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Palm Sunday April 2, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Power Play by Lisle Gwynn Garrity Inspired by Matthew 21:1-11



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, a church where EVERYONE is welcome. On behalf of the entire First Pres family, we want you to know that we are so glad you're here. We are a proud congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), where We Choose WELCOME!

We welcome followers of Jesus who are solid in their faith, and we welcome questioning believers seeking deeper meaning in their life. We welcome those who come from different faith backgrounds, such as Methodists, Lutherans, and Catholics, and those with no faith background at all; for we are all one in Christ Jesus. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

We hope you experience the warmth and friendliness of our congregation. It is a place that long-term members have described as their spiritual home for generations. It is also a place where people newer to our community of faith have found safe and sacred space for themselves and their families.

Nursery care is available during the worship service for children (birth through age 4). The nursery is staffed by trained and background-checked caregivers from 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM. The nursery is on the third floor of the CE building. Please ask a worship host if you need assistance locating this space.

Kirkwood Choir is offered during the service, after the Children's Message, for all children ages five through sixth grade. Kirkwood Choir provides music for worship monthly throughout the program year.

MusikGarten, a program for parents/caregivers and young children (birth through age 4), is provided after the service in room #301 of the CE building. MusikGarten is our unique program that allows participation in a fun, energetic environment while instilling a love and understanding of music in young children.

Sunday school for children (preschool through grade six) and adults is offered after the service. Children's Sunday school is located on the third floor of the CE building. Adult Sunday school is located in Von Maur Hall. Please ask a worship host if you need assistance locating these spaces.



Our Session (church council) has adopted a bold vision of creating safe and sacred space for all. We aren't perfect at it, but we are joyfully beginning to live into this new vision. We are an open and

affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org). The Session and members of First Pres extend a sincere welcome to all persons regardless of race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and communion, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and service as an officer of the church.



We are a Matthew 25 church in the PC(USA). 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 Šakówiŋ, 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.

Worshipers who are comfortably able are invited to stand in body or spirit.
 Bold indicates congregational response.

Palm Sunday Order of Worship

To help you get to know the people sitting in your pew/row, please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbors.

As we begin worship, please silence your cell phones. Take a quiet moment to center yourself in the presence of God. We invite you to meditate silently on art, music, and Scripture.

Preparing for the Word

Prelude Triumphal March Robert Lind

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

(Announcements are generally delivered by the pastor. If you have an announcement, you would like us to consider sharing, please send the information with all important details to the church office by noon on Thursday. Announcements will be selected by relevance to church programming and time limitations.)



A litany of questions for Palm Sunday.

† Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

(In a way that is comfortable for you, please share the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

Introit Hosanna to the Son Jody W. Lindh

The Kirkwood Choir

Hosanna to the Son of David, Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Glory be to God on high!

The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem; Riding on a donkey's colt, he came, palm branches spread before him. The disciples didn't understand what was happening at first; But when Jesus, the King, was glorified, then they remembered, it had all been written!

Call to Confession

The Lord GOD helps us; therefore we have not been disgraced. We know that we shall not be put to shame; our redeemer is near! If it is the Lord GOD who helps us, who will declare us guilty? With confidence in God's redeeming love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

A Time of Silence

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.)

Assurance

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Entrance into Jerusalem The Sanctuary Choir

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates! And the King of glory shall come in! Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty! The Lord of Hosts! He is God the mighty Lord! Hosanna in the highest. (Psalm 24:7-10)

Children's Message

Elder Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, sometimes it's hard to hear you over the hosannas. Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the noise of city streets. Sometimes it's hard to hear you over our racing thoughts, our mental to-do lists, or our desire to fit in. Sometimes it is hard to hear you in this noisy world. So just as you stopped traffic in Jerusalem, stop traffic here. Pause the rush. Open the gates. Dwell among us, until your Word is all we can hear. We are listening. We are laying down our cloaks. Amen.

Lesson Matthew 21:1-11

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ¹ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

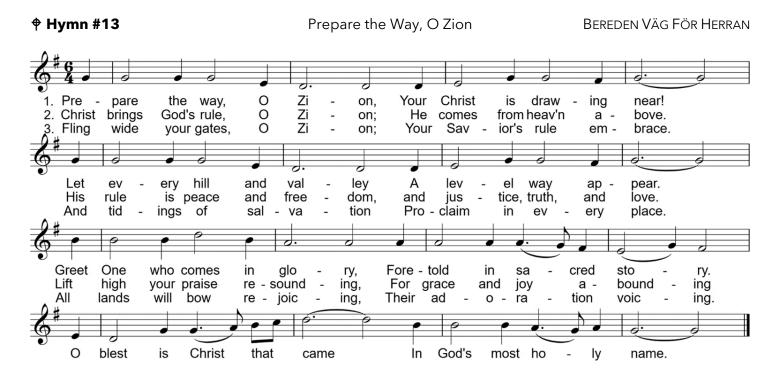
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Seeking: Where Are You Headed?" The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Responding to the 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



To share your pledge or offering, you may place it in the offering plate as it is passed down the aisle. If it is more convenient for you, please visit the church website at www.fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now," or you may donate directly from your smartphone by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera. You may also mail your pledge or offering to the church office.

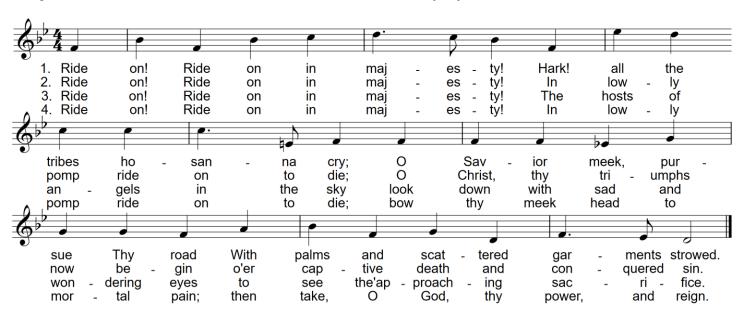
Offertory Tuba Tune Craig Sellar Lang (1891 - 1971)Doxology **OLD HUNDREDTH** God, from whom all bless-ings Praise flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. men.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn #91

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE



† Charge and Benediction

Sending Anthem

The Lord Bless You and Keep You The Sanctuary Choir Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you; and give you peace, the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Postlude Toccata

Georgi Mushel (1909-1989)

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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, Joseph Diehl, John Howes, Eleanor Beadles White, Larry Kisler, Ella Johns, Gloria Wadsworth, Leah Foster (Craig Foster's mom), Bruce Kahler; for God's mercy and grace to touch Kirk Christie, Allison Kennedy, Dylan's grandmother, Julia Pedigo, Jim Woods, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, Erin Middleton Cavan, Danielle, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Brenda Cole, Karlyn Gomez, David Milnes, Dorothy Downing, Kathy Yoke, John Timm, 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; Ray of Vision in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill in Pakistan.

Hospital Visits: The Pastors make hospital visits when patients give permission.

In-Touch Information: For anyone who is homebound and would enjoy contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact Deacon Colleen Dueñas (563-514-6396).

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: 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.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Worship Service

9:30 AM Sanctuary Online Worship Watch Party See e-News, website or Facebook

MusikGarten

8:30 AM Zoom 10:30 AM CE Building #307

Nursery Open

Sundays 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM Thursdays 6 PM - 9 PM

Kirkwood Choir

9:45 AM CE Building #301

Sunday School

10:35 AM CE Building 3d Floor

Adult Christian Education

10:35 AM Von Maur Hall

Chamber Chorale

11:20 AM Choir Room

A Service of Choral Evensong

4:00 PM Sanctuary

Caring Closet

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:00 AM Tuesdays, 9:00 - 12:00 PM Friday, 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00 PM, Gym

Scout Troop 7/Scout Troop 1107

Sunday, 4:30 - 6:00 PM Gym, Game Room, Fellowship Hall, Library

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday 6:15 - 7:15 PM

Vesper Bells

Thursday 6:00 PM

Sanctuary Choir

Thursday 7:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a special meeting of the congregation for today, April 2, 2023, following morning worship for the purpose of electing members to serve on the Board of Deacons. The 2023 Congregational Nominating Committee nominates the following members to serve on the Board of Deacons:

For the Class of 2023: Bob Lehnherr

For the Class of 2025: Julia Meyer, Mitch Doremus, and _____

Lenten Devotional Discussion Groups with Pastor Kris

This Lent, take time to journey with God each day through a special Lenten Devotional. The Devotional, which has been sent out via email, will accompany Pastor Kris' sermon series through the season of Lent.

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 meet in-person on Sunday mornings immediately following the worship service and Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Devotional Discussion Group Dates: Sunday, April 2

Here is the Zoom link:

https://zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 651 383 0965 Passcode: FPC1702

Buildings and Grounds

It's that time again. Spring Grounds clean-up at the church. Buildings & Grounds are planning a clean-up on Saturday April 1st from 8:00 AM until noon. Please bring any yard tools you may need. We will have extras for those that don't have any. Refreshments and donuts supplied. All are welcome. Please contact Matt Kabel @ (563) 940-6133 with any questions. Hope to see you there.

Caring Closet-Prom Dress Give Away

Do you have a fancy dress, shoes, or accessories gathering dust at your house? Consider donating them to the Caring Closet for our Prom dress and accessories give away! If you, or someone you know, needs a free prom dress, shoes, and/or accessories, come on down Tuesday April 4th 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Easter Egg Hunt

Once again, P.U.N.C.H will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 8, 2023 11:30 am – 1:00pm @ Cork Hill Park Located on 11th and Farnam. Come One, Come All, or Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

CONGREGATIONAL CHALLENGE - Walking with God: Body, Mind, and Soul

Beginning on Easter, Pastor Kris is inviting the entire FPC family into a special "Walking with God" challenge during the seven-week journey toward Pentecost as we claim "New Life: Mind, Body, and Soul." We are encouraged to join in physical, emotional/mental, and spiritual exercises which will each be worth "miles." We will collect miles as a church family to see if we can collect enough to "Walk with God" from Davenport to the Holy Lands and back. More information about activities will be shared on Easter Sunday but will include special walking groups with Pastor Kris and other church staff.

April Manna & More

Manna & More menu for April 16th will be waffles with various toppings including strawberry compote, sausage, fresh fruit, and assorted beverages. Serving times will be from 9:00am-9:30am and 10:30am-11:00am. Hope to see you on the 16th.

Installation Service for The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

We are excited to invite members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to join us for a special Service of Installation for our new Pastor/Head of Staff, The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer, on Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 AM. The service will include special guest speakers from our denomination.

Ruling Elder Shani McIlwain has served as Rev. Dr. Schondelmeyer's anti-racism coach. She will deliver the "charge to the pastor." Shani is currently serving as the Moderator of the National Capital Presbytery.

The Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw serves as Professor of Ministry at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Rev. Dr. McCaw served as the facilitator for the reconciliation process First Pres was required to participate in. Rev. Dr. McCaw and Rev. Dr. Schondelmeyer have known each other for several years, since his wife attended seminary at UDTS. Rev. Dr. McCaw will deliver the "charge to the congregation."

The special guest "preacher" for the service will be The Rev. Brian Ellison who serves as the Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a partner organization of First Presbyterian.

A luncheon and moderated conversation with these guest speakers on how to create diverse congregations will follow the service. There is no cost to attend the luncheon, but tickets must be reserved and a free will offering will be accepted. Please plan to join us for this special occasion in the life of First Presbyterian Church. To RSPV for the luncheon, please call the church office, or go to the following link:

Ladies Tea - Saturday, April 29 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Let us get together for some fun and fellowship. We will have Tea, play some games, and have some Tea Party food. There will be Teapots at each table. We will have Tea there and you may also bring your favorite tea to share with your table. Feel free to bring your favorite Teacup. We will supply Finger Sandwiches. Please bring some Tea Party type food to share.

Please contact Colleen Dueñas to RSVP: Nonna428312@gmail.com / 563-514-6396

Bible Basics - March 2023

On March 29th, we will finish our 4-week study on Philippians. Here is a link to the free lessons.

https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/galatians-philippians/
Bible Basics will be in recess on April 5. After Easter, we will start a series on the Gospel of Matthew. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM on Zoom.

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

https://zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977 Passcode: 215593

Boy Scout Troop 7 - Back in our Church Building

Troop 7 would like to introduce their new Scout Master, Dan Darland. Dan grew up in T7 in the 70's and 80's. He has several years' experience as a Scout Master with Troop 92 in DeWitt where his boys attended scouting.

Troop 7 and Troop 1107 (our newly formed girls troop) always welcome new members. If you are 11 years old or older and are interested in Scouting please feel free to join us at one of our meetings.

Meetings are held on Sundays at First Presbyterian Church from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. For more information contact Dan Darland @ 563-210-0350.

Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs

Save the date! Compassion Camp, also known as Vacation Bible Camp, will be held Monday, June 5 through Friday, June 9 from 9 AM to 12 PM each morning. Our theme for this year is 'What Every Living Thing Needs'. Compassion Camp is open to children in preschool (and potty-trained) up to rising sixth graders. Seventh through twelfth graders are invited to be helpers. Adults are also needed to help during the week! We will have lots of opportunities for fun, fellowship, and service for all ages. As we get closer, we pray you will consider helping us make this week an amazing success through donations of time, talent, and/or money. More information, including sign-ups and needs, will be available in the coming weeks.

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 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

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 563.326.1691 Ext. 219 or olson@fpcdavenport.org

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ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
David Bowles Edwards	Paula Burnett	Dan Breinich
Jim DeReus	Peter Bawden	Nancy Chapman
Patrick Downing	Kirk Christie	Bonnie Johnson
Michael Ferris	Nancy Foster	Nathan Kabel
RuthAnn Tobey-Brown	Bev Koos	Kristine Oswald
Jim Woods	Karla Ruiter	Mark Ruebling
	Diane Roebuck	Vicki Stegall
	Jay Williams	
		Clerk of Session
		Mark Jones

Deacons