

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

**Reign of Christ**  
**November 20, 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](http://covnetpres.org)).



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, Ojéhéthi 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.



Pantocrator, God the Son, as the Creator of the Universe  
(unknown artist, illuminated manuscript c. 1226, Catedral de Toledo)

## 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

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Luke 1: 68-79

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23:33-43

## The Church Gathers To...

**Prelude**

Lebhaft from *Organ Sonata No. 2*

Paul Hindemith

**Welcome and Announcements**

Elder Kristine Oswald

**Minute for Mission**

Elder RuthAnn Tobey-Brown: Caring Closet Holiday Toys

**Minute for Mission**

Deacon Paula Hartmann: PUNCH Thanksgiving Dinner

**Introit**

The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth George Thalben-Ball  
The Sanctuary Choir

## 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*  
 Nichole Kerker\*  
*Nursery Coordinator*  
 Gabrielle Harrington\*  
 Kelley Wohlers\*  
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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](http://www.fpcdavenport.org)

## Praise Almighty God

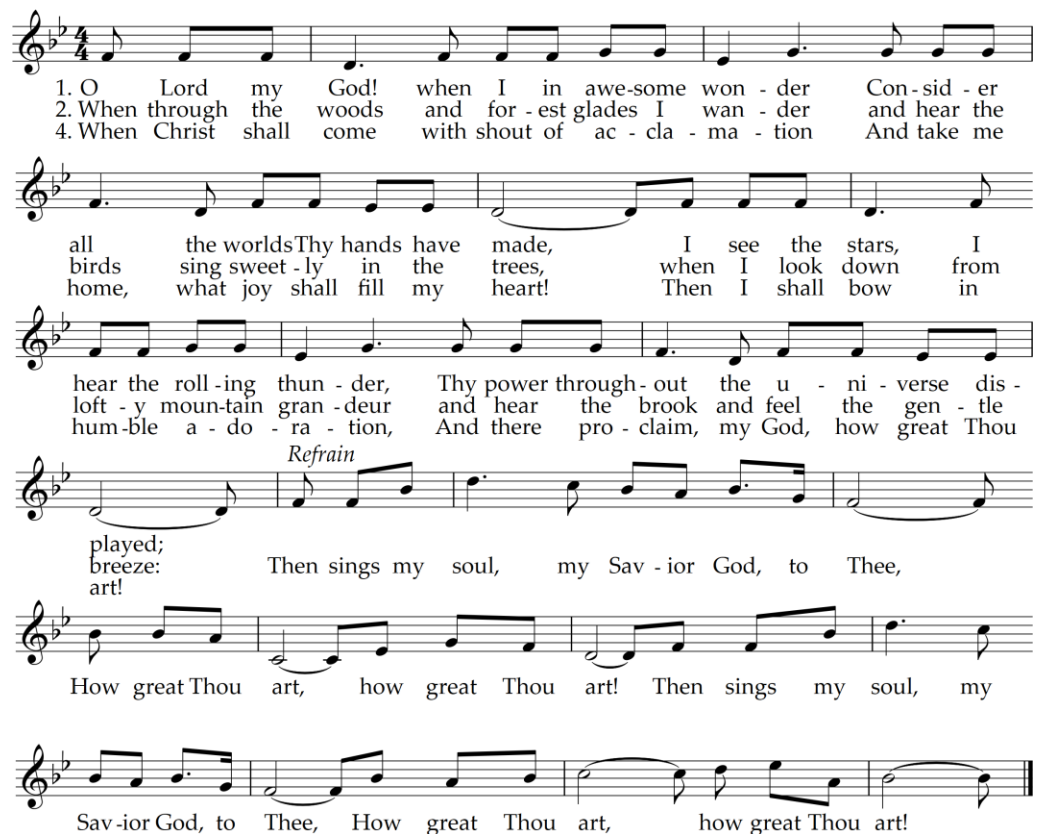
### Call to Worship

As honeybees and ant colonies make visible  
 a unified spirit for a common purpose,  
**may we reflect our oneness in God.**  
 As the trees and flowers make visible  
 the mysterious way of dying and rising,  
**may we yield to a Divine Wisdom.**  
 As the music of frogs and birds make visible  
 the pulsing of Creation's praise,  
**may we worship with our every breath.**  
 Gathered as one in the wisdom of God,  
 let us worship the Spirit of Christ  
 in whom we are pleased to dwell.

### \*Hymn #467

### How Great Thou Art

### O STORE GUD



1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der and hear the  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in

hear the roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through - out the u - ni - verse dis -  
 loft - y moun - tain gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle  
 hum - ble a - do - ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou

*Refrain*  
 played; breeze: art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee,  
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

### Call to Confession

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things,  
 by making peace through the cross.  
 Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

### Prayer of Confession

The Spirit of Christ dwells within creation and causes each element to shine forth with the beauty of God. Yet we confess we do not always reflect the reconciling love of God. Instead, too often, we are divided within ourselves, isolated from one another, and disconnected from the rest of nature. We bring to mind those areas of our lives in need of reconciliation (*silence*). In this sacred space, Gracious One, we pray you will mend our divided hearts and teach us to embrace all people and every situation with your forgiveness. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

God's tender mercy falls upon us like the dawning of a new day. The forgiveness of God sheds light on our shadows and guides us into the ways of peace. Resting in this forgiveness, let us replace old grievances and resentments with new love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Response to Grace** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (Verse 3) LOBE DEN HERREN



## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings," says the Lord. "Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing," says the Lord. "The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

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 Juanita White Daugherty Briggs, Gayle Allard, 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 John Timm and family, Brandon Bufe, Allison Kennedy, Dylan's grandmother, Roberta Shadensack, Julia Pedigo, Jim Woods, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, Erin Middleton Cavan, Danielle, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Gloria Osborne, Hudson Stoner, Dorothy Downing (Patrick's grandmother), 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 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 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. 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.

**11/23**

In Recess for  
Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
and Pie Fellowship

Please contact Mark Jones ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com)) for more information.

Here is the Zoom link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJuY3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

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  
Passcode:1702

**November 20:**

Heidelberg Catechism Study  
led by Jed Steckel

## **Lesson from the New Testament**

Colossians 1: 11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Creator, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. Our Creator has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of God's beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Christ 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!**

**Anthem**

Gloria, from *Mass: A Celebration of Love and Joy* André Thomas  
Theresa Jacobsmeier, soloist  
The Sanctuary Choir

**Children's Message**

Director of Christian Education Elder Kristy Woodrow

**Sermon**

Elder Kristy Woodrow

## **Respond to God's Word**

**Affirmation of Faith**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. 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 head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of 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 all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

God of grace and mercy...

**Lord's Prayer**

And now, let us join our voices together as we pray the words Christ taught us to pray, saying:

**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 let us not fall 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**

We return to you a portion of the gifts you have given us. Bless this offering that it may further your purpose in the world, gathering in the lost and lonely, tending to



those in need, healing the ill, comforting the grieving, and sharing the good news of your love and compassion. Amen.

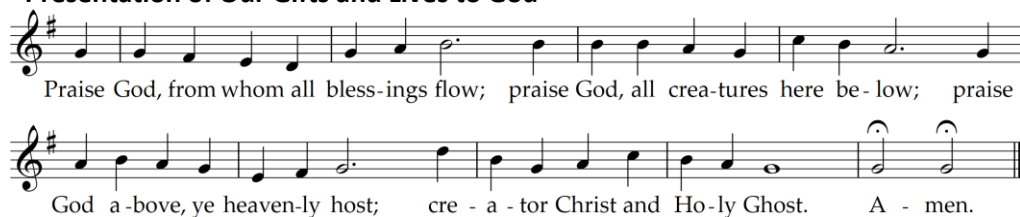
### Offertory

Fuge from *Organ Sonata No. 2*

Paul Hindemith

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### \*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God




Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; cre-a-tor Christ and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

### \*Hymn #430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su-preme,  
3. Let cour-age be our friend, Let wis-dom be our guide,  
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the a-ges long!  
Em-power-ing us to catch the vi-sion, dream the dream!  
As we in mis-sion mag-ni-fy the Cru-ci-fied!  
For Christ the Lord has tri-umphed o'er the a-ges long!  
In bold ac-cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

### \*Charge and Benediction

Friends in Christ, God is pleased to dwell fully within, between, and around each of us, and through the shared life of this community we make God's Spirit visible in the flesh.

Let us continue the reconciling work of God, bringing together all things into the realm of God's unconditional love.

### Sending Anthem

The Blessing of Aaron  
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Walter Rodby

### Postlude

Postlude on "Softly and Tenderly"

Alex Gilson

### Anthem Text

#### Text: The Mass Ordinary

Glory to God, and on earth peace to all men of good will. Glory to God in the highest.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

Lord God, King of heaven, Father, almighty One. Glory be to Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, the Father's only Son, Oh thou who takes away all the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou who sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty in heaven, have mercy on us!

For only Thou art holy, only Thou art the Lord, only thou art most high. In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Holy Ghost, in the glory of the Father, Amen!

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Today's liturgical elements are adapted from the liturgy suggested in Seasons Fusion and the Book of Common Worship.

### **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**

10:45 a.m.  
Von Maur Hall

#### **Sunday School**

10:45 a.m.  
Fireplace Room

#### **PNC Reception for Newly Elected Pastor/Head of Staff and Family**

10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

#### **Nursery**

Thursdays 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sundays 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

#### **Chamber Chorale**

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

#### **Worship and Music Committee**

6:15 p.m. Zoom

#### **Session**

7:00 pm., Zoom

#### **Church Staff Meeting and Monthly 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**

In RECESS

#### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service and Pie Fellowship**

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

#### **PUNCH Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

Thursday, Church Office Closed

#### **Vesper Bells Rehearsal**

In RECESS

#### **Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

In RECESS

#### **Day After Thanksgiving**

Friday, Church Office Closed

### **Meet our Newly Elected Pastor and Family!**

Joining us TODAY for our worship service is our new Pastor and Head of Staff, the Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer, and his family. Following the service, the Pastor Nominating Committee is hosting a reception in Fellowship Hall so you will have an opportunity to meet Kris' wife, Abby, and their four little ones - Alexander, Karrick, Isaac, and Lincoln. The Schondelmeyer family is moving to our area in January.

### **PUNCH Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

The PUNCH Thanksgiving dinner is rapidly approaching! This year meals will offer both dine-in and carry-out service. Dinner is from 10:30-1:30 at First Baptist Church on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th.

The list of items donated by each PUNCH church is identical - and long. Listed below are the items we need:

2 x 20 lb. turkeys - fully cooked, cut & ready to serve in disposable aluminum pans  
10 lbs. cooked mashed potatoes ready to serve in disposable aluminum pans  
1 dozen dinner rolls ready to serve  
2 containers of whipped cream

Hot food can be delivered to St John's Methodist under the drive thru between 8:00 - 10:30 am on 11/24.

All other food can be delivered to First Baptist on Wednesday 11/23 between 8:30 and 5:00 or Thursday between 8:00-10:30.

Also needed are volunteers, three per shift at First Baptist.

3 people from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

3 people from 12:00 p.m -1:30 p.m.

Sign up is available **today**, Sunday 11/20 after the service in Fellowship Hall.

Also, you can call Paula Hartmann at (563)940-5477.

Thank you for stepping up and making the holiday a little brighter for others

### **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 most Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 9 pm and Sunday mornings 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! If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery on occasion, please reach out to Kristy as well.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Fellowship**

Please join the FPC family for our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service and Pie Fellowship on **Wednesday evening, November 23**. The worship service will begin at 7:00 pm and the pie fellowship will start immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall. We ask that each family provide a pie (flavor of your choice) to share. We recommend donating your pie in a disposable pie pan. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided. Please drop your pie off in Fellowship Hall before the service begins so our volunteers can have them ready for consumption right after the service ends. We look forward to sharing an evening of thanksgiving with you!



### **Boy Scout Troop 7 and Girls' Troop 1107 are back in our church building!**

First Presbyterian's 110-year-old Boy Scout Troop 7  
and our brand-new Girls' Troop 1107  
are seeking youth to become members.

The troops meet in the FPC gymnasium,  
Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8 PM.

Spread the word around! All are welcome.

### **Catch the Bus for the Clinton Christmas Lights Dec 2 at 5:00 PM**

Our Travel Fellowship is back on the road again! Join the Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee on Friday Dec 2 for dinner (pay on your own) at Clinton's Candlelight Restaurant overlooking the Mississippi River before continuing up to Eagle Point Park to cast your eyes on thousands of Christmas lights following a magical path of displays through the park.

\$20 per person is all it takes for your seat on our school bus. Tickets are transferable, but non-refundable. Sign up & pay (cash or check) in Fellowship Hall during Nov 12 after Sunday Worship. (or until all seats are sold). For further information contact Linda Meadors 309-235-5806

### **COVID Update from the Pandemic Task Force**

Covid is still considered a pandemic! Nothing has changed in our view of what we need to do. Masking is still optional. However, if the level ever happens to go up again we may make some recommendations. For now, we are following CDC recommendations (see website link below). If you test positive **stay home** and follow the CDC recommendations. Masking is a good option and vaccines do help decrease severity. Here is the link to the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov> ›What to Do If You Are Sick Our earliest hopes at the beginning of the pandemic have not borne out – over time we've learned that COVID is not going away. So, we have removed our original (too hopeful) recommendations and replaced those with our commitment to follow current Covid CDC recommendations. Thank you for your attention. Everyone, stay safe!

### **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.

### **Vaccine Booster and Flu Shot**

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!

Your church staff members are doing their part: all church staff are up to date on both COVID boosters (when appropriate) and flu shots. Your staff is working to keep you safe – please help to keep them safe, too!

### Pastor Kathy's Remote Office Hours

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=aWVxZjR3dIM2NnRveFhsYWk4aVFXQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 4539 9699

Passcode: 709546

*If you need assistance to enter the zoom room,*

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

### **2023 Stewardship Pledge Campaign Update**

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are renewed every morning; **great is your faithfulness.**" - Lamentations 3:21-23

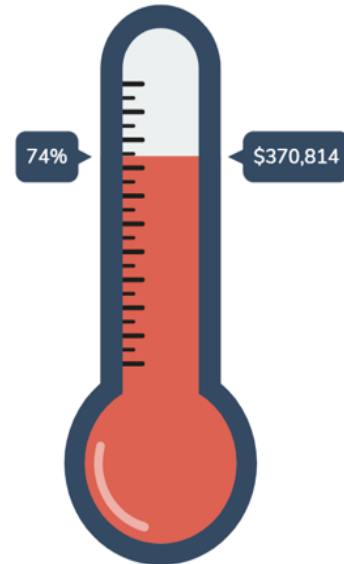
Giving, one of the ultimate acts of faith, demonstrates our belief in God who helps us provide for and serve others. Giving manifests our faith in First Presbyterian's role in God's future.

Already, your generosity and commitment to the many missions of FPC have resulted in 120 confirmed pledges totaling \$370,814. If you have returned your 2023 Stewardship Cards or set-up your online pledge already: a sincere thank you!

We realize many tune into our worship services virtually and so you can also show your faith in God's future by **pledging online or returning your pledge card. We hope to reach our goal of \$500,000 by November 30, 2022.**

If you want help setting up your online pledge, please contact Kristine Olson, Finance Manager, at [olson@fpdavenport.org](mailto:olson@fpdavenport.org) or (563) 326-1691 x219.

**GOAL: \$500,000**



### Angel Tree Season

It is time once again to help our friends at Bethany for Children and Families by providing Angel Tree gifts!

Starting November 20th following the service, you may select one or more tags from the tree located in Fellowship Hall. PLEASE sign your name and cell number so we know where the tags have gone and can contact you if necessary.

Gifts are to be placed UNWRAPPED in a gift bag, with the tag attached to the outside of each bag. Gifts are due back at the church by Tuesday December 6th.

Thank you for making a difference in a child's life this Christmas!

### Chancel Guild Announcement About Poinsettias

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, the Chancel Guild will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be a part of this wonderful tradition, please complete and return the form below to the church office or place in the offering plate. The deadline for making memorials is Wednesday, November 30. You are welcome to pick up your poinsettia after the service on either Sunday, December 25th, or Sunday, January 1st, or leave it for another congregation member to enjoy.

In Memory or Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle one)

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_