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3rd Sunday in Lent March 12, 2023 at 9:30 AM



Living Water by Lauren Wright Pittman Inspired by John 4:5-42



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.

3rd 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

Fugue in A Minor, BWV 543

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.)

Prelude Trio Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

† Call to Worship and Confession

Karla Ruiter, Liturgist

One: We gather together-

All: the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers, in hopes of seeing God.

One: We gather together-

All: the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.

One: We gather together-

All: those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, in hopes of finding justice.

One: So come to the well, come to the table.

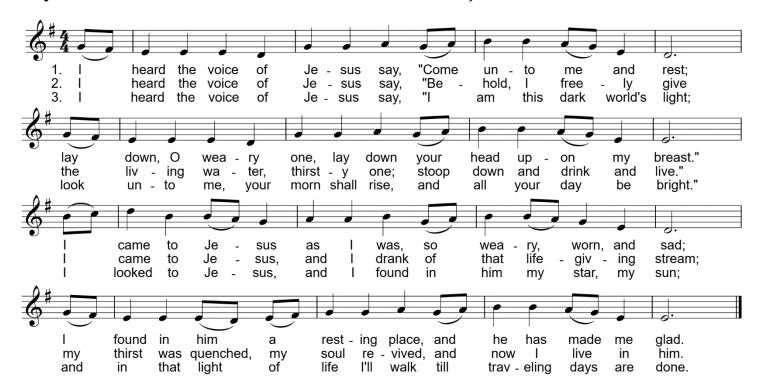
Come, let us worship God. Amen.

† 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.)



Call to Confession

In today's service we will hear the story of the Samaritan woman. It's a well-known story of a woman who, in the heat of the day, meets Jesus at a well and he asks her for a drink. When we read this story, it can be helpful to ask—when was the last time I drew water for someone? When was the last time I drew water for myself? So with this same open curiosity, we come to the prayer of confession, trusting that even if we forget our bucket, God will still meet us at the well. Friends, with that grace in mind, let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray. 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, as hard as it is to imagine: we could lose the bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still belong to God. This is the good news of the gospel:

All: God's grace is deeper than any well. We are seen, loved, and forgiven. May this realization change and inspire us. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Children's Message Elder Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

Source Unknown

God of conversation, we come to you today thirsty—thirsty for hope, thirsty for good news, thirsty for a glimpse of you. So today we pray, move in these words like a current. Give us the courage to wade into your story with open eyes and open hearts. Give us the courage to drink this moment in. We are listening. We are grateful. Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lesson from the Gospels

John 4:5-42

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband, '18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Seeking: Will You Give Me a Drink?"

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word



Prayers of the People and 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

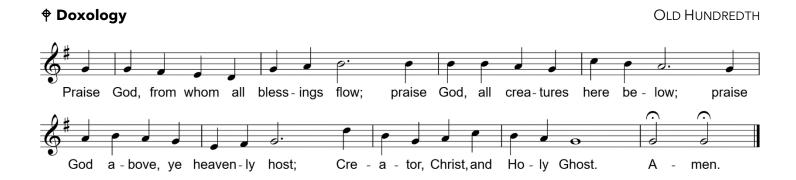


To share your pledge or offering, you may place it in the offering plate as it is passed down the aisle. If it is more convenient for you, please visit the church website at www.fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now," or you may donate directly from your smartphone by scanning the QR code with your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

Offertory

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)



† Prayer of Dedication



† Charge and Benediction

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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 François (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

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

Here is the Zoom link:

https://zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 651 383 0965 Passcode: FPC1702

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. Sign up using the link on the FPC website and in the eNews, or by calling/e-mailing Susan Parker in the church office. 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:

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 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

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: https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/galatians-philippians/

- 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://zoom.us/join

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

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 of 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 4:30PM to 6:00PM in the gym.

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.

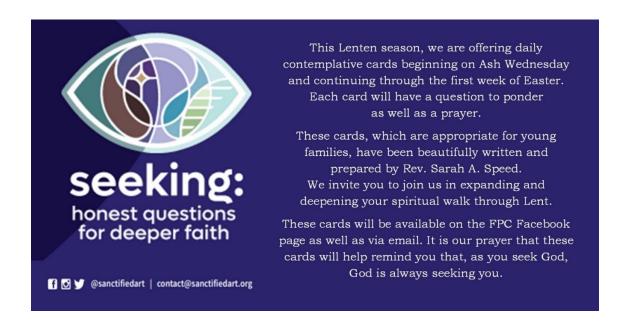
Buildings and Grounds

It's that time again. Spring Grounds clean-up at the church. Buildings & Grounds are planning a clean-up on Saturday April 1st from 8:00AM until noon. Please bring any yard tools you may need. We will have extra's 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.

<u>Ladies Tea - Saturday, April 29 from 11:00AM - 1:00PM</u>

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 Duenas to RSVP: Nonna428312@gmail.com / 563-514-6396



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Elders

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Jim DeReus	Peter Bawden	Nancy Chapman
Patrick Downing	Kirk Christie	Bonnie Johnson
Michael Ferris	Nancy Foster	Nathan Kabel
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