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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023 at 9:30 AM



Christ and His Disciples on the Road to Emmaus Jan Wildens (1585-1653) | Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg



## 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 #310 of the CE building. MusikGarten is our unique program that allows participation in a fun, energetic environment while instilling a love and understanding of music in young children.

**Sunday school** for children (preschool through grade six) and adults is offered after the service. Children's Sunday school is located on the third floor of the CE building. Adult Sunday school is located in Von Maur Hall. Please ask a worship host if you need assistance locating these spaces.



Our Session (church council) has adopted a bold vision of creating safe and sacred space for all. We aren't perfect at it, but we are joyfully beginning to live into this new vision. We are an open and

affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org). The Session and members of First Pres extend a sincere welcome to all persons regardless of race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and communion, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and service as an officer of the church.



We are a Matthew 25 church in the PC(USA). Matthew 25 congregations identify themselves as working toward one or more of three goals: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Land Acknowledgement: First Presbyterian Church gratefully acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Indigenous communities who make Iowa and Illinois their home today. The communities we serve through our ministries occupy the traditional homelands of the people of the Kiikaapoi, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Peoria, Sauk, and Meskwaki nations. We honor these and numerous Indigenous tribes who first made the banks of the Mississippi River a center for arts and commerce.

Worshipers who are comfortably able are invited to stand in body or spirit. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

# **3rd Sunday of Easter 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** Arietta Thomas H. Kerr (1915-1988)

#### **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 Mission Cathy Pratscher- Woods

**Prelude** Prélude Modal, Op. 6, No. 1 Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

#### **†** Call to Worship and Confession

Ted Brown, Liturgist

One: Walk with us, O God,

All: On the road between fear and hope.

One: Walk with us, O God,

All: On the road between death and resurrection.

One: Walk with us, O God,

All: We are in need of your company.

One: Jesus, stand among us, in resurrection power,

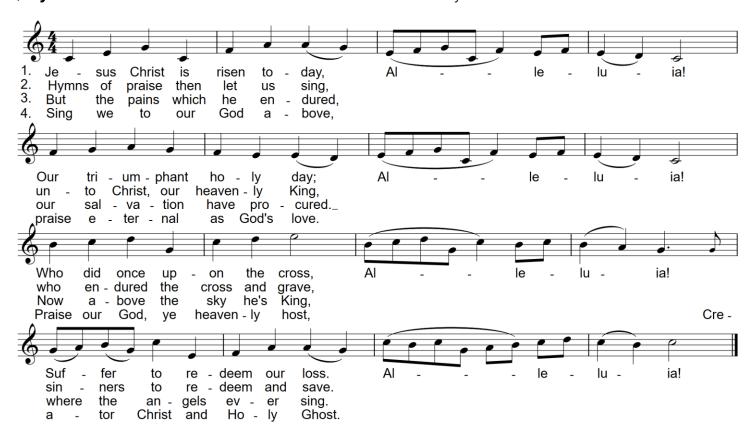
All: And lead us to new life as we walk with God!

### † 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.)



#### **Call to Confession**

We know what God requires of us...that we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Yet, we know we fall short and fail to live up to our calling. As a first step in walking with God toward new life in Christ, let us join together in our corporate prayer of confession. Let us pray.

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, in resurrection power, you meet us and call us to walk with you. We say that we're ready to follow. Yet, when we see where you are calling us to go, we are often afraid to move our feet. When you call us to truly love ourselves and care for our own health, we often fail to get up and move. When you ask us to use our lives and our resources to bless and care for others, we're often afraid to walk that path. Forgive us, O God. Take us by the hand, and walk with us toward a new life in you. 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: Siblings in Christ, we are met here with good news. We are not left on the sidelines. God has not abandoned us. Christ is still calling us to a life of walking with God for we are forgiven and we are loved.

#### All: Alleluia! Amen.

## **Listening for the Word**

#### Children's Message

The Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

First Lesson Deuteronomy 10:12-21

<sup>12</sup> "So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to keep the commandments of the Lord and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. <sup>14</sup> Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, <sup>15</sup> yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. <sup>16</sup> Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. <sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, <sup>18</sup> who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear. <sup>21</sup> He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

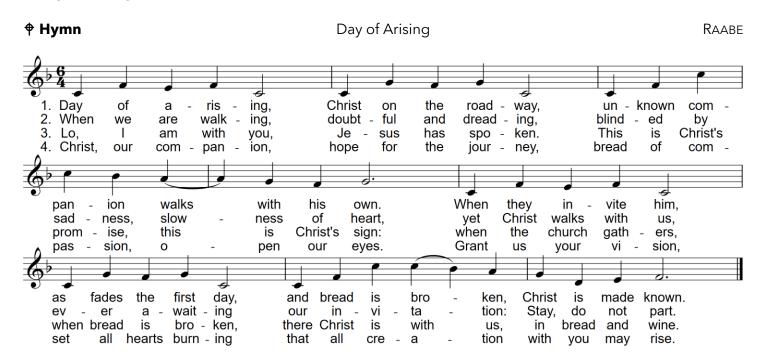
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All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Walking with God: Behold!" Ruling Elder Shani McIlwain

## Responding to the Word



### **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.

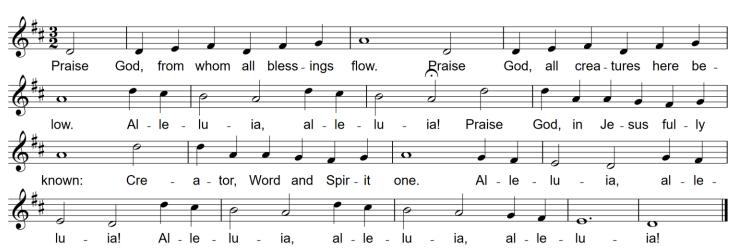
### Offertory

Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 1 Alex Gilson, Cello

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## **†** Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



#### **Greetings from our Mission Partner**

Rev. Brian Ellison / Covenant Network of Presbyterians



#### **† Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** 

Fuga in C, BWV 531,2

J. S. Bach (1680-1750)

### WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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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, Gayle Allard, Joseph Diehl, John Howes, Larry Kisler, Ella Johns, Gloria Wadsworth, Leah Foster (Craig Foster's mom), Bruce Kahler; for God's mercy and grace to touch Kirk Christie, Colleen Dueñas, 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, John Timm, Avery (Phylis Pecoraro's 4-year-old great-granddaughter), and all 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; Ray of Vision in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill in Pakistan.

**Hospital Visits:** The Pastors make hospital visits when patients give permission.

**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 Dueñas (563-514-6396).

**The Prayer Chain:** Connects those who need prayer with those who commit to a ministry of prayer. Contact Mary Ann François (563-355-5292).

**Printed Prayer Requests:** Require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to contact the church office directly (563-326-1691).

**Prayer Shawls:** Prayer shawls are available for you to give to those you know who are experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coatrack near the main office.



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## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

## www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, April 23		
MusikGarten	8:30 AM	Zoom
Nursery Open	8:45 AM - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary, Online Worship Watch Party
Kirkwood Choir	9:45 AM	CE Building #301
MusikGarten	10:35 AM	CE Building #310
Sunday School	10:35 AM	Fireplace Room 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Adult Christian Education	10:35 AM	Von Maur Hall
Scout Troop 7 & 1107	4:30 - 6:00 PM	Gym, Game Room, Fellowship Hall, Library
TAF Music Rehearsal	6:30 PM	Choral Room
Monday, April 24		
Pickle Ball	9:00 - 11:00 PM	Gym
Worship & Music Committee	7:00 PM	Zoom
Tuesday, April 25		
Caring Closet	9:00 - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Tuesday Morning Walking Group	9:30 AM	I-74 Bridge
Staff Worship Planning	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Church Staff Meeting	1:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Wednesday, April 26		
Pickle Ball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Women of Hope Bible Study	10:00 AM - Noon	Parlor
Bible Basics 201	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Zoom
Beer Choir: Raccoon Motel	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Raccoon Motel
Thursday, April 27		
TOPS	5:45 - 6:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
Nursery Open	6:00 - 9:00 PM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Vesper Bells	6:00 PM	Chapel
Sanctuary Choir	7:00 PM	Choir Room & Sanctuary
Friday, April 28		
Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Saturday, April 29		
Saturday Morning Walking Group	10:00 AM	Vander Veer Botanical Park
Women's Tea	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Fellowship Hall

Note: This week we have introduced a new bulletin "Weekly Calendar" format. In order for your committee meeting or event to appear on this calendar, it is imperative that you inform the church office so that we can ensure your meeting or event is on the larger church calendar.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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 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

#### 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 - April 2023**

We are working our way through the Gospel of Matthew. Our lesson on April 26<sup>th</sup> is called *Mighty Deeds*, focusing on chapters 9-11.

Here is a link to the free lessons we will follow: https://yalebiblestudy.org/courses/the-gospel-of-matthew/

Join in any time. You will be warmly welcomed. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM on Zoom. Please contact Mark Jones mkjones@mchsi.com for more information.

#### Please note that this is a new Zoom log in for April.

https://zoom.us/join Meeting ID: 891 7284 9383 Passcode: 831525

### **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:

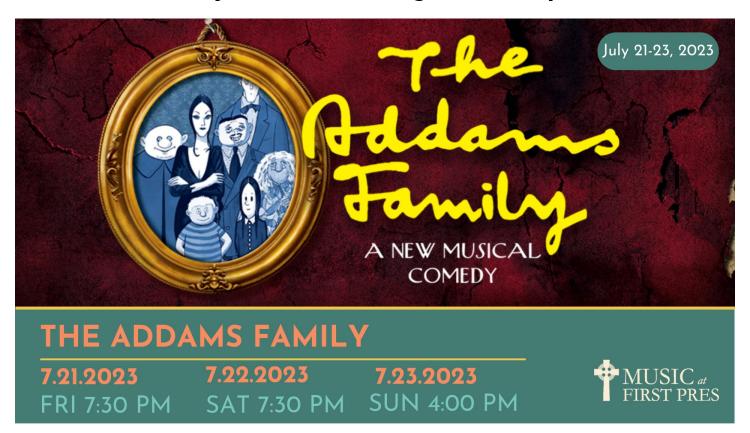
- Donate online by visiting www.fpcdavenport.org
- Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)
- Gifting Stock

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

#### **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.

## First Presbyterian's Performing Arts Series presents:



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<sup>\*</sup> Part-time employee

## **ELDERS AND DEACONS**

### **Elders**

Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Paula Burnett	Dan Breinich
Peter Bawden	Nancy Chapman
Kirk Christie	Bonnie Johnson
Nancy Foster	Nathan Kabel
Bev Koos	Kristine Oswald
Karla Ruiter	Mark Ruebling
Diane Roebuck	Vicki Stegall
Jay Williams	Nathan Kabel
	Paula Burnett Peter Bawden Kirk Christie Nancy Foster Bev Koos Karla Ruiter Diane Roebuck

Clerk of Session Mark Jones

#### **Deacons**

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Ted Brown	Anna Putman	Colleen Dueñas
Al Frohlich	Glen Roebuck (Moderator)	Terri Sheetz
John Gere	Andy McNeil	Kristy Owens
Matthew Hennes	Tom Vaccaro	Mitch Doremus
Erin Sodawasser-Hermiston	Paula Hartmann	Julia Meyer
Katrina Williams	Sherry Williams	·