

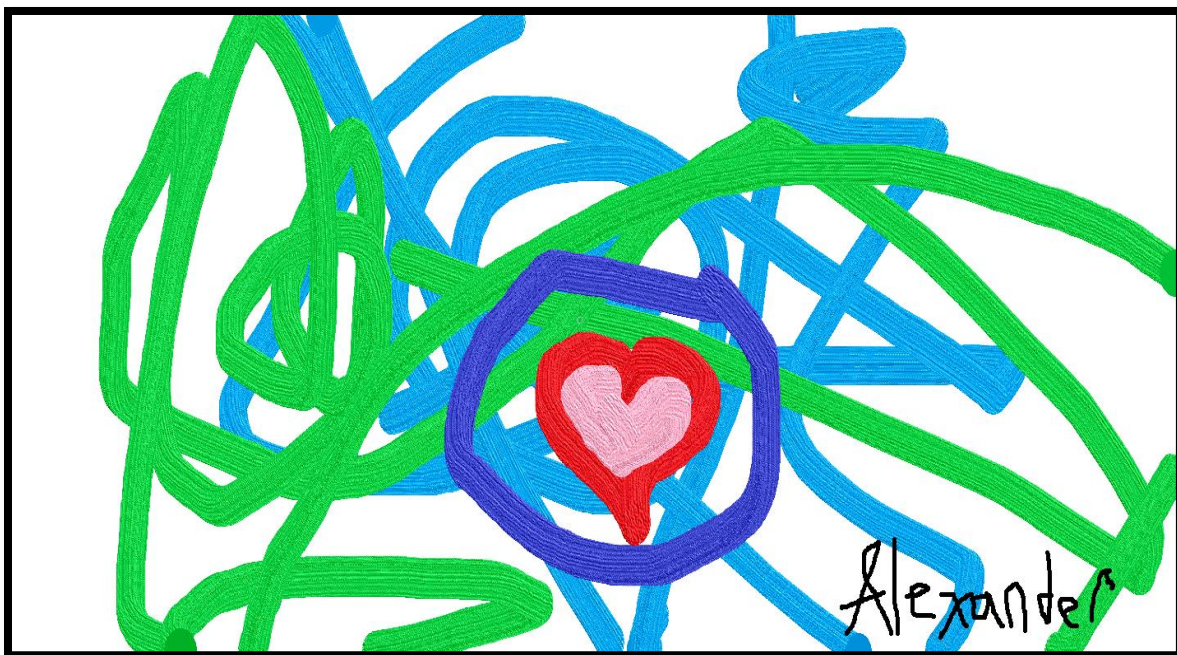


First Presbyterian Church

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

April 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM



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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. The nursery is on the third floor of the CE building. Please ask a worship host if you need assistance locating this space.



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.



MATTHEW 25

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.

A Service of Installation for The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer Order of Worship

*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

Variation IX from 'Enigma' Variations, Op. 36

Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Mike Bawden

Introit

I Was Glad
The Sanctuary Choir

Hubert Parry
(1848-1918)

*I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.
(Psalm 122:1-3, 6-7)*

✠ Call to Worship and Confession

Elder Kris Ward

One: Siblings in Christ, today we rejoice in Christ's special care for the Church.

All: Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: We share one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one ministry of reconciliation.

All: For this ministry, Christ has given gifts to all of us.

One: Christ appoints some to be pastors, evangelists, prophets, and teachers.

All: These are the people who equip us all for works of ministry.

One: To God be the glory for building up God's Church.

All: Praise God's most holy name for God's gracious gifts to us all.

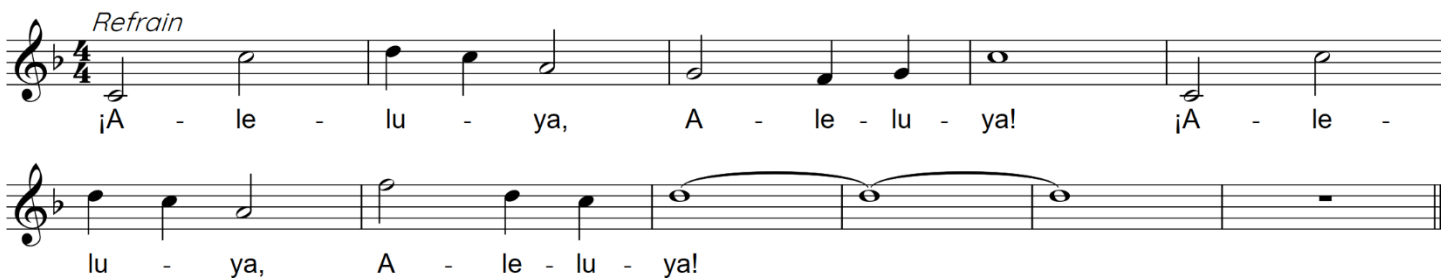
✠ Opening Prayer

One: Let us pray. Holy God, as First Presbyterian Church of Davenport embarks on this new journey with a new pastor, may they work together to create the beloved community you would have them to be. May they be a community of believers who are open and welcoming to everyone. As a congregation, may they be dedicated to making practicing faith fun and meaningful - and to do that by joyfully and creatively sharing stories of the promise found inside a loving relationship with God through Christ. May they share their commitment to faith by turning words into actions and by staying resolute on matters of fairness, equality, and equity for all. May it be so. Amen.

Heaven is singing for joy, Alleluia!
Because in your life and mine
shines the glory of God.

Heaven is singing for joy, Alleluia!
Because your life and mine
Are one in the love of God.

Heaven is singing for joy, Alleluia!
For your life and mine
Will always proclaim the Lord.



The Rev. Pat Halverson

We are all human and we all fall short of the glory of God, individually and as a society. But it is God's nature to forgive us. God desires reconciliation, with God and with each other. God created us to be compassionate humans with clean hearts. So, let us humble ourselves as we go to God in our prayer of confession. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Precious Lord, You ask for our hands that You might use them for Your purpose. We only give them for a moment, and then withdraw when the work is hard. You ask for our mouths to speak out against injustice. We will only whisper fearing what others might think of us. You ask for our eyes to see the harsh truth of poverty. We close them because we do not want to see. You ask for our lives, that You might work through us. We only give a small part when it seems beneficial for us. Lord, we plead with You to forgive our calculated efforts to serve You only when it is convenient to do so, only in the places where it is safe to do so, only with those who make it easy to do so. Patient God, forgive us, fill our deep hunger and thirst with Your renewing grace, and give us the courage to choose this day to serve You with our whole lives. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Rachel Frohlich, Youth Liturgist

O God, open our understanding of the Scriptures. Help us to see the possibilities you set before us as your children when we turn from our ways and live by your truth. Strengthen our faith and our love for one another. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!"^[a] and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 26:6-13 / Alice Jacobsmeier, Youth Liturgist

⁶ Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ⁸ But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? ⁹ For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor." ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Third Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

¹ Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, ⁹ persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, ¹⁰ always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us but life in you.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"We Have This Treasure"
The Rev. Brian Ellison

Responding to the Word

Hymn

For the Troubles and the Sufferings

PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO

*Sing hymn 2 times,
1st time, Choir solo
2nd time, with full Congregation*

1. For the trou - bles and the suf - ferings of the world,
2. Lend an ear to the ris - ing cry for help

God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the
from op - pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come!

1. whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain!
2. Has - ten your sal - va - tion, heal - ing love!

We pray for peace, the bless - ed peace that
We pray for power, the power that will sus -

comes from mak - ing jus - tice, to cov - er and em -
tain your peo - ple's wit - ness: un - til your King - dom

1. brace us. Have mer - cy, Lord! 2. come, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!



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Offertory

Jazz Improvisation on Guide My Feet

Alex Gilson

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Rev. Kyle Otterbein

The Great Thanksgiving

The Rev. Elissa Bailey

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray...

The Romero Prayer

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything. This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future that is not our own. Amen.

As workers, ministers, and prophets, let us join our voices to pray the prayer that the master builder and messiah taught us, saying...

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.



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,
 a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,
 for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.
 and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
 God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus - tice and joy!

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

All: Gracious God, you have fed and nourished us with this holy meal. Now use us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to nourish your world with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Service of Installation

Words from Scripture

Ephesians 4:11-13

Clerk of Session Mark Jones

The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Presentation of the Candidate

Moderator, speaking on behalf of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, I bring the Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer to be installed as our pastor.

Questions for the Pastor

PEIA Moderator, Elder Jeff Charis-Carlson

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Response: I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

Response: I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Response: I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Response: I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Response: I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Response: I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Response: I do.

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Response: I will.

Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Response: I will.

Questions for the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept the Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Response: We do.

Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Response: We do.

Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

Response: We do and we will.

Prayer of Installation

PEIA Vice Moderator, The Rev. Heather Hayes

(The Minister of Word and Sacrament to be installed kneels, facing the congregation. Those who've been ordained as a Ruling or Teaching Elder are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.)

One: We praise you, gracious Lord, for you alone are God. You have made us, and we are your people, the sheep of your pasture. You have led us to green meadows by cool waters, satisfying our every need with your love. You have shown us paths that are right. Through shadowed valleys of despair, you have been our comfort and our hope. Over long generations, your presence has sustained your people.

In your good time, you sent Jesus, your only Beloved, to be our shepherd. He knew and loved your own, calling all who would hear to follow him. The Good Shepherd laid down his life for us, risking the cross for the hope of resurrection. By the power of the risen Christ you gathered the church together to live for you in newness of life, a holy nation, a priestly family, a people chosen as your own and called to proclaim your marvelous love.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be faithful as your people and fruitful in the ministries you have given us. Grant diligence to those who lead, faith to those who teach, truth to all who speak, compassion to all who heal, wisdom to those who counsel, generosity to those who give, and cheerfulness to all who serve. To your servant Kris, and to all who tend your flock as pastors among your people, give vision and strength, hospitality, humility, and peace. Bless the common ministry of this pastor and people with joy and power in the gospel. Strengthen us to live out the grace of our baptism and to serve you with the gifts of your Holy Spirit; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only shepherd and Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Installation

One: Rev. Dr. Schondelmeyer, as a teaching elder in the church of Jesus Christ, you are now installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Amen.

Charge to the Pastor

Elder Shani McIlwain

Charge to the Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw

♣ **Hymn**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE



1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me an-y - where, Lord, an-y - time!
2. I'm gon-na work so God can use me an-y - where, Lord, an-y - time!
3. I'm gon-na pray so God can use me an-y - where, Lord, an-y - time!
4. I'm gon-na sing so God can use me an-y - where, Lord, an-y - time!

I'm gon-na live so God can use me an-y - where, Lord, an-y - time!
I'm gon-na work so God can use me an-y - where, Lord, an-y - time!
I'm gon-na pray so God can use me an-y - where, Lord, an-y - time!
I'm gon-na sing so God can use me an-y - where, Lord, an-y - time!

♣ **Charge and Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

Postlude and Recessional

Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54, No. 6

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS



The Rev. Brian Ellison has served as Executive Director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians since 2012, preaching, teaching and providing overall strategic leadership in implementing the organization's mission. Brian is available for working with congregations, councils and groups of interested Presbyterians about inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people, fostering and navigating difficult conversations, organizing and advocating for transformation, and on the Covenant Network and its mission. Contact the office for more information.

Previously, Brian served as pastor of Parkville Presbyterian Church (near Kansas City, Missouri) for 13 years. He currently serves the General Assembly as member and clerk of its Permanent Judicial Commission; he previously was a director of the Board of Pensions, a member of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, and moderator of both the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment and the Stated Clerk Review/Nomination Committee. He is Stated Clerk of the Synod of Mid-America. A graduate of Harvard University and Princeton Theological Seminary, Brian also is host/contributor at NPR affiliate KCUR-FM. He and his partner, Troy Lillebo, live in Kansas City.



Shani E. McIlwain is known for her candid personal stories, weaving her "messy" moments of life into practical teaching lessons for others. She is a sought-after speaker, pulpit supply preacher, retreat leader, Moderator of National Capital Presbytery, and Ruling Elder at Faith Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Washington, DC. She serves on the NEXT Church strategy team, works as a group facilitator and an executive coach, leading individuals and groups in faithful and transparent conversations about dismantling racism and white supremacy.

Shani is the 2018 Indie Author Legacy Awards™ Distinction of Excellence Honoree, a prolific global writer, and a five-time bestselling author. Her works include the inspirational devotionals *Sharing My Mess: 90 Days of Prayer and Spiritual Intimacy with God* and *It's Time To Make a Change: 30 Days to Renew Your Heart, Mind, and Soul*, and the self-help short read, *Awkward Silence: A Guide for White Ministry Leaders on Confronting Anti-Racism and Microaggressions*.



The Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She serves as Associate Professor of Ministry at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Dr. McCaw served as Associate Pastor of care and outreach in a church in Florida before coming to Dubuque. Her sense of privilege in shepherding those called to church ministry grew while serving on and moderating Florida Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Beth has also served as a Presbytery Leader for Glacier Presbytery, and served with her husband Scott as a missionary in church planting in Namibia, Africa, and as a crisis counselor with Northeastern Family Institute in Massachusetts.

MEET OUR NEW PASTOR AND FAMILY

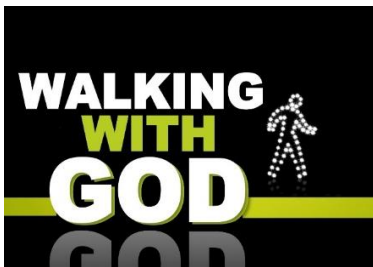
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer is lucky to be the husband of Abby, who received her M.Div. from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Together they are the proud parents of four children: Alexander (7), Karrick (5), Isaac (2), and Lincoln (7-months). Dr. Schondelmeyer is proud to be called to serve as Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, IA.

He holds an M.Div. from Eden Seminary (St. Louis), and Graduate Certificates in Executive Leadership, Engaged Compassion, and Public Management from McCormick Seminary, Claremont School of Theology, and the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri, respectively. He also holds a Doctorate in Contextual Leadership with a concentration in Religion and Public Policy from Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University. As a survivor of clergy sexual abuse in the PC(USA) which occurred in his youth, Kris recently served as a member of the General Assembly Survivors of Sexual Misconduct Task Force. He has successfully authored and advocated for national polity changes now incorporated in the PC(USA) Book of Order. He is passionate about helping the PC(USA) to become a church that is truly safe and sacred space for all.



Fun Fact: Dr. Schondelmeyer recently completed a course at the Manhattan Comedy School in New York City. He had his stand-up comedy debut during a new talent event at New York's famous Gotham Comedy Club in August of 2023 to a sold-out crowd. He enjoys opportunities to bring humor into his ministry, helping to make church engaging and fun for all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Beginning on Easter, Pastor Kris invited 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 are all worth "miles." We are collecting miles each week 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 is in the Travel Journal available this morning. Activities 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 Church
Dates: April 25; May 9, 23

NOTE: On April 25, the Tuesday morning walking group will meet at the Bettendorf riverfront to walk across the new I-74 bridge. Park near the Dollar General in the free public parking lot. Contact Pastor Kris or Director of Christian Education Kristy Woodrow if you have any questions.

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

Scottish Communion Service

The Presbyterian faith traces its roots back to the Protestant Reformation through the leadership of John Knox in the Church of Scotland. Here at First Presbyterian, this is a history that we celebrate. Join us on Sunday, June 4 for a special Scottish Communion Service paying tribute to our Scottish heritage as Presbyterians. We will have Scottish-themed music, together with a bagpiper, to help lead us in our worship. Pastor Kris will even lead worship in his kilt. You won't want to miss this festive service.

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.

The poster for 'The Addams Family' musical features a dark red, textured background. On the left, a gold-framed oval portrait contains the Addams family. To the right of the portrait, the title 'The Addams Family' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below the title, the words 'A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY' are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the top right corner, a teal oval contains the dates 'July 21-23, 2023'. At the bottom, a teal banner contains the title 'THE ADDAMS FAMILY' in orange, followed by the dates and times for each night: '7.21.2023 FRI 7:30 PM', '7.22.2023 SAT 7:30 PM', and '7.23.2023 SUN 4:00 PM'. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'MUSIC at FIRST PRES' featuring a white cross and the text 'MUSIC at FIRST PRES'.

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ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders

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David Bowles Edwards	Paula Burnett	Dan Breinich
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Michael Ferris	Nancy Foster	Nathan Kabel
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Nathan Kabel	Diane Roebuck	Vicki Stegall
	Jay Williams	
		Clerk of Session
		Mark Jones

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