God who is with us in trouble, who indeed is our mighty fortress.

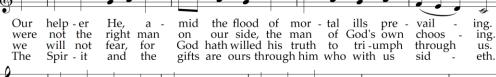
We worship the one

who surrounds us with joy in deliverance.

Let us worship God.



Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat-en to un - do That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid





power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, oth his name, from age to age the same, can en-dure, for lo, his doom is sure. they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still.

on earth is not his e - qual. and he must win the bat - tle. One lit - tle word shall fell him. His king-dom is for - ev - er.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

The Lord reminds us, in Isaiah 1, "Come now, let us reason together... though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow."
Let us confess to the Lord.

^{*} Part-time employee

Prayer of Confession

God of love and mercy: we know you are all powerful, the God who creates life, who rules the cosmos, who "walks on the wings of the wind." Yet, too often we find ourselves trusting in our own powers to create, to fix things, to gather more of this world's goods, to insulate ourselves from harm. When those things don't work and storms assail us, we lose heart. We worry, we complain, we try harder, we quit. Thank you for your steadfast love that forgives our faithlessness and empowers us to trust in you, for being "our helper amid the flood." May we ever take refuge in you and seek your ways. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord reminds us, "Happy are those whose sins are forgiven." Indeed, because of God's love and grace, we are forgiven in Christ. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Response to Grace Jesus, Priceless Treasure (Verse 2) JESU, MEINE FREUDE



Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Dear Lord, as we hear your word read and preached, may we be attentive and open in order to hear your voice speaking the word we need to hear. May your truth take root in our hearts and bear the fruit you desire. Amen.

Lesson from the Christian Scriptures

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore, we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of your call and will fulfill by God's power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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. Jose Pilar Alvarez Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez Cabrera 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 ba 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 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.

Here is the link to the study guide, discussion questions and video:

First Isaiah | Yale Bible Study. Then join us for the discussion on Wednesday night.

- November 2 Isaiah and the Wise
- November9 Sennacherib'sInvasion
- November 16 The So-Called Apocalypse
- November 23 Happy Thanksgiving Eve – in recess

Please contact Mark Jones (<u>mkjones@mchsi.com</u>) for more information. Here is the Zoom link: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09</u>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977 Passcode: 215593

Adult Christian Education Sundays, 10:35 a.m. Hybrid Zoom

Zoom Link

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/871 42275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BB MU1PdHErVENEZnVsQT09

Meeting ID: 87142275458 Passcode:1702

Today, 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

Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, who was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So Zacchaeus hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "Zacchaeus has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because you too are a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Anthem Steal Away Arr. Howard Helvey

The Sanctuary Choir

Children's Message Elder Sarah Greim

Sermon Steadfast Trust in Storms Rev. Pat Halverson

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

from John 16:33 and 2 Corinthians 4: 8-9

We believe the promise of Christ: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." We affirm these words from Paul: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed."

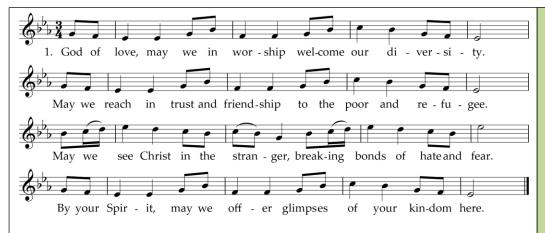
Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Our faithful God, you have provided for our needs and more. We offer our thanks and ask that these gifts we share be used to strengthen and further the ministries and missions of this body, your church. For your glory, Amen.

Offertory Andante Religioso Felix Mendelssohn

To share your treasure, please visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now" or use the link: https://bit.ly/2V8nEam; or mail your check in to the church office.

*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God



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



*Charge and Benediction

Whatever storms you may be facing, know that God, our Creator, is stronger than any difficult or threatening time. Keep looking to the Lord. Climb the sycamore to see his face!

Anthem Text Text: Traditional

Steal away, steal away steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder, the trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

Benediction Text Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin

God be with you 'til we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you: God be with you 'til we meet again.

God be with you 'til we meet again, if life's trials should confound you, God will put his arms around you: God be with you 'til we meet again.

God be with you 'til we meet again, His protecting wings will hide you, Daily strength will he provide you: God be with you 'til we meet again.

'Til we meet, 'til we meet, 'til we meet at Jesus' feet; 'til we meet, 'til we meet, God be with you 'til we meet again.

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. Parlor or Fireplace Room

Sunday School Fall Festival

10:45 a.m. Von Maur Hall Nursery Opening Thursday!

Chamber Chorale

Today, October 30 11:20 a.m. Choir Room

Deacons Trunk or Treat

Today, October 30 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Pershing St Parking Lot

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

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

Building and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

<u>Deacons Pastoral Care & Spiritual</u>

<u>Development Committee</u>

Tuesday, 7: 30 pm., Zoom

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Nursery Grand Opening!

Thursday, 5:45 p.m., CE Building 3d Floor

Vesper Bells Rehearsal

Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Candidate's Reception

Saturday, November 5 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Von Maur Hall

Candidating Sunday Worship & Congregational Meeting

Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m. and 10:35 a.m.

Called Pastor's Reception

Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m., Von Maur Hall

And may you know the strength of God, the comfort of the Spirit, and the love of Christ in all things. Go in peace.

Sending Anthem God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again The Sanctuary Choir

Postlude Phantasie über den Choral: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Max Reger

Arr. Fred Bock

Donations for Music & Arts Academy, SBC Rock Island

Over the summer, the Worship & Music Committee proposed to Session a way to reconcile the fact that our predominantly white Sanctuary Choir has historically drawn heavily from rich repertoire of slavery-era spirituals. There is nothing wrong with this practice; music from that tradition challenges our musical abilities and stylistic comforts, enriches our understanding of theology and culture, and can be downright fun to sing! But we also acknowledge that unlike when we perform music by white composers, we will never know the names of the people who wrote the music or text of these spirituals, nor those who first offered their voices to present these songs in worship; we acknowledge that the money we pay to purchase this music will never reach the descendants of those musically-talented and spirit-filled enslaved people, and instead benefit contemporary publishing companies; we acknowledge that this is a vestige of an oppressive system. And while we cannot fix that system, we humbly and happily join with a growing consortium of church choirs who have initiated the practice of "reparations payments" when we sing this great music.

The Worship & Music Committee has selected a wonderful organization that does great work in the Quad Cities to be a beneficiary of our donations today, and we ask you to give generously. The Music & Arts Academy of Second Baptist Church in Rock Island, founded in 2007, "is a non-profit, community-based institution dedicated to providing students of all ages with high-quality, affordable instruction in music and performing arts. We also offer a meal in between lessons and winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, boots, etc.). With these programs, the Academy seeks to transform lives by providing the tools necessary to promote self-confidence and discipline needed to succeed in life, as well as the life-long joy of making music!"

We are thrilled to partner with this great work and encourage you to read more: sbcri.org.

Nursery News

At long last, we are ready to reopen the FPC Davenport nursery! Our nursery staff absolutely love working with kids and have lots of experience taking care of little ones! The nursery will be open Thursday evenings starting November 3 from 6 pm to 9 pm and Sunday mornings starting November 6 from 8:45 to 12 noon. All children that visit the nursery must have a nursery information form filled out – these will be available upon sign-in at the nursery or email Kristy at woodrow@fpcdavenport.org for a form to fill out ahead of time. We are excited to get this ministry going again and appreciate your patience until this point!

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 inperson 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=MW5od3N1emwxcm9ubG1mM2N sTEFrQT09

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.

Mana & More

Join us for the next Mana & More November 13th. Look what's on the menu.

Menu:

Pumpkin pancakes, plain waffles, apple compote, sausage links, fresh fruit and beverages.

Time and requested donations remain the same.

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 our clean-up took only 2 ½ hours! Come one, come all! Any amount of help would be greatly appreciated. Any questions please contact Matt Kabel (563)940-6133.

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!

Caring Closet

The Caring Closet is in need of blankets, sheets (all sizes), and gently used or new toy's. Items can be placed in the box by the gym.

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