



# First Presbyterian Church

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*Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love*

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
March 26, 2023 at 9:30 AM



*Rubble by Carmelle Beaugelin  
Inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14*

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



# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport

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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.

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**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.

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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](http://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.

# 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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#### Prelude

Variations on "Wondrous Love"

Robert Lau  
(b. 1943)

#### 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

Récit de Cromorne en taille

Guillaume-Antoine Calvière  
(1700-1755)

#### ✠ Call to Worship and Confession

Judy Hawthorne, Liturgist

One: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

**All: Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**

One: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

**All: Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?**

One: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house. Hope lives here.

**All: So, come. Rest your weary bones.**

One: Let us worship Holy God

#### ✠ 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. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her  
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the  
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of  
 flight, Like the vig - or of the as - wind's rush, Like the  
 Vine, To the church in of faith love and sem - bled, To her  
 prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the  
 new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
 midst as gift and sign:  
 peace be - yond com - pare:

## Call to Confession

Friends, there is nothing that we have to keep hidden from God—not our anger, our grief, or the ways in which we have fallen short. In confession, we speak honestly and are met with grace. So let us not hold back. Let us bring our full selves to this prayer, knowing that God is already running to meet us. Let us pray:

## Prayer of Confession

**Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling. I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost. I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity. Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you. Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I 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: Friends, you could spend your whole life ignoring God, pushing God away, or trying to solve the world's problems all on your own, and God would still love you all the same. Even in our shortcomings, we are God's beloved. So hear and believe this good news:

**All: We are saved by grace through faith. We belong to God. We are not alone.**

# Listening for the Word

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## Anthem

Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends  
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Mack Wilberg  
(b. 1955)

*Thou gracious God, whose mercy lends  
the light of home, the smile of friends,  
our gathered flock thine arms enfold,  
as in the peaceful days of old.*

*For all the blessings life has brought,  
for all the sorrowing hours have taught,  
for all we mourn, for all we keep,  
the hands that clasp, the loved that sleep.*

*Wilt thou not hear us while we raise,  
in sweet accord of solemn praise.  
The voices that have mingled long  
in joyous flow of mirth and song?*

*The noontide sunshine of the past,  
these brief, bright moments fading fast,  
the stars that gild our darkening years,  
the twilight ray from holier spheres.*

*We thank thee Father; let thy grace  
our loving circle still embrace,  
thy mercies shed its heavenly store,  
thy peace be with us evermore. Amen.*  
(Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1809-1894)

## Children's Message

Elder Kristy Woodrow

## Prayer for Illumination

Creator God, why is bad news so loud? In the midst of gun violence, hunger, melting ice caps, and anxiety, it often feels like suffering has a microphone. How do we hear you? How do we find you? How do we know that these bones can live? Today we bring our raw selves into this space asking that once more you would rush through this room like a mighty wind. Remind us that these bones can live. Speak to us in your still, small voice and let it be loud enough to speak to the sorrow of the day. We know that good news rests in you, and we know that you are here. So help us listen, not to the bad news of the day alone, but to the hope that you breathe into every word. With open hearts we pray, amen.

## First Lesson

John 11:1-45

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead." <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." <sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.



<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

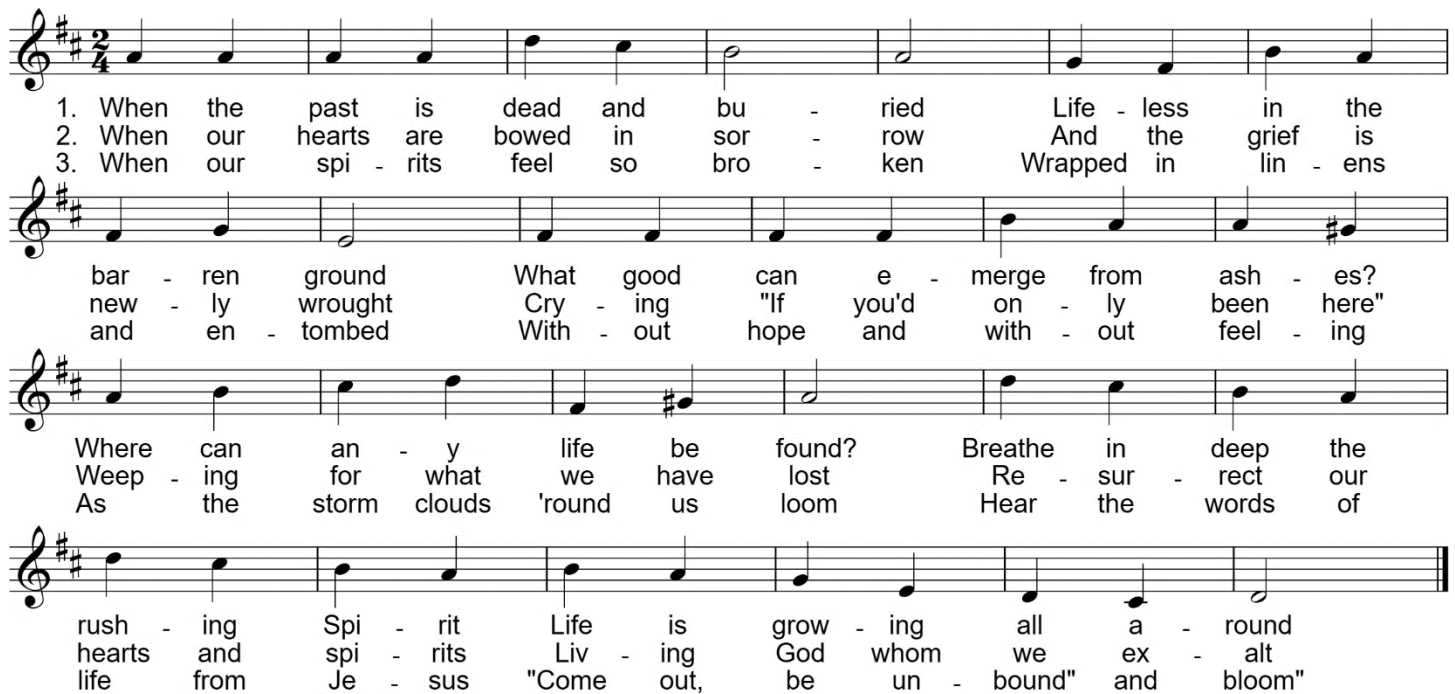
"Seeking: Can These Bones Live?"  
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

## Responding to the Word

### ♣ Hymn

Can These Bones Live?

LAUDA ANIMA



1. When the past is dead and bu - ried Life - less in the  
2. When our hearts are bowed in sor - row And the grief is  
3. When our spi - rits feel so bro - ken Wrapped in lin - ens

bar - ren ground What good can e - merge from ash - es?  
new - ly wrought Cry - ing "If you'd on - ly been here"  
and en - tombed With - out hope and with - out feel - ing

Where can an - y life be found? Breathe in deep the  
Weep - ing for what we have lost Re - sur - rect our  
As the storm clouds 'round us loom Hear the words of

rush - ing Spi - rit Life is grow - ing all a - round  
hearts and spi - rits Liv - ing God whom we ex - alt  
life from Je - sus "Come out, be un - bound" and bloom"

## 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](http://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

Impromptu, Op. 78, No. 2

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor  
(1875-1912)

### ✦ 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 #316

Breathe on Me Breath of God (Verses 1, 2, and 3)

TRENTHAM

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,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.  
Un - til with Thee I will part one will, To do and to en - dure.  
Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.



✠ **Charge and Benediction**

**Sending Anthem**

Go in Peace  
The Sanctuary Choir

John Gere

*'Til we meet again, go forth with the Love of God: Love to your neighbor, Love to your foes, Love to all God's Family, Yea God Loves us All. God before us, God beside us, God within us All. Go in Peace. Amen.*

**Postlude**

Fanfare and Chorale

Calvin Fuller  
(b. 1943)

***"Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I will cause breath to enter you...  
and you shall live."***

# WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

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**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, 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, 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 Shawls:** Prayer shawls are available for you to give to those you know who are experiencing a



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challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coatrack near the main office.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

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Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

[www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar](http://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

## **BTC Book Club**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 12:30-1:30pm

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Congregational Meeting**

The Session has called a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, April 2, 2023, at 10:35 AM following morning worship for the purpose of electing persons to serve on the Board of Deacons. This should be a short meeting. Please plan to attend.

## **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 will meet either in-person on Sunday mornings immediately following the worship service or Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Devotional Discussion Group Dates:  
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. Please sign up online or call the church office to reserve a spot. 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:

Tuesday, March 28 / 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
Thursday, March 30 / 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Wednesday, March 29 / 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

## **Bible Basics - March 2023**

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will finish our 4-week study on Philippians. Here is a link to the free lessons. Galatians and Philippians Yale Bible Study. 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

## **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.

## **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

## **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.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **New Extended Church Office Hours**

To better serve our staff and church members, we have adjusted the church office hours. The new office hours are from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. We hope these extended office hours will help serve the needs of members who work during regular office hours but still have church business to conduct.

Kristine Olson, our Finance Manager, will manage phone calls from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Her office hours will be from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Susan Parker, our Church Administrative Assistant, will manage phone calls and have office hours from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Due to the nature of Pastoral and Program Staff schedules with evening meetings and church programming needs, and our desire to create healthy boundaries around staff time, Pastoral and Program Staff will not be required to work in-person during regular business hours each day. Rather, the Pastoral and Program Staff will seek to maintain specific in-person office hours during the following times.

Matt Bishop, Director of Music, will maintain regular in-person office hours on Tuesdays from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM and Thursdays from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (before rehearsals). Matt has a regular day off on Fridays.

Alex Gilson, Principal Organist and Assistant Director of Music, will maintain regular in-person office hours on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Alex has a regular day off on Mondays.

Kristy Woodrow, Director of Christian Education, will maintain regular in-person office hours Monday through Thursday from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Kristy has a regular day off on Fridays.

Each of our Program Staff are accessible by phone and email, and available to meet by appointment, at other times during the week. They are always willing to be available to church members.

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer, Pastor/Head of Staff, will be in the office most days, Monday through Thursday. If Dr. Schondelmeyer is available and not in the middle of a meeting or project, he is always happy to say hello to drop-in visitors. However, due to the nature of his schedule, please call or email the church office to schedule an appointment if you would like to meet with him. Rev. Dr. Schondelmeyer has a regular day off on Fridays.

## **Building Security**

In order to ensure the safety of church staff and volunteers in the building during the week, the church staff have been asked to verify the identity of individuals visiting the church throughout the week, and the reason for their visit. The only way the building security system works is if the office/custodial staff are judicious when remotely unlocking the door. If they immediately unlock when someone rings the bell without verifying who the person is, the security system serves little purpose. Though we may recognize you when you visit, it is still important to ensure the person at the door is who we think they are. Please be patient when ringing the bell and show grace to the staff when asked to verify yourself and the reason for your visit.

## **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. 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" to the Holy Lands and back. More information about activities will be coming soon but will include a special walking group in the church neighborhood with Pastor Kris.

## 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](http://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](mailto:olson@fpcdavenport.org).

## January and February Financial Reports

	January 2023		January 2022	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 96,799	\$ 96,799	\$ 106,807	\$ 106,807
Custodial Accounts Income	823	-	441	-
Compensation Expenses	(55,027)	(55,027)	(40,862)	(40,862)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(13,932)	(13,932)	(15,258)	(15,258)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(823)	-	(441)	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant</b>	<b>\$27,840</b>	<b>\$27,840</b>	<b>\$50,687</b>	<b>\$50,687</b>
PPP2 Grant	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$27,840</b>	<b>\$27,840</b>	<b>\$50,687</b>	<b>\$50,687</b>
	2023 Year-To-Date		2022 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 96,799	\$ 96,799	\$ 106,807	\$ 106,807
Custodial Accounts Income	823	-	441	-
Compensation Expenses	(55,027)	(55,027)	(40,862)	(40,862)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(13,932)	(13,932)	(15,258)	(15,258)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(823)	-	(441)	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant</b>	<b>\$27,840</b>	<b>\$27,840</b>	<b>\$50,687</b>	<b>\$50,687</b>
PPP2 Grant	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$27,840</b>	<b>\$27,840</b>	<b>\$50,687</b>	<b>\$50,687</b>

All numbers are rounded.



	February 2023		February 2022	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 62,225	\$ 62,225	\$ 35,113	\$ 35,113
Custodial Accounts Income	3,165	-	900	-
Compensation Expenses	(61,802)	(61,802)	(42,750)	(42,749)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(21,747)	(21,747)	(14,377)	(14,377)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(3,165)	-	(900)	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant</b>	<b>(\$21,324)</b>	<b>(\$21,324)</b>	<b>(\$22,014)</b>	<b>(\$22,013)</b>
PPP2 Grant	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$21,324)</b>	<b>(\$21,324)</b>	<b>(\$22,014)</b>	<b>(\$22,013)</b>
	2023 Year-To-Date		2022 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 159,024	\$ 159,024	\$ 141,920	\$ 141,920
Custodial Accounts Income	3,988	-	1,341	-
Compensation Expenses	(116,829)	(116,829)	(83,610)	(83,611)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(35,679)	(35,679)	(29,635)	(29,635)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(3,988)	-	(1,341)	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant</b>	<b>\$6,516</b>	<b>\$6,516</b>	<b>\$28,675</b>	<b>\$28,674</b>
PPP2 Grant	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$6,516</b>	<b>\$6,516</b>	<b>\$28,675</b>	<b>\$28,674</b>

All numbers are rounded.

### 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. 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. Dr. McCaw and 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. More information about the service, and how to reserve a ticket for the luncheon, will be coming soon. Please plan to join us for this special occasion in the life of First Presbyterian Church.

## FPC STAFF

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Nichole Kerker*, <i>Nursery Coordinator</i>		
Kelley Wohlers*, <i>Nursery Caregiver</i>		

\* Part-time employee

## ELDERS AND DEACONS

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### 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-Hermiston  
Katrina Williams

#### *Class of 2024*

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

#### *Class of 2025*

Colleen Dueñas  
Terri Sheetz  
Kristy Owens