



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 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 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 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.



The Four: An Advent Image by Tricia Robinson

<https://thewell.intervarsity.org/arts-books-media/four-advent-image>

From the artist: These four women — Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba — have something in common. They are all grandmothers in Jesus's family tree. Ann Voskamp describes this powerful grace (from *The Greatest Gift*, pg. ix): Four broken women — women who felt like outsiders, like has-beens, like never-beens. Women who were weary of being taken advantage of, of being unnoticed, and uncherished and unappreciated; women who didn't fit in, who didn't know how to keep going, what to believe, where to go — women who had thought about giving up. And Jesus claims exactly these. Their crowns symbolize not only their place in Jesus's royal line, but also the grace and love of our Creator and Redeemer.

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

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Luke 1: 57-66

Isaiah 7:10-16

Romans 1:1-7

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 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

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* in organo pleno J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Pat Halverson

Minute for Mission

Prelude Gabriel's Message Paul Manz

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Advent. Anticipation. Expectant Waiting.

Birth. Soon, but not yet.

Line up the words, fill the lungs, and prepare the Alleluias!

Birth. Soon, but not yet.

Another is already on his way, a Baptizer, a foreword.

Birth. Soon, but not yet.

The ground has to be made ready.

John has to upset traditions and disturb religion.

Birth. Soon, but not yet.

Let us gather, let us prepare, the word is on its way.

***Hymn #9** On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry WINCHESTER NEW

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

On the first Sunday of Advent, we were reminded of Tamar,
 who did what she had to do to regain her position in life.

So we came to light the Advent Candle of Hope.

On the second Sunday of Advent, we gathered with lessons and carols,
 lifting songs of praise.

So we came to light the Advent Candle of Peace.

On the third Sunday of Advent, we were reminded of Ruth and Naomi. We
 remembered what it meant to have joy in what was to come.

So we came to light the Advent Candle of Joy.

Today, we remember Bathsheba. A woman complicated by interpretation. A woman exploited by those with power. And yet...

We come to light the Advent Candle.

We light the Advent Candle to remember women controlled by the powerful, children born without the gift of love, and the powerful who keep their silence. Yet, even in all of that, we come.

We come to light the Advent Candle of Love. Let us light the candle now.

Let us pray: Almighty God, we light this fourth candle of love in remembrance of all who have come before us, those who will come after us, and those among us now who have searched for love in their lives. We remember, O God, that you were with Bathsheba then, and you are with us now. We are called to live in love because of the gift we anxiously await. And so, in the name of the one who brings, gives, and is love, we pray. **Amen.**

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

We gather our hearts, our minds, and our words to lift before God those things that separate us from one another and from God. We do so while knowing God is a God of love and a God of hope. Let us confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession

God of infinite compassion, you are part of our messy human families. You know, O God, that not all mothers are caring and not all fathers are kind. You are present in every newborn child, healthy or not, wanted or not, privileged or poor, you come to us in every one, challenging us to create a world in which every child can reach their full potential and take their place in your new creation. Help us when we have fallen short. Help us and forgive us when we turn inward instead of outward. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, we know that God is always with us, even when we fall short, even when our faith falls short. God will give us the courage to move forward and above all else, will stay with us just as God has always promised. This is the gift of forgiveness, compassion, and love. Amen!

Thanks be to God!

***Response to Grace** Of the Father's Love Begotten (Verse 3) DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

3. Christ, to Thee with God Cre - a - tor, And, O Ho - ly Ghost to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing And un - wea-ried prais - es be;
Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

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 Dwight Wood, 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 Krik Christie, Lorraine Sewick, 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, Hudson Stoner, Dorothy Downing, 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 Update

Bible Basics will be in recess for December 21 and 28. We will restart on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 6:15 PM.

In January, we will complete the video series, *History and Archaeology of the Bible*. Anyone is welcome to join us at any time.

Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJuY3hSWEpQanNBVFhFd09>

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Adult Christian Education

Sundays, 10:35 a.m.

Hybrid Zoom

Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BBMU1PdHcrVENEZnVsQT09>

Meeting ID: 87142275458
Passcode:1702

Our study of **Advent in Plain Sight** continues this morning. Heather Calvert is facilitating this week's discussion. Starting next week, we will be in recess until January 8. On January 8 and 15 we will complete our study of **Advent in Plain Sight** and then on January 22 and 29 we will turn back to our study of the **Heidelberg Catechism** that we began in the fall. We hope to have an open conversation with Pastor Kris Schondelmeyer on February 5.

Listen for God's Word

Children's Message

Director of Christian Education

Elder Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

Most amazing God, show us your will and your way through the Word presented to us this day. Open our hearts and minds that we might hear your calling on our lives. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lesson from the New Testament

Luke 1:57-66

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord has shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name" Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her cycle.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk, and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of the Lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Quiet Righteousness

Rev. Pat Halverson

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Almighty God, in this season when families are center-stage, when family gatherings are missed, looked forward to and dreaded in equal measure, when 'family services' in church draw some of us in and keep others away, we give thanks for the realism of the Biblical stories of the families from which Jesus descended. There were faithful women, philandering men, devious women, and honorable men. Jesus' family had treachery and deceit as well as courage and kindness, just as our families do. The family of God's people then was a mixture, just as the church is now and always will be. May we not be afraid to be real in our telling of the old stories, and especially in our prayers for those for whom Christmas is not the happy family time that many expect it to be. We pray for those who will be alone this Christmas, and those who wish they could be; for women who hide their bruises and men who keep their upper lip from trembling. God, who meets us in Christ with good news for our world, may we, who call ourselves his friends, be as real as he was so that our celebrations are genuine, our hope is firmly grounded and our joy is deep and true. And now, let us join our voices together as we pray the words Christ taught us to pray, saying:

Lord's Prayer

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

Wise God, at this time of year when we spend money on gifts for others, help us remember and give thanks for your gifts that cost us nothing: time, attention, and care; listening and understanding; kindness, compassion, and respect. And let us remember the most precious gift of simply being there for another in good times and in bad, just as you taught us to do in Jesus, the ultimate gift for all; Amen.

Offertory

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Dietrich Buxtehude

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Today's liturgical elements are from the liturgy: Spill the Beans, Issue 45, retrieved from: www.spillthebeans.org.uk, the Book of Confessions, and the Book of Worship of the PCUSA.

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 COVID boosters when appropriate and flu shots. Your staff is working to keep you safe – please help to keep them safe, too!

Weekly Program Schedule

<https://www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar/>

Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Online Worship Watch Party

See e-News, website or Facebook

MusikGarten

8:30 a.m. Zoom

10:30 a.m. CE Building #307

Nursery Open

Sundays 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Thursdays 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Kirkwood Choir

9:45 a.m. CE Building #301

Sunday School

10:35 a.m. CE Building 3d Floor

Adult Christian Education

10:35 a.m. Von Maur Hall

Chamber Chorale

10:45 a.m. Sanctuary

Caring Closet

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Closed This Friday

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Gym

Scout Troop 7/Scout Troop 1107

Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Gym, Game Room, Fellowship Hall, Library

Session Meeting

Monday, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Church Staff Christmas and Birthday Party

Tuesday, 12:00 p.m., Biaggi's

Officer Training, Parts I and II

Tuesday 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Zoom

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, 6 p.m., Youth Room

Vesper Bells in Recess

Thursday

Sanctuary Choir in Recess

Thursday

Christmas Eve Family Service

Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Saturday, 9:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service

Saturday, 11:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Church Office and Church Building Closed

Monday, Dec 26 - Monday, Jan 2

Christian Education, Rehearsals, Meetings
in Recess

To share your treasure, you may use the offering plate that is placed in the narthex; or you may visit the church website at www.fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now;" or you may use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEqm>; or you may mail your check to the church office; or you may donate directly from your phone:



*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 heav'n - ly
host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re -
joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn #12

People, Look East

BESANÇON

1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
2. Fur - rows be glad. Though earth is bare, One more
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, One more
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who
crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there: Give up your strength the seed to
nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley
a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
nour - ish, That in course the flower may flour - ish Peo - ple, look
fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look
east and sing to - day: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
east and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

*Charge and Benediction

As we have followed the stories of the Advent Mothers, of Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba, let us remember all the women in God's story. For the crib is

getting ever closer, Emmanuel is coming. May the Advent words: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, resound with you all this week. And may the blessing of God be with you this day and every day.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; Amen.

Postlude

Dieu Parmi Nous

Olivier Messiaen

Special Called Meeting of the Congregation

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport voted to call a Special Meeting of the Congregation for today, Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 10:35AM after the morning worship, for the purpose of the election of church officers and the approval of amended Terms of Call for the Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer.

Nursery News

At long last, FPC Davenport nursery is open! To place your children in the nursery, you must complete a nursery information form. These information forms are available upon sign-in at the nursery. If you want to complete the information form ahead of time, you may email Director of Christian Education Kristy Woodrow (woodrow@fpcdavenport.org); Kristy will send an electronic version of the blank form to you via return email.

Youth Ministry News

Calling all 7th to 12th graders! We are planning a youth group Christmas party on Wednesday, December 21 from 6-7:30 pm. There will be snacks, hot cocoa, games, and a white elephant exchange! Hope to see you there!

Sunday School News

Photos from All Saints' Sunday



*Our youngest saints **invite YOU** to join them for Sunday School!*

Our promise at every baptism is to nurture our children's developing faith. When you volunteer to serve in our Christian Education program, you will be serving God's reign that's unfolding – right before our eyes - in the lives of our next generation.

Our kiddos are AMAZING – and we have places where you can jump right in. No teaching skills required – just the desire to work with children and youth!

Interested? Sign up to volunteer with Sunday School here:

<https://bit.ly/sundayschool2023> or email Director of Christian Education Kristy Woodrow at woodrow@fpcdavenport.org.

It will be a New Year soon!

Please Remember:

Complete your Building Use Forms for 2023

As the calendar turns to the new year, we all need to fill out new Building Use Forms for 2023.

Recurring meetings, one-time meetings, events, meals, gatherings, parties, receptions, classes, discussion groups, book studies, prayer meetings (even if we've been meeting in the building for decades):

ALL of us need to complete new Building Use Forms for 2023.

Blank forms are available from Church Administrative Assistant Susan Parker or from Facilities Supervisor Darren Long.

Many, many thanks!

Boy Scout Troop 7 is 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.



Christmas Concert

Today, Sunday, December 18 | 4:00pm

Complimentary Tickets Required (reserved seating)

The Music department at FPC is excited to continue its tradition of celebratory Christmas concerts. This year's concerts, on the third weekend in December, feature many of the church's great and beloved ensembles: the Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Chorale, Vesper Bells, and Celebrations Singers, accompanied by full orchestra and Principal Organist Alex Gilson.

This year's repertoire celebrates the broad diversity of Christmas celebrations across the world. Featuring carols from many different global regions, this multicultural concert highlights the many creative ways Christians have found to mark the birth of Christ, a yearly observation that unites us and places us in communion with people in other continents and at other times in history.

The FPC Music Department is pleased to partner with [World Relief Quad Cities](#) for our Christmas Concert: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing." We are asking our concert attendees to help us participate in World Relief's Christmas Home Drive by bringing household items that will help refugees and immigrants establish homes in the Quad Cities.

Items include can openers, utensils, oven mitts, paper towels, cutting boards, teakettles, kitchen/bathroom cleaning supplies, trash cans, mops/buckets, brooms/dustpans, end tables, scissors, pie tins, light bulbs, magnets, air fresheners, shower curtains, toiletries, new pillows/bedding, and laundry baskets/storage. We will collect items at the concert and deliver to World Relief's headquarters the following week.

Complementary tickets required, available on Eventbrite.

Saturday Tickets <https://bit.ly/3GIkK13>

Sunday Tickets <https://bit.ly/3hVCtSk>

Ways to Give to First Presbyterian Church

It is your generous financial commitment to First Pres 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, below are additional options to affect giving to FPC:

- Donate online by visiting www.fpcdavenport.org
- Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)
- Gifting Stock

As always, thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church. For specific instructions or 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.

Donate Directly from Your Phone

First Presbyterian Church makes it easy to donate online! Simply open the camera app on your smartphone, take a photo of the QR Code below, and follow the link to our online giving site.



Year-End Reminder

We ask all of our members to fulfill their 2022 pledge prior to December 31. Donors must deliver checks on or by Friday, December 30, in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2022. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2023 (January 1) will not qualify for a charitable deduction in 2022, even if the check is predated to or actually written in 2022.

However, under the so-called "mailbox exception," checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2022 will be deductible in 2022 though they are not received by the church until 2023.

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.

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

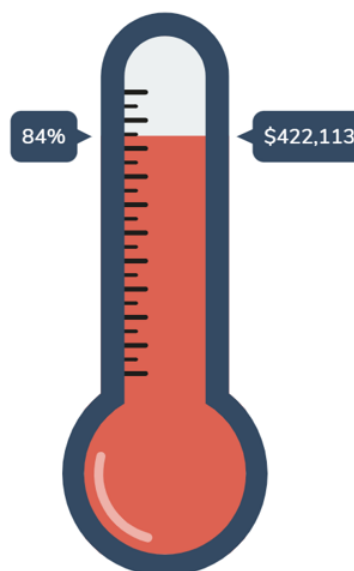
Giving, one of the ultimate acts of faith, demonstrates our belief in God who helps us provide for and serve others. Giving manifests our faith in First Presbyterian's role in God's future.

Your generosity and commitment to the many missions of FPC has resulted in 144 confirmed pledges totaling \$422,113. If you have returned your 2023 Stewardship Cards or set-up your online pledge already: **a sincere thank you!**

We're making great progress! We've surpassed the number of 2022 pledgers and we've reached 84% of our goal! Prayerfully, we hope to reach our finish line soon. We realize many tune into our worship services virtually and have not been able to turn in your pledge card. **You can still show your faith in God's future by pledging online or sending a picture of your pledge card to Kristine Olson at olson@fpcdavenport.org.**

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

GOAL: \$500,000



Christmas Flowers 2022

The poinsettias that grace the chancel and surround the Nativity figures in the narthex are given in memory or honor of the following loved ones who are held in grateful affection.

In Loving Memory Of

Mrs. Lola J. Paulsen and Rachel J. D'Auben, Mother, and Grandmother; and Daughter given by Pamela J. Paulsen and Family

Leo and Juanita Oswald, Aloysius and Georgia Sodawasser given by Kristina Ervin, Patrick, Alexis and Charlotte

Our Parents; Birc & Jean Bawden, Harlen & Lucille Kardel given by Ron & Susie Kardel

Anonymous given by Anonymous

Robert Francois Sr. & Jeffrey Francois given by MaryAnn Francois Family

Christine Johnson and Kathy Price given by Brian, Kathlynn, Aidan and Keian Price

Helen and Bill Chapman, my parents given by Nancy Chapman

Benjamin P. and Marion Steckel; Joel Steckel; and Darrell Orman given by Melanie and Jed Steckel Families

Leslie Fisher, Keith Fisher, Martha Lou Fisher, Ellwyn Henry Schwanz given by Randy & Kelly Schwanz

K.C. (Ervin) Griesenbeck given by Tom & Sue Ervin

Anna, Delmar, Jack & Amy Snyder given by Luann Field

Crystal & Winifred Duckett given by their Daughters, Angella Whalen, Tecora & (Louis) Murry, Brayden & Kirsten

Frances & Don Anthony given by their Granddaughter, Angella Whalen

Crystal & Winifred (Pooh) Duckett given by Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren, Tessa & (Adam)

Morrison, D.J. & Kayden Whalen, Corralle Whalen, Zach Mitchell, Norah & Luna, Crystal Whalen, Noah Nickel & Brooklyn

Crystal & Winifred Duckett given by her Daughter Angella Whalen

Crystal & Winifred Duckett given by their Grandchildren Tessa (Adam) Morrison, D.J. & Kayden Whalen Corsalie & (Zach) Whalen & Family, Crystal, Noah (Nickel) & Brooklyn Whalen

Our Great GrandMother Pat Anthony given by Tessa (Adam) Morrison, D.J. Whalen & Kayden, Cornalle Whalen, Zach Mitchell, Noah & Luna, Crystal Whalen, Noah Nickel & Brooklyn

Crystal Dawn Duckett given by her Son Matthew Munn,

Francies S. & Donald R. Anthony given by Grandson Matthew Munn & Family

Bud & Lorrie Darland given by Dianna Darland, Theresa & Sean Jacobsmeier & Family

Don & Marie Cox, Bob Southerland, Emily & Wendall Jacobsmeier given by Theresa & Sean Jacobsmeier & Family

Sandy & Mickey Meeks given by Dianna Darland, Theresa Jacobsmeier & Andrew Darland

Norman & Ruth Mary Lau, Nels & Rhoda Evans given by Kim & Sue Evans

Forest & Beulah Fowler, Bruce Darland, & Vernell & Dorothea Brown given by Dianna Darland & The Jacobsmeier Family

Jack Stoner, Ellen Stoner, Esther Smith Mercatoris given by Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Ken & Joan McKay given by Daniel and Meredith Ellard

Rebecca Ann Koos given by Dick & Bev Koos

In Honor Of

Our Families given by Tom & Sue Ervin

Hud Stoner & Family given by Rev. Dr. Stoner - Lasala

In Thanksgiving for the privilege of ministering alongside First Pres as Bridging Pastor. given by Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

The Chancel Guild wishes to thank all those who through their donations made it possible to beautify the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church this Christmas Season.

Agenda
Special Called Congregational Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, Davenport
December 18, 2022 at 10:35 a.m.

- Opening Prayer and Declaration of Quorum
- Purpose of this meeting
- Approval of the Agenda
- Instructions: Voting on Zoom using the Polling feature
- Report of the Nominating Committee — Elder Mike Ferris (see below)
 - Election of Ordered Ministry: Elders
 - Election of Ordered Ministry: Deacons
 - Election of Nominating Committee of the Congregation for 2022
- Motion to approved amended Terms of Call for Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer
- Adjourn with prayer

Slate of Candidates Ordered Ministry – Elders

Dan Breinich	Nancy Chapman
Bonnie Johnson	Mark Ruebling
Nathan Kabel	Phylis Pecoraro
Vicki Stegall	

Slate of Candidates Ordered Ministry – Deacons

Colleen Duenas	Terry Sheetz
Kristy Owens	

Slate of Candidates Congregational Nominating Committee

Session: Mike Ferris	Congregation: Ann Schwister
Session: Karla Ruiter	Congregation: Cathy Pratscher-Woods
Deacon: Anna Putman	Congregation: Judy Hawthorne

Terms of Call – The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

Compensation and Benefits

1. Effective Salary:		\$ 119,985.00
Cash Salary	\$68,000.00	
Housing	\$48,000.00	
	* see last bullet in Other Terms of Call	
403(b) Contribution	\$2,000.00	
BoP optional dental, vision, and additional death (Approx)	\$1,985.00	
2. BoP health and pension contributions (Required)		\$44,395.00
3. SECA 50% Reimbursement (Social Security and Medicare Tax)		\$9,027.00
Total Compensation and Benefits		\$173,407.00

Reimbursable Expense Budgets

5. Reimbursed Professional Expenses	\$4,000.00
(Can include pastor's cell phone, pastoral counselor/coach, other ministry related expenses... any books or equipment purchased with Pastor's Professional Expense belong to the pastor)	
6. Reimbursed Car/Mileage Allowance	\$2,000.00
7. Reimbursed Continuing Ed./Professional Development	\$2,000.00
* see last bullet in Other Terms of Call	

Other Terms of Call:

- Full Moving Costs: not to exceed \$ \$18,500 including family relocation and travel expenses
- Paid Vacation: 5 weeks
- Paid Paternity Leave: 2 weeks (in addition to unused vacation time)
- Paid Cont. Ed./Professional Development Leave: 2 weeks (accruable up to 6 weeks)
- Paid Time for participation in Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly
- Sabbath Leave as outlined in the agreed upon Sabbatical Policy (see attached)
- Continuing Education Agreement: \$9,000 payable to Deep Run Presbyterian Church to be recaptured through the Pastor's Continuing Education Allowance..
 - Pastor Schondelmeyer would still be afforded 2 weeks of Continuing Education leave.