

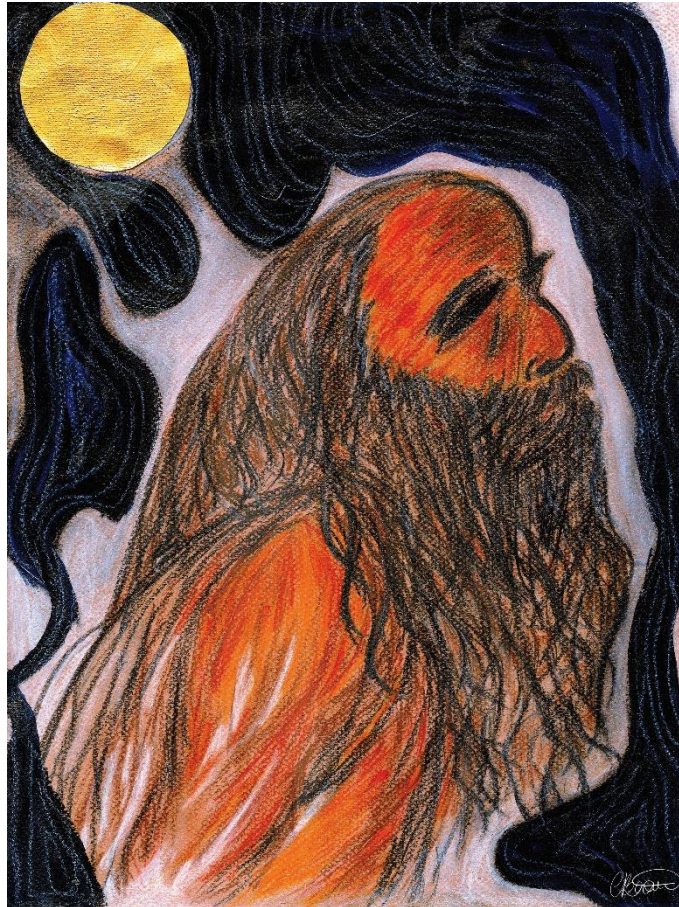


First Presbyterian Church

Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023 at 9:30 AM



*Renacimiento by Carmelle Beaugelin
Inspired by John 3:1-17*

**A congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)**



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.



COVENANT NETWORK
OF PRESBYTERIANS

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 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.

✠ Worshipers who are comfortably able are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Bold indicates congregational response.

2nd Sunday in Lent

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

Un Poco Allegro from Trio Sonata in E minor

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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.)

Introit

Toccata on King's Weston
The Vesper Bells

Matthew Compton
(b. 1994)

✠ Call to Worship and Confession

Diana Miller-Bur, Liturgist

One: What is it like to begin again?

All: It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.

It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.

It is like Nicodemus I the night, starting our week anew.

One: May we find God in our seeking.

All: May we learn as we go.

One: May we brave enough to begin again.

All: Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

✠ 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.)

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,
 That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
 Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.
 Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
 But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Call to Confession

One of the things I love about the prayer of confession is it offers us a new beginning. In the prayer of confession, we lay our cards on the table. We speak honestly with God about who we are and who we long to be. And in response, God wraps us in grace and lets us begin again.

Prayer of Confession

One: God of new life, you call us into unknown places,

All: and we bury our heads in the sand.

One: You promise all the stars in the sky,

All: and we doubt it can be true.

One: You speak of new life in the Spirit,

All: and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance,

One: Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you.

All: Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with you.

Amen.

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: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

There is a grace to God's love that is bigger than we can imagine.

No matter what we did or didn't do yesterday, we have been forgiven.

Today, the slate is wiped clean. Today, we are made new.

Join me in saying:

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

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Clear Our Heart, O God
The Sanctuary Choir
Patrick Downing, soloist

Tom Trenney

Clear our heart, O God, that we may see you. Clear our heart, O God, that we may truly see ourselves.
Clear our heart, O God, that we may know the sacredness of this moment.
And in every moment seek you serve you strengthen you. As the Living Presence in every presence.
(J. Philip Newell)

Children's Message

Elder Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

Source Unknown

One: Holy God,

**All: We come to you today with our biggest questions:
Who are we called to be?
What do you need from us?
Where are you in our midst?
How can we follow you more clearly?**

One: As we read your word today, we ask that you would weave answers into the text.
Speak to us through these ancient stories that we might find what we are seeking in you.
With gratitude and open hearts, we pray, amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 12:1-5

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lesson from the Gospels

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above" ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony.

¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Seeking: How Do We Begin Again?"
Rev. Pat Halverson

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn

Begin Again

DIX

1. In the deep night of the soul Rich in ques - tions, yearn - ing for
 2. In the sun - set of our life Af - ter years of joy and strife
 3. Ev - ery mo - ment, ev - ery hour Spir - it gifts us with the power

Life that mat - ters far be - yond Pick - et fen - ces and front lawns
 As we pon - der le - ga - cy Won - der - ing what we will leave
 To be - gin our life a - new What then will we choose to do?

When we tire of life mun - dane We can still be - gin a - gain
 When the lights are grow - ing dim We can still be - gin a - gain
 Close the chap - ter, lift the pen To once more be - gin a - gain

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Arr. Anna Laura Page

✦ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

✦ Prayer of Dedication

✦ Hymn #294

Wherever I May Wander

NEW ENGLAND

1. Wher - ev - er I may wan - der, Wher - ev - er I may be,
2. Through - out the whole cre - a - tion I see God's lov - ing care
I'm cer - tain of my Mak - er's love; God's care is o - ver me.
For ev - ery - one in ev - ery land, God's chil - dren ev - ery - where.
God made the great high moun - tains, And made the wide blue sea;
Wher - ev - er I may wan - der, Wher - ev - er I may be,
God made the sky where air - planes fly; God made the world, and me.
I'm cer - tain of my Mak - er's love; God's care is o - ver me.

✦ Charge and Benediction

Sending Anthem

Tebe Poem
The Sanctuary Choir

Dmitro Bortnianskyi
(1751-1825)

Translation from Church Slavonic:

We sing to you, we praise you, we thank you, O Lord, and we pray to you, our God.

Postlude

Improvisation on I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Alex Gilson

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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, 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 Bartnicke, 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 contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact Deacon Colleen Duenas (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 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.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

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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

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

Lenten Devotional Discussion Groups with Pastor Kris

This Lent, take time to journey with God each day through a special Lenten Devotional. The Lenten Devotional, which has been sent out via email, 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, March 5 / Sunday, March 12 / Sunday, March 19 / Sunday, March 26 / Sunday, April 2

Meet and Greet with Pastor Kris

The entire First Pres community is invited to participate in one of many opportunities for a Meet and Greet with Pastor Kris. There will be more information about signing up in the very near future. We will limit groups to no more than about 15 - 20 participants to facilitate a more intimate conversation. Meet and greet dates and times are as follows:

Monday, March 6 / 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Thursday, March 9 / 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Thursday, March 16 / 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Monday, March 20 / 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM
Thursday, March 23 / 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM
Wednesday, March 29 / 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, March 8 / 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday, March 15 / 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Saturday, March 18 / 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM
Wednesday, March 22 / 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday, March 28 / 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Thursday, March 30 / 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Manna & More

The menu for March 12 Manna and More will be pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, various beverages, and toppings for the pancakes. Because of Day Light Savings Time beginning on the 12th plus smaller numbers eating before church, serving will be from: 9:00-9:30 and 10:30 -11:00. Also, we have revised the suggested donation from \$3. To \$4 for adults beginning this month. Hope to see you on March 12!

Bible Basics - March 2023

In March we are working our way through a 4-week study on Philippians. Here is a link to the free lessons.

[Galatians and Philippians | Yale Bible Study](#). Join us anytime.

- March 8 – Philippians Chapter 1 - Letter from Prison
- March 15 – Philippians Chapter 2 - The Christ Hymn
- March 22 – Philippians Chapter 3 – A Stern Warning
- March 29 – Philippians Chapter 4 – Rejoice, Now and Always

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=VnJFdmcwczFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977

Passcode: 215593

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.

Boy Scout Troop 7 - 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!

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.



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

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.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY (9:30 AM)
MAUNDY THURSDAY (7:30 PM)
GOOD FRIDAY (7:30 PM)
EASTER SUNDAY (9:30 AM)

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ELDERS AND DEACONS

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Jim DeReus
Patrick Downing
Michael Ferris
RuthAnn Tobey-Brown
Jim Woods

Class of 2024

Paula Burnett
Peter Bawden
Kirk Christie
Nancy Foster
Bev Koos
Karla Ruiter
Diane Roebuck
Jay Williams

Class of 2025

Dan Breinich
Nancy Chapman
Bonnie Johnson
Nathan Kabel
Kristine Oswald
Mark Ruebling
Vicki Stegall

Clerk of Session
Mark Jones

Deacons

Class of 2023

Ted Brown
Al Frohlich
John Gere
Matthew Hennes
Erin Sodawasser-Hermiston
Katrina Williams

Class of 2024

Anna Putman
Glen Roebuck (Moderator)
Andy McNeil
Tom Vaccaro
Paula Hartmann
Sherry Williams

Class of 2025

Colleen Duenas
Terri Sheetz
Kristy Owens