



First Presbyterian Church

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1st Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023 at 9:30 AM



*Who Will You Listen To? by Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Genesis 2:1-15, 3:1-7*

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.

1st 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

O Welt, ich muß dich lassen

Johannes Brahms

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.)

Minute for Fellowship

Ruling Elder, Jay Williams

Prelude

Allegretto

Gustav Merkel

✠ Call to Worship and Confession

Julia Meyer, Liturgist

One: Listen!

All: There is hope to be found here.

One: Listen!

All: God calls you by name here.

One: Listen!

All: There is love that abides here.

One: This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

All: God is speaking.

One: Let us worship.

All: 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.)



1. Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;
 2. Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;
 3. We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;
 4. Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;
 en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.
 o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.
 You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,
 to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Call to Confession

Friends, if you are seeking grace, this moment is for you. If you are seeking growth, this moment is for you. If you are seeking honesty, this moment is for you. In the prayer of confession, we admit to ourselves and to God that we do not have it all figured out. And in that vulnerability, we are surrounded by God's grace. So let us pray together, using the prayer of confession printed in your bulletin. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station – something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us – easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you. With earnest hearts 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: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us, knows us and loves us as we are.

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

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Wake Me Up, Lord
Sanctuary Choir

Uzee Brown, Jr.

Wake me up, Lord, when it's over, wake me up, Lord, when it's over,
Oh, wake me up, Lord, when it's over; When the shouting is done and the course is run, wake me up,
Lord, when it's over.
When your promise is fulfilled, and your Child has come home, wake me up, Lord, wake me up Lord,
wake me up, Lord, when it's over, wake me up, Lord, wake me up, Lord when it's over, wake me up,
Lord, when it's over, when it's over.

(Ja Jahannes)

Children's Message

Elder Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

Source Unknown

Holy God, listening is always easier said than done. We shuffle into this space and try to quiet our minds, but the list of distractions is long. We need your help to listen. So today we ask that you would marinate us in your Word. Dust the cobwebs from our ears. Stir our souls awake. Crack open our hearts to make room for you. Scoop us up. Put us in your pocket. Carry us with you wherever you go. We want to hear you, really hear you, so speak to us now. With hope we pray. Amen.

Lesson from the Gospels

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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Sermon

"Seeking: Who Will You Listen To?"
Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

Who Will You Listen To?

LEONI

1. The voi - ces from the past That ech - o through our minds
2. So - ci - e - ty de - mands We al - ways strive for more
3. A rush - ing flood of hate In news we of - ten see

Like noi - sy ghosts haunt and har - ass With words un - kind
Ac - cum - u - lat - ing wealth and land And leave the poor
Con - ceals God's king - dom in a great Ca - co - pho - ny

Who will we lis - ten to? Lies that bind and a - base?
Who will we lis - ten to? The temp - ter's jea - lou - sy?
Who will we lis - ten to? The cha - os all a - round?

Or God who coun - ters words un - true With words of grace?
Or God's pro - vis - ion and pur - suit Of e - qui - ty?
Or God's dream of a world made new Where love a - bounds?

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

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639

J. S. Bach

✦ 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 #77

Forty Days and Forty Nights

AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

1. For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side;
for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
That with You we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

✦ Charge and Benediction

Sending Anthem

Blessing of Aaron

Walter Rodby

Postlude

Gavotte en Rondeau from Partita No. 3 in E major for Violin

J. S. Bach

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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, 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 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.



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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

IN RECESS

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

Congregational Meeting

The Session has scheduled the 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 26, 2023, immediately 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.

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 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

Manna & More 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!

Bible Basics - March 2023

On March 1st we will finish our 4-week study on Galatians. For the rest of March, we will study the book of Philippians. Here is a link to the free lessons: <https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/galatians-philippians/>

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

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

Elders

Class of 2023

David Bowles Edwards
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
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