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Good Friday April 7, 2023 at 7:30 PM



Crucifixion by Robert R. Thurman



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.



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.

Good Friday 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.

Prelude

Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542 Alex Gilson, organist Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Call to Worship and Confession

Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

One: On this night we gather to remember.

All: We open our hearts and minds to relive the pain and love which has become for us the doorway to the eternal.

One: We recognize the shadows that encroach on every life and meditate on that one moment in history when the shadows seemed to extinguish the light entirely.

All: We come in awe and in worship, for the darkness has never and will never overcome the light revealed in the human life and death of Jesus Christ.

A Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

One: Dear people of God, in this Holy Week let us hear once more of our Lord's passion and death. With heart and mind let us go to Gethsemane, and the halls of judgement and, yes, even to the hill of Calvary. Let us hear in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose in Christ's suffering and his ultimate sacrifice for all humankind. But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died. Let us remember, in Christ's name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed, all who are sick and who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. We remember all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the crucified and risen Lord. Let us pray that we may be taught humility as we remember Christ's humiliation, that we may be taught obedience as we remember Christ's obedience unto death, and that we might be taught to love one another as we remember Christ's love for all people. Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask as we pray the prayer of his heart:

All: 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.



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.

First Lesson

Betrayal: Matthew 26:20-25

Anthem Ah, Holy Jesus
The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Arr. Samuel Hunter (b. 1988)

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee! 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

(Johann Heerman, trans. Robert S. Bridges)

Second Lesson Agony: Luke 22:39-46

Anthem

Avinu Malkeinu The Sanctuary Choir David Bowles Edwards, soloist

Max Janowski (1912-1991)

Arr. Mack Wilberg

(b. 1955)

Sung in Hebrew. English translation:

Our Father, our King, hear our prayer.

Our Father, our King, we have sinned before you.

Our Father, our King, have mercy upon us and upon our children.

Our Father, our King, keep far from our country pestilence, war, and famine.

Our Father, our King, cause all hate and oppression to vanish from the earth.

Our Father, our King, inscribe us for blessing in the book of life.

Our Father, our King, grant unto us a year of happiness.

Third Lesson Witness: Matthew 26:47-50, 55-56

Anthem Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed Arr. Jason W. Krug
The Vesper Bells (b. 1978)

Fourth Lesson Denial: Matthew 26:31-35

Anthem Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends

The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

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)

Fifth Lesson Accusation: Matthew 26:59-67

Anthem Toccata on KING'S WESTON Matthew Compton
The Vesper Bells

Sixth Lesson Mockery: Mark 15:12-20



Seventh Lesson Death: Luke 23:33-46

Anthem Ave Verum: Mozart Closes His Eyes and Begins Hearing Ave Verum Corpus Jake Runestad

(b. 1986)

Ave Verum Corpus
The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Fill a bath now, lay the body in.
Gently now, softly now.
Mind him. Tend him.
Red runs the water around him, and yet o warmth, o softness, with my music let me kiss him, bless him, ease him away at last, at last ...
ave, ave ...
(Todd Boss)

Sung in Latin. English translation:

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for humankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood; be for us a foretaste in the trial of death. (anon. 13th century)

Dismissal Blessing

One: Go now in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep and strengthen you this night and forevermore.

Benediction Christ We Do All Adore Thee (from *The Seven Last Words*) Théodore Dubois

The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra (1837-1924)

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever, for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed. (Trans. Theodore Baker)

Dismissal

Please observe fifteen seconds of darkness. House lights will indicate dismissal.

Please respect the silence of this place as you leave so that it can remain a place of meditation for those who wish to stay a little longer.

WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Worship Hosts - Pam Paulsen, Jeanne Sherwood, Nancy Chapman, Judy Hawthorne, Chris Pitcher

Sound/Video Technicians - Mitch Doremus, Jim Middleton

Orchestra - Sabrina Tabby, Archana Wagle, Ramel Price, Michele Ottensen, Kim Busic, Paula Hartmann, violins; Jenwei Yu, Jenni Pickering, violas; Scott Sund, Michael Wahlmann, cellos; Mike White, bass.

PEROFRMANCE NOTE

Composer Jake Runestad on Ave Verum

The exaltation of composers like Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart often places them in the realm of gods or saints, and at times we forget their humanness. When Scott Tucker [Artistic Director of the Choral Arts Society of Washington] and I discussed the theme for this commissioned work, his desire was to pair the work with Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus. Attempting to create a work to be presented alongside one of Mozart's is an intimidating endeavor. However, I began to consider Mozart's humanness and wonder what he might have been thinking and feeling as he wrote Ave Verum Corpus (as well as his Requiem) – how did his own experiences and complexities participate in his inner monologue for this iconic music? After considering various traditional Latin texts, I asked my good friend and frequent collaborator, Todd Boss, to create a text that explores this question.

Mozart's serene music seems a disjunct pairing with the crucifixion image of the Ave Verum text, and Todd's poem so beautifully captures a possible reason for Mozart's intent. To deepen the connection to Mozart, my work is built on musical fragments from two works written in the final year of his life: *Ave Verum Corpus* and *Requiem*. I hope that this new work might contextualize Mozart's humanness and illuminate the personal meaning behind one of his most beloved works.



Scan to visit the First Pres Website. Scan to <u>visit</u> the First Pres Calendar.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

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

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

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

Tuesday Morning Walking Group: 9:30 AM - 1 mile walking path starting at First Presbyterian Dates: April 11, 18, 25; May 9, 16, 23

Saturday Morning Walking Group: 10:00 AM - 1 mile walking path at Vander Veer Botanical Park (For interested families, we will have a byo-picnic and play at the playground after each walk.) Dates: April 15, 29; May 13, 20, 27

April Manna & More

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

https://bit.ly/Install_Luncheon

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

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

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

Bible Basics - March 2023

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

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

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

https://zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977 Passcode: 215593

Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs

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

Ways to Give to First Presbyterian Church

It is your generous financial commitment to First Pres that allows FPC to continue its ministries and missions to help support church members, community, and staff. With new technology and changes in tax law, the very meaningful act of placing your gift in the offering plate each Sunday is no longer the only way to support FPC. For anyone looking for alternative ways to give, below are additional options to give to FPC:

- Donate online by visiting www.fpcdavenport.org
- Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)
- Gifting Stock

As always, thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church. For specific instructions or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at 563.326.1691 Ext. 219 or olson@fpcdavenport.org



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