



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 2023
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

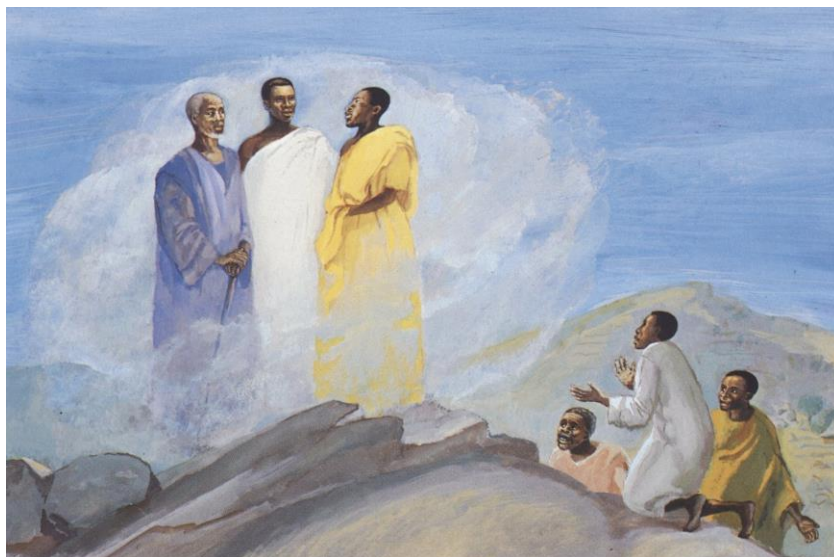


MATTHEW 25

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 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.



JESUS MAFA. Transfiguration, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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.

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Introit

The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth
The Sanctuary Choir

George Thalben-Ball

*The Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Let us rejoice and be glad
and give honour unto Him.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Pastor/Head of Staff

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

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Becky Lopez*

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Susan Parker

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Custodian

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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

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship and Confession

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

As God speaks, calling light out of darkness,

God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

***Hymn #457** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (verses 1,2,5) TOULON

1. I greet Thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
5. Our hope is in no oth - er save in Thee;

My on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
Reign - ing om - nip - o - tent in ev - ery place:
Our faith is built up - on Thy pro - mise free;

Who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
So come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure;

I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.
Shine on us with the light of Thy more pure day.
That in Thy strength we ev - er more en - dure.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

We are all human and we all fall short of the glory of God, individually and as a society. But it is God's nature to forgive us. God desires reconciliation, with God and with each other. God created us to be compassionate humans with clean hearts. So, let us humble ourselves as we go to God in our prayer of confession. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

O God, whose will it is that all your children should be one in Christ; we pray for the unity of your Church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is a scandal to the world and an offence to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all those who call upon you and confess the faith of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance

In Jesus Christ, God forgives us, knows us and loves us as we are.

We give thanks and choose to be changed by God's amazing grace.

Listen for God's Word

Remembrance of Baptism

Presentation

Scripture

Profession of Faith Litany

Before we know our own name,
God already knows everything about us.
 Before we could ever choose God,
God has already chosen us.
 Before we could ever love God,
God has already fallen in love with us.
 We are all God's precious children.
We are known, we are chosen, and we are loved by God.

Remembrance of Baptism

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Scripture

Profession of Faith

Questions for Parents

Do you desire that Franklin be baptized?
We do.

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?
We do.

Question for the Sibling(s)

Do you promise to be a good big brother and sister to Franklin, and help him to know that God loves him?
We do.

Question for the Children

Do you promise to be a good big kid friends to Franklin, to help him to have fun growing up at church, and do you promise to help him to know that God loves him?
We do.

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, Eleanor Beadles White, Kathy Goldsmith (Ruth Rensberger's daughter), Larry Kisler, Ella Johns, Gloria Wadsworth, Bruce Kahler, for God's mercy and grace to touch Kirk Christie, Lorraine Sewick, Brandon Bufe, Allison Kennedy, Dylan's grandmother, Julia Pedigo, Jim Woods, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Barnticke, Erin Middleton Cavan, Danielle, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Brenda Cole, Karlyn Gomez, David Milnes, Dorothy Downing, Avery (Phylis Pecoraro's 4-year-old great-granddaughter). 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.

In-Touch 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 Shawl Group
 Prayer shawls are available for you to give to those you know who are experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coatrack near the main office.

Bible Basics – February 2023

We are in the midst of an 8-week study of Paul's letters to the Galatians and the Philippians, a program offered by Yale Divinity School. Here is a link to the free lessons.

[Galatians and Philippians | Yale Bible Study](#). Central to this letter is Paul's teaching that we are justified by faith, not the law. On February 15th, Lesson 3 on Galatians will look at Galatians, Chapter 4.

We meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM on Zoom.

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJuY3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

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Adult Sunday School
Sundays, 10:35 a.m.
Hybrid Zoom
Zoom Link

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Question for the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Franklin, his siblings, and his parents, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

We do.

Questions for Parents

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

We do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

We do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

We will.

Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

Welcome Child of God

Ar hyd y nos



Prayer for Illumination

Source Unknown

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! ² The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! ⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵ Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them. ⁸ O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings. ⁹ Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lesson from the Gospels

Mark 9:2-9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one^[a] on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved;^[b] listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Only Jesus”

Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Respond to God’s Word

Prayers of the People

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 lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God



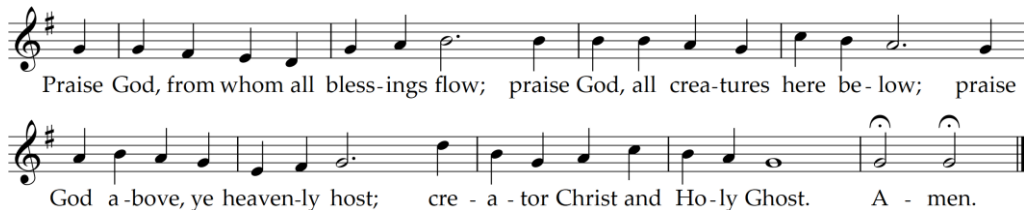
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Offertory

Adagio in D flat

Franz Liszt

*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God



Prayer of Dedication

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<https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).

Today’s liturgical elements are from sources unknown and used in a spirit of gratitude in the worship of God.

Anthem Text Ben Sides

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi;
dignare clemens supplicum;
laudes precesque sumere.

*O Light born of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.*

Qui carne quondam contegi;
dignatus es pro perditis;
Nos membra confer effici
tui beati corporis

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in
flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.*

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

IN RECESS

Caring Closet

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

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

Friday, 2:00 - 5:00pm

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday

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

Scout Troop 7/Scout Troop 1107

Sunday, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Gym, Game Room, Fellowship Hall, Library

Bible Basics 201

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

Vesper Bells

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has scheduled the 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 10:35 AM, following morning worship. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. Members will also be able to attend via Zoom. The purposes of the meeting include receiving the 2022 Annual Report, voting on the 2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Schondelmeyer, and electing an additional elder to serve on Session. Look for more information soon.

Go To Serve with God's Blessing

*Hymn

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

1. We are march - ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
2. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'; si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
3. We are pray - ing in the light of God; we are pray-ing in the
4. We are sing - ing in the light of God; we are sing-ing in the
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are pray - ing in the light of God;
light of God. We are sing - ing in the light of God;
we are march-ing in the light of God. We are
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are pray-ing in the light of God. We are
we are sing-ing in the light of God. We are
march-ing, oo we are march-ing in the light of, God.
ham - ba oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
pray-ing, oo we are pray-ing in the light of, God.
sing-ing, oo we are sing-ing in the light of, God.
We are march-ing, oo we are march-ing in the light of, God.
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
We are pray-ing, oo we are pray-ing in the light of, God.
We are sing-ing, oo we are sing-ing in the light of, God.

Charge and Benediction

Sending Anthem

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens



This Lent, take time to journey with God each day through a special Lenten Devotional. The Lenten Devotional, which will be sent out via email, or if requested, is available in hard copy, will accompany Pastor Kris' sermon series through the season of Lent.

This Lent we are seeking: seeking clarity, seeking wisdom, seeking a love that makes us whole. The Seeking...Honest Questions for Deep Faith Lenten Devotional reminds us that Christians have a long tradition of embarking on spiritual quests, which invite us to look with fresh eyes at our life and the world, and listen for the longing in our souls. All you need to begin is a willing heart. May you join us on the journey with bravery and discover how trust meets you along the way.

Each person is invited to journey with God each day this Lenten season. And, you are invited to join Pastor Kris for a Devotional Discussion Group. Groups will meet either in-person on Sunday mornings immediately following the worship service or Sunday evenings at 7:00PM on Zoom.

Devotional Discussion Group Dates:

Sunday, February 26 / Sunday, March 5 / Sunday, March 12 / Sunday, March 19 / Sunday, March 26 / Sunday, April 2



BTC Book Club

The BTC Book Club of FPC will meet Monday, February 20 @ 12:30pm, in the Parlor. Irene Huffman will be leading Code Breaker by Walter Isaacson. Please come! Any questions call
Bev Koos 563-676-0292

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, Sunday evenings from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Spread the word around! All are welcome.

Manna & More

Manna & More will also be in recess on February 12 but will resume on March 12. Dates for the breakfast will be the 3rd Sunday of the month in April and May because Easter and Mother's Day fall on the second Sundays.

The requested donation for adults will be \$4.00 beginning in March because of increased food costs. The \$1.00 donation for children 12 and under will remain at this time. Hope to see you in March!





seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

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This Lenten season, we are offering daily contemplative cards beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through the first week of Easter. Each card will have a question to ponder as well as a prayer.

These cards, which are appropriate for young families, have been beautifully written and prepared by Rev. Sarah A. Speed.

We invite you to join us in expanding and deepening your spiritual walk through Lent.

These cards will be available on the FPC Facebook page as well as via email. It is our prayer that these cards will help remind you that, as you seek God, God is always seeking you.

Deacons Paper Hearts Drive

Once again, the Deacons are sponsoring a toilet paper drive to benefit the Humility of Mary emergency shelter. From now until March 31 you may bring your toilet paper donations to the church; our Deacons will deliver them to the Humility of Mary Shelter services. Our goal is 1,500 rolls. Not shopping during the pandemic? Send your monetary donations to the church office. Our Deacons are delighted to do your toilet paper shopping for you! Let's demonstrate love in action by supporting this worthy cause.

Beginning Handbell Ensemble

Ever been interested in learning the art of handbell ringing? Handbell pro and longtime Vesper Bells member Dianna Darland is launching a class for beginners of all ages! This class will take place most Sundays from 11:30-12:20 in the Chapel. No experience but minimal music-reading experience required. To reserve your spot, please contact Director of Music Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org).

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 give to FPC:

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

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