



# First Presbyterian Church

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*Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love*

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11th Sunday After Pentecost  
August 13, 2023 at 9:30 AM



*Jesus Walking on the Water, Amedee Varin 1860*

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 a 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 Christian Education (CE) building. 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.

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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.

# 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## 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

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

Johann Caspar Simon  
(1701-1776)

#### Welcome and Announcements

Kristy Woodrow

*(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

Blessed Jesu at Thy Word

Max Reger  
(1873-1916)

#### ✠ Call to Worship

Ted Brown, Liturgist

One: We come to this place of worship, to encounter the One who has called us here.

**All: This Holy One, our God, is with us in every moment.**

One: God is in our celebrations and joys, God is in our darkest nights of loneliness.

**All: This Holy One, our God, blesses us and calls us by name.**

One: As night fades before the coming Light, we meet the One who saves us - even from ourselves.

**All: This God, our Holy God, touches us with the Spirit of hope.**

#### ✠ 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. I sing the might - y power of God That made the moun - tains rise;  
 2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;  
 3. There's not a plant or flower be - low But makes Thy glo - ries known;  
 That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.  
 God formed the crea - tures with a word And then pro - nounced them good.  
 And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;  
 I sing the wis - dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;  
 Lord, how Thy won - ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;  
 While all that bor - rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,  
 The moon shines full at God's com - mand, And all the stars o - bey.  
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!  
 And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres - ent there.

## Call to Confession

We pick on our siblings; we argue with our partners; we fight with friends and neighbors - we all live broken lives. We even end up struggling with God, seeking to make God do our bidding. But it is God who can heal our brokenness, God who can reconcile our differences, God who can make us families once again. Let us confess our brokenness together, seeking God's promised blessing for each of us, as we pray, saying,

## Prayer of Confession

**Here at the river's edge, Healing God, we are hesitant to cross over. For on the other side are all the people we have hurt. On that far shore is everyone we have ridiculed, scorned, ignored. Across the water stand the poor, the homeless, the lost - all those we have looked down on, believing they are beneath us. On the other bank stands the cross we must carry if we are to follow Jesus. Before we can cross, Most Holy One, we must struggle with you. We cannot meet the others, if we have not encountered you. Forgive us and reconcile us, not only to them, but to yourself. Bless us, that we would be a blessing to them. Rename us and carry us across the river as faithful disciples of the One we are blessed to call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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: Here, face to face, God meets us. Here, face to face, we can speak every longing in our heart.  
Here, face to face, God forgives us.

**All: Here, face to face, we meet the One who has great compassion for us, and who forgives us of every foolish choice, word, action of our lives. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Listening for the Word

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### Children's Message

Kristy Woodrow

### Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

### First Lesson

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>These are the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." <sup>14</sup>So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup>and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" <sup>16</sup>"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." <sup>17</sup>The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, <sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup>Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"Living by Faith is Easier Said than Done"

Kristy Woodrow

## Responding to the Word

### ♣ Hymn #396

O for a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS

1. O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heaven - ly frame,  
 2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest!  
 3. The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,  
 4. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
 I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.  
 help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.  
 so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

## 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.*

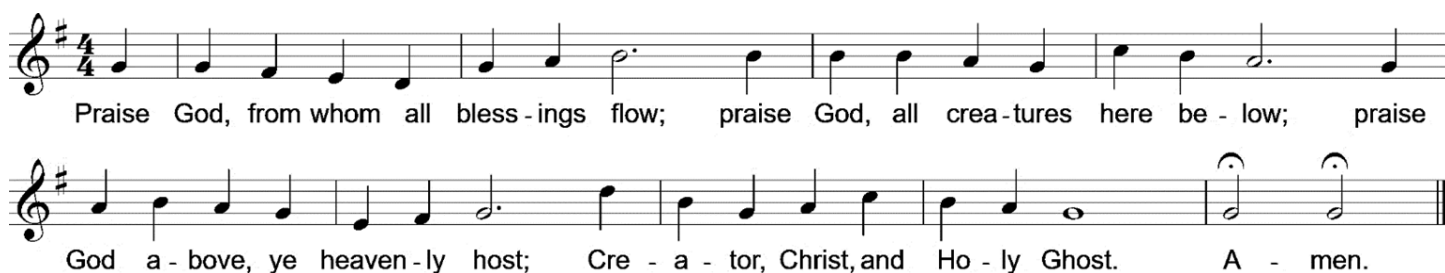
## Offertory

Elevation 25

Dom Paul Benoit OSB  
(1893-1979)

## ✦ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



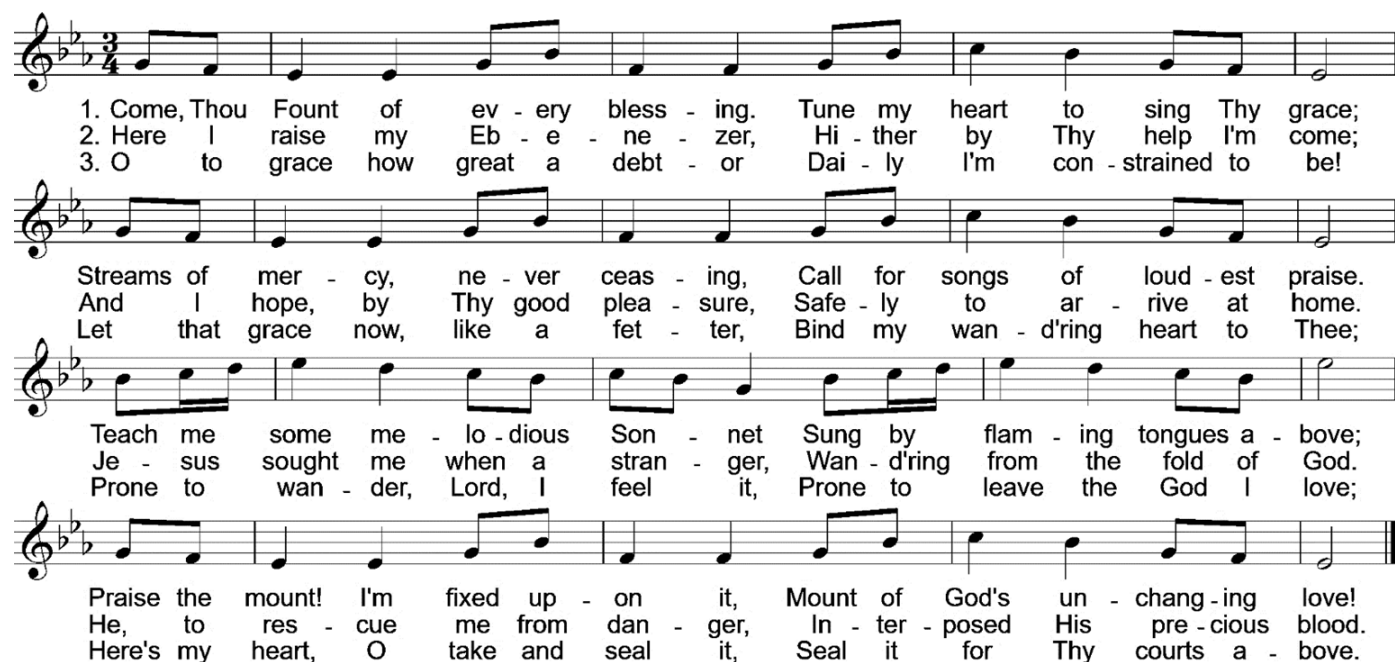
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise  
God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## ✦ Prayer of Dedication

## ✦ Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON



1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing. Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer, Hi - ther by Thy help I'm come;  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.  
And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee;

Teach me some me - lo - dious Son - net Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God.  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

✠ **Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Basse de Cromorne

Louis Nicolas Clerambault  
(1676-1749)



## 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 mercy and grace to touch Verna Burrichter, Tom Ervin, Kevin Wilson, and all who are in need of God's healing grace.

*(Beginning June 4, names will be listed in the list above for 30 days unless otherwise requested.)*

**Mission Partners:** Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez Cabrera in Zacapa, Guatemala; Ray of Vision in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill in Pakistan.

**Hospital Visits:** The Pastors and Deacons 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 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 challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coat rack 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)

## Sunday, August 13

MusikGarten	8:30 AM	Zoom
Nursery Open	8:45 - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Summer Sunday School	10:30 - 11:30 AM	CE Building
MusikGarten	10:35 - 11:05 AM	Room #310
Scout Troop 7 & 1107	4:30 - 6:00 PM	Gym, Game Room, Library

## Monday, August 14

Pickleball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Deacons' Outreach	6:15 - 7:00 PM	Parlor
Member Care	6:30 - 7:00 PM	Library
Mission Connection	6:30 - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall & Zoom
Board of Deacons	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

## Tuesday, August 15

Caring Closet	9:00 - Noon	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Staff Worship Planning	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Church Staff Meeting	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Finance Meeting	7:00 - 8:45 PM	Zoom
ACE	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Von Maur Hall

## Wednesday, August 16

Pickle Ball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Tabitha's Circle	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Bible Basics 201	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Zoom
Troop 7 Committee Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, August 17

PUNCH Meeting	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall & Zoom
TOPS	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Fireplace Room
Faith & Film: Selma	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Von Maur Hall

## Friday, August 18

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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## Saturday, August 19

Memorial to the Lost- (move shirts)	9:30 - 10:30 AM	FPC @ Kirkwood Blvd
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Summer Worship Schedule

Session has voted to continue our single service worship format through the summer. Worship will continue to be held on Sundays at 9:30 AM. We are aware that many enjoy summer opportunities to worship outside on our beautiful campus. Session has designated that the third Sunday of each month (June, July, and August) will be an outdoor service, weather permitting. The third Sunday outdoor service will also be held at 9:30 AM. The single service format and consistent service time will allow us to continue strengthening and building our congregation as we invite new neighbors to join us for worship and meet our new pastor.

## Upcoming Worship Themes

Sunday, August 20	Preaching Series: Rooted in Grace: Are You Good Soil?
Sunday, August 27	Preaching Series: Rooted in Grace: The Weeds in our Lives
Sunday, Sept. 3	Preaching Series: Rooted in Grace: Planting Seeds
Sunday, Sept. 10	Preaching Series: We Are One: Love is the Law
Sunday, Sept. 17	Preaching Series: We Are One: I Love Bacon!
Sunday, Sept. 24	Preaching Series: We Are One: Abound in Hope

## Staff Summer Vacation/Continuing Education Schedules

Our staff work hard to serve the congregation and community, and it is important for them to take time to rest, or to continue growing in their own knowledge and faith to better serve the church. To help respect the staff during their time away, please note the following vacation/continuing education dates for our staff.

Matt Bishop	
August 7 - August 26	Vacation
August 27 - August 31	Continuing Education
Alex Gilson	
August 4 - August 14	Vacation
Kristy Woodrow	
August 28 - September 7	Vacation
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer	
August 12 - August 18	Continuing Education

## Summer Sunday School

This summer we are offering Sunday School most Sundays throughout the summer, open to kids in pre-school and up! We will continue using the one-room schoolhouse model and will meet following the morning worship service. During worship, we will remain in the sanctuary so the kids can hear the Scriptures read and the Word proclaimed. Either coloring pages or a quiet activity will be offered in the back of the sanctuary after the Children's Message. When the weather is nice, we will go outside for Sunday School and if it rains, we will be in the gym.

## **Caring Closet Request**

The Caring Closet is in need of towels, sheets and blankets of all sizes, if anyone has some to donate we would be most grateful. Donations can be dropped off at church during regular business hours. Thanks!

## **Bible Basics August 2023 Schedule**

In August, Bible Basics is continuing to share a video series called, In Search of the Historical Jesus. This series is created and led by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, a biblical scholar, historian, author, and an engaging presenter. The lessons in August will concentrate on Jesus' ministry. No preparation is needed. We will watch and discuss one 20-25 minute video each week. The series will continue into September. Please join us on Zoom as often as you are able. All are welcome. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information.

**Here is the Zoom information:** <https://zoom.us/join>  
Meeting ID: 891 7284 9383                      Passcode: 831525

## **Scotland Tour Update**

*Only 9 Paces Left for the 2024 Scotland Tour with Pastor Kris*

If you missed the group presentation on our Travel Fellowship trip to Scotland in August 2024, see this week's eNews for a link to the brochure and registration form.

There is no risk in depositing now as everything is refundable until Dec 31, 2023. For more details contact Linda Meadors 309-235-5806

## **Scout Troop 7/Scout Troop 1107**

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 at 563-210-0350.

## **Hands-On Ministry Opportunity**

The Caring closet has started a sandwich mission on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will be passing lunches out to our patrons that morning as they shop. We felt that this would be very well accepted by our neighbors and so we decided to try it this summer. If you're interested in helping us make sandwiches or want to come and help pass out the sack lunches, we'd be happy to have you join us. Just call or email Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown and we will be sure to include you.

RuthAnn: 563-370-6215 or [ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com](mailto:ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com)

## **KICK-OFF SUNDAY...Deacons' Community Picnic Save the Date!**

Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us on Sunday, September 10th for our Kick-Off Sunday as we kick off a new season of ministry here at First Presbyterian Church. We will begin with inspiring worship at our regularly scheduled time of 9:30 AM. Immediately following worship, we will participate in a community-wide picnic sponsored by our Deacons.

Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with the congregation. During the picnic, there will be yard games and activities for all ages, and a bounce house for children.



## **Pastor Pilar Establishes New Latino Ministry in Quad-Cities**

Less than a year after bringing his family from Guatemala as refugees to the U.S., Rev. Jose Pilar Alvarez Cabrera has a new pastoral position! Pilar has been commissioned by the Iowa/Illinois synods of the ELCA (Lutheran) denomination to develop an outreach to the Hispanic population of the Quad-Cities, with the goal of participating in different mission initiatives in the Quad-Cities.

As a centerpiece to the new mission, Pilar has begun leading weekly services. At 1:00 each Sunday afternoon, he leads the service at Trinity Lutheran, Moline, 1330 13th St. At 5:00 each Sunday, he leads the service at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Davenport, 2383 W. 3rd St. Both services are primarily in Spanish but non-Spanish speaking members would be more than welcome as a way to support both Pilar and the new ministry.

The relationship between First Pres and Pastor Pilar originated in 2006, when a joint mission team from FPC and Grace Lutheran churches visited ILUGUA, the church in La Trementina, Guatemala, led by Pilar and his brother Eduardo. Many subsequent visits have strengthened the bond and provided support for ILUGUA's outreach programs to the indigenous population of the region. Pastor Eduardo continues to lead this ministry since Pilar's departure.

## **Habitat for Humanity**

Come join members of FPC Davenport as we support the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home in Davenport! Through the generous support of Craig and Nancy Foster, Habitat is building a new home on Nevada Street, in the neighborhood where Craig grew up. Whether you are a fabulous carpenter or not sure which end of a hammer to hold, there is work for everyone on the Habitat site. We will be having 1/2 day and full day volunteer opportunities on Saturday, 26.

Follow this link to sign up for a spot on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

<https://app.giveeffect.com/reservations/15532/join?auth=1690922941>

Be advised that there will be an orientation you will have to attend prior to the volunteer day. If you have already volunteered in a Habitat site, this orientation is not necessary. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.

As we continue to embrace our Matthew 25 initiatives to address congregational vitality and poverty in our community, this project provides all of us with an excellent opportunity to work together and support our community. We hope to see many FPC members on site supporting this Habitat project.

## Don't Let Your Pledge Take a Summer Vacation

Can you believe summer is here? Summer invites us to rest, relax, and re-create ourselves. This time of year finds most of us very active and frequently gone for several weeks at a time, or maybe several weekends at a time.

Even though you may be planning on being away, the church's financial obligations continue during the summer months. We simply ask that you keep your pledge current.

There are a number of ways you can maintain your pledge this summer:

- set up a monthly automatic deduction from your bank account;
- set up monthly credit card payments;
- mail checks in to the Finance Office;
- or pre-pay your summer giving.

If you would like auto deductions or credit card payments, contact Kristine in the Finance Office for set-up.

We appreciate your ongoing and timely giving of your pledges and offerings. Your contributions make all the difference here at First Presbyterian Church!

## June Financial Report

	June 2023		June 2022	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 33,323	\$ 44,892	\$ 35,633	\$ 53,817
Custodial Accounts Income	2,795	-	19,830	-
Compensation Expenses	(52,755)	(60,423)	(42,961)	(51,272)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(12,440)	(17,776)	(21,626)	(26,567)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(2,795)	-	(19,830)	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit) Before One Time Income Items</b>	<b>(\$31,872)</b>	<b>(\$33,307)</b>	<b>(\$28,954)</b>	<b>(\$24,022)</b>
One Time Income Item(s)	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$31,872)</b>	<b>(\$33,307)</b>	<b>(\$28,954)</b>	<b>(\$24,022)</b>
	2023 Year-To-Date		2022 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 357,015	\$ 366,026	\$ 310,391	\$ 352,338
Custodial Accounts Income	26,953	-	30,698	-
Compensation Expenses	(339,577)	(360,122)	(252,879)	(281,313)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(98,343)	(114,895)	(115,025)	(145,768)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(26,954)	-	(30,698)	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit) Before One Time Income Items</b>	<b>(\$80,906)</b>	<b>(\$108,991)</b>	<b>(\$57,513)</b>	<b>(\$74,743)</b>
One Time Income Item(s)	-	-	108,000	108,000
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$80,906)</b>	<b>(\$108,991)</b>	<b>\$50,487</b>	<b>\$33,257</b>

All numbers are rounded.

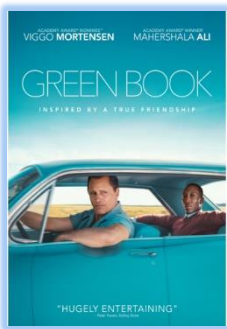
One Time Income Items:

2022: Paycheck Protection Program Grant \$108,000



## Faith and Film Series

This August, Pastor Kris invites you to join for a series we're calling Faith and Film. On four Thursday evenings in August from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM we'll be showing a motion picture in Von Maur Hall. This year, each motion picture is set in the period of the 1960's and deals with racial tensions. We'll start shortly after 6:00 PM and run the movie until its conclusion. Then, we'll have a few minutes for group discussion about how the film can speak to our faith. Feel free to bring dinner with you. We will have lite refreshments.



August 10: *Green Book*, rated PG-13

*Green Book* is a 2018 American biographical comedy-drama film directed by Peter Farrelly. Set in 1962, the film is inspired by the true story of a tour of the Deep South by African American classical and jazz pianist Don Shirley and Italian American bouncer Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga who served as Shirley's driver and bodyguard. The film was written by Farrelly, Brian Hayes Currie and Vallelonga's son, Nick Vallelonga, based on interviews with his father and Shirley, as well as letters his father wrote to his mother. The film is named after *The Negro Motorist Green Book*, a mid-20th century guidebook for African American travelers written by Victor Hugo Green.



August 17: *Selma*, rated PG-13

***Selma* is a 2014 historical drama film based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery voting rights marches led by James Bevel, Hosea Williams, Martin Luther King Jr., and John Lewis. The film stars actors David Oyelowo as King, Tom Wilkinson as President Lyndon B. Johnson, Tim Roth as George Wallace, Carmen Ejogo as Coretta Scott King, and Common as Bevel.**



August 24: *Hidden Figures*, rated PG

*Hidden Figures* is a 2016 American biographical drama film loosely based on the non-fiction book of the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly about black female mathematicians who worked at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) during the Space Race.



August 31: *The Butler*, rated PG-13

*The Butler* is a 2013 American historical drama film directed and co-produced by Lee Daniels. It is inspired by Wil Haygood's *Washington Post* article "A Butler Well Served by This Election." Loosely based on the real life of Eugene Allen, who worked in the White House for decades, the film stars Forest Whitaker as Cecil Gaines, an African-American who is a witness of notable political and social events of the 20th century during his 34-year tenure serving as a White House butler.

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