



First Presbyterian Church

Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love

13th Sunday After Pentecost
August 27, 2023 at 9:30 AM



Artist: Pat Halverson

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 a 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 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.



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.



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.

13th 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

Prelude

Impromptu No. 2 in F-sharp Major, Op. 36

Frédéric Chopin
(1810-1849)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

(Announcements are generally delivered by the pastor. If you have an announcement, you would like us to consider sharing, please send the information with all important details to the church office by noon on Thursday. Announcements will be selected by relevance to church programming and time limitations.)

Prelude

Fuguetta

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

✠ Call to Worship

Kristine Oswald, Liturgist

One: Come with hearts that are fertile soil for seeds of grace.

All: Plant God's Word in us.

One: Pull the weeds so that God's love might take root.

All: Plant God's Word in us.

One: Come to the harvest ready to bear good fruit.

All: Plant God's Word in us.

✠ 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. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing.
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth.

Our help - er He, a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth.

For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a -
 The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him. His rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y

power are great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 oth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 can en - dure, for lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Call to Confession

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

God of the Harvest, we confess that we are sometimes not fertile soil for Your Word to take root in our lives. Our hearts are too often hard, like rocky ground, making it difficult for Your love to grow in us. We allow the weeds of pride, and privilege, and power to crowd out Your grace. Help us to remember that in order for Your Word to take root, to bear good fruit, to produce a harvest of love and compassion, that we need the Water of Life which is Jesus Christ, our Lord. Break ground in us, O God, while in silence we offer our personal confession to 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: 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

Children's Message

Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

Good and gracious God, plant Your Word in us as seeds of grace that we might bear good fruit of compassion and love in the world. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Rooted in Grace: The Weeds in our Lives"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home:
2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to God's praise to yield;
3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take the har - vest home;
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;
From each field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied:
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear:
Give the an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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

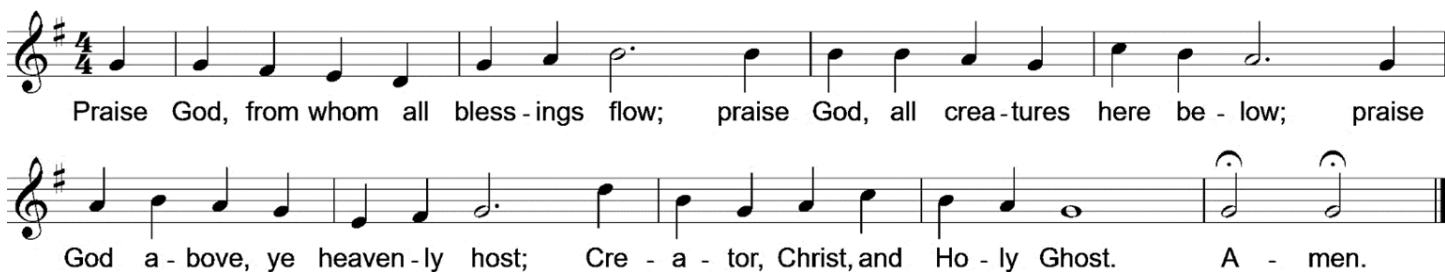
How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin

Sherry Williams - Vocals, Jay Williams - Guitar, Tom Vaccaro - Bass, Alex Gilson - Piano

♣ **Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH



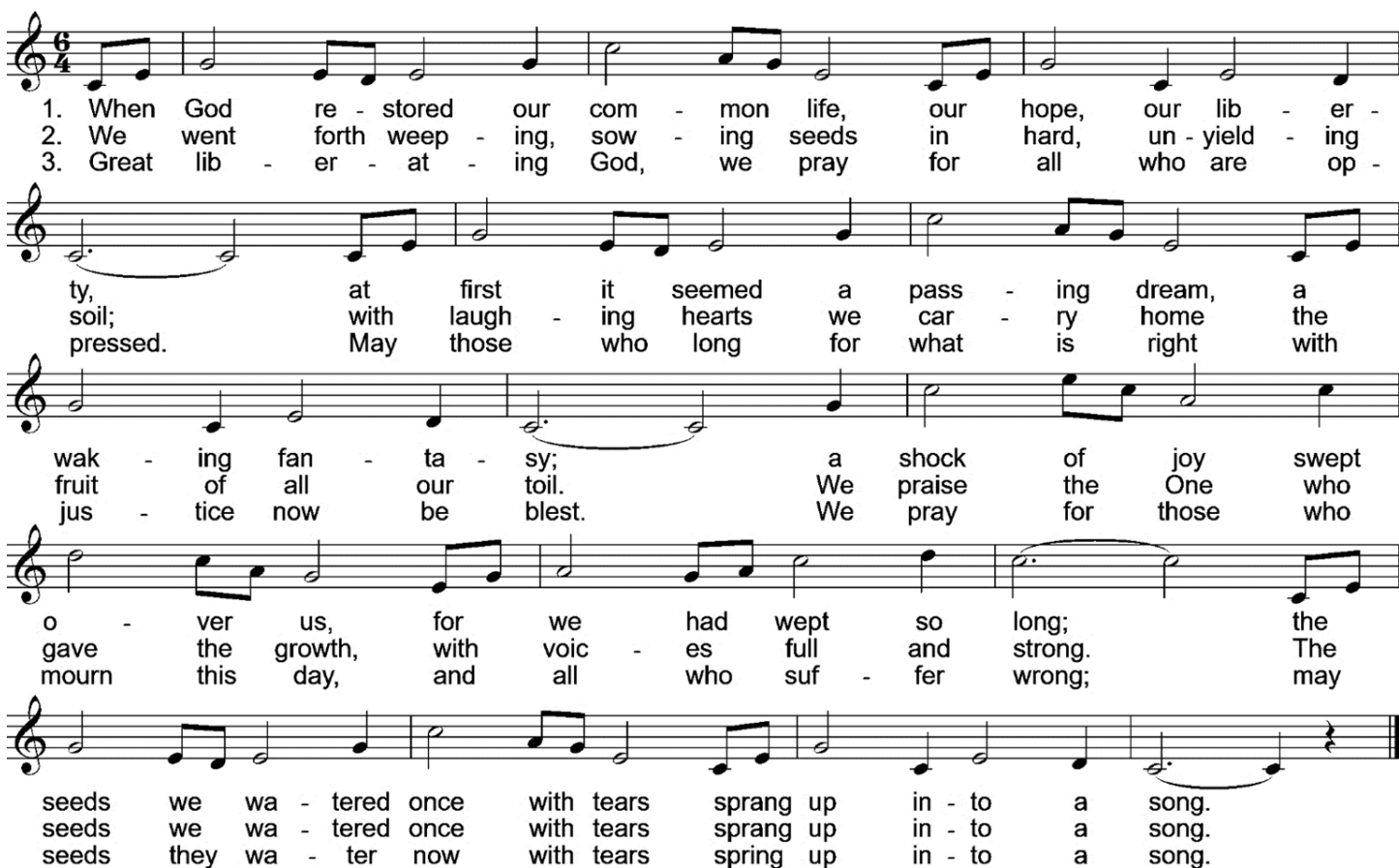
Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

♣ **Prayer of Dedication**

♣ **Hymn**

When God Restored Our Common Life

NETTLETON



1. When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -
2. We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing
3. Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -
ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
soil; with laugh - ing hearts a we car - ry home the
pressed. May those who long for what is right with
wak - ing of fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept
fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who
jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who
o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the
gave the this growth, with and we voic - es who suf - fer wrong; The
mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may
seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

♣ **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Choralfantasie über "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott", Op.27

Max Reger
(1873-1916)

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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 Tim Nelson’s father; for God’s mercy and grace to touch Desiree (daughter of Colleen Dueñas), 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

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, August 27

MusikGarten	8:30 AM	Zoom
Nursery Open	8:45 - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 rd 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	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Gym, Game Room, Library

Monday, August 28

Pickleball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Member Care Team Meeting	9:00 - 11:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Tuesday, August 29

Caring Closet	9:00 - Noon	CE Building 1 st Floor
Staff Worship Planning	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Church Staff Meeting	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Hospitality & Welcoming		
Committee Meeting	7:30 - 8:30 PM	Pastor's Office

Wednesday, August 30

Pickle Ball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Bible Basics 201	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Zoom

Thursday, August 31

TOPS	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Fireplace Room
Faith & Film: The Butler	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Von Maur Hall

Friday, September 1

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, September 2

Memorial to the Lost- (move shirts)	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Salvation Army to Third Missionary Baptist Church
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.



Upcoming Worship Themes

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 27 – August 31	Continuing Education
Kristy Woodrow	
August 28 – September 7	Vacation

Summer Sunday School

This summer we have offered Sunday school on most Sundays, open to kids in pre-school and up! Today will be the final summer Sunday school class. We will gather 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. Children are welcome to sit with their grownups or join Kristy in the playground for the service.

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 Travel Fellowship Trip August 2024

Now open to friends and family

If ever there was an opportunity to share your passion for First Church with others, now is the time. Travel experiences are priceless and a trip to Scotland will be life-changing as you discover the roots of Presbyterianism and the beauty and charm of Scotland. Worship at Edinburgh's St. Giles's Cathedral (where John Knox was pastor); attend the famous Military Tattoo; see the Highlands and isles of the West Hebrides; stroll along Loch Lomond; visit castles, battlefields and learn songs, lore and the legends of Scotland with Pastor Kris and local guides.



A refundable deposit of \$698 plus travel protection insurance holds space on this "once only" Travel Fellowship sponsored tour August 9-21, 2024. Brochures are available in the church office and by clicking this link.

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 7:00 PM to 8:30 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

First Night Out

As the kids start up school, let us look back at the way school was back in 1873. Come join us as we take a tour of the Forest Grove School on Sept 9 at 3:00. Directions to the school (24040 195th St.) In Bettendorf go to Middle Road, north to Hopewell, turn right to Criswell then left on Forest Grove Rd. After the tour we will gather at the park near school for an ice cream treat.

RSVP to Paula Burnett 349-9046 or prburnett1@gmail.com

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.

Don't Let Your Pledge Take a Summer Vacation

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!

July Financial Report

	July 2023		July 2022	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 43,999	\$ 49,127	\$ 41,289	\$ 47,962
Custodial Accounts Income	16,364	-	45,572	-
Compensation Expenses	(56,008)	(60,420)	(45,119)	(53,623)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(15,234)	(17,836)	(14,965)	(23,792)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(16,364)	-	(45,572)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$27,243)	(\$29,129)	(\$18,795)	(\$29,453)
Birdies Donor Challenge	100,000	-	-	-
Pandemic Relief Funds	151,059	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$223,816	(\$29,129)	(\$18,795)	(\$29,453)
	2023 Year-To-Date		2022 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 401,014	\$ 415,153	\$ 351,681	\$ 400,300
Custodial Accounts Income	43,318	-	76,270	-
Compensation Expenses	(395,585)	(420,542)	(298,000)	(334,936)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(113,579)	(132,731)	(129,990)	(169,560)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(43,318)	-	(76,269)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$108,150)	(\$138,120)	(\$76,308)	(\$104,196)
Birdies Donor Challenge	100,000	-	-	-
Pandemic Relief Funds	151,059	-	108,000	108,000
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$142,909	(\$138,120)	\$31,692	\$3,804

All numbers are rounded.

In late July, FPC received some excellent news related to our financial position:

1. The 2023 Birdies Challenge of \$100,000 was not only met, but blown away due to the enormous support from the members of FPC. The donor who so generously made the challenge match of \$100,000 was informed and submitted the donation to FPC in July. A check for total 2023 Birdies for Charity donations designated to FPC, estimated at \$172,000, is expected to be received by early November. A second check for the 2023 Birdies for Charity/John Deere Classic Bonus (5%-10%) should also arrive at that time. **A Special Thank You to the generous donor initiating the challenge, to all those who were able to give, and to those who helped to spread the word about this amazing opportunity!**
2. In April of this year, FPC determined that it was eligible to apply for additional federal government pandemic relief in the form of the Employee Retention Tax Credit. This resulted in total refundable payroll tax credits and interest of \$151,059, which were received in July.

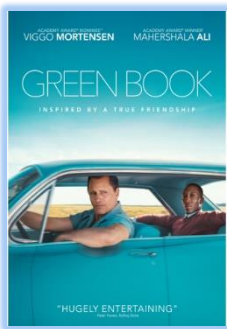
These two extraordinary items resulted in an additional \$251,059 of income that were not anticipated at the time the 2023 budget was finalized. These items are not a result of "normal" activities in the church and are reported below the "normal" financial results of the church. It is amazing to have received these one-time-only items in July, but we need to continue to support FPC financially and by controlling costs.



Faith and Film Series

August 31: The Butler

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.

Christian Education at FPC

We are so excited to kick off a new programming year! Among other opportunities for education and faith formation that will be announced throughout the year, the following will be available most Sundays through the end of May 2024.

Adult Christian Education – Our Adult Christian Education class will meet following the worship service in Von Maur Hall. We have a lot of exciting topics lined up for this coming year and would love for you to join us!

Youth and Children's Sunday School – This year we are offering three separate classes following the worship service! The breakup of classes will be pre-k – 2nd grade (Fireplace Room), 3rd – 5th grade (Room 311), and 6th – 12th grade (Room 302/youth room).

Confirmation – Pastor Kris and Kristy will be leading the 2024 confirmation class this year. Confirmation will be open to any youth in 7th through 12th grade and will meet from 5 to 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evening of the month. Dinner will be served.

Youth Group – Our youth group will be open to any youth in 6th through 12th grade! Meetings will be from 5 to 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Dinner will be served.

More information on these programs, including seasonal calendars, will be available in the coming fall newsletter and on the church website. Relevant registrations will be available in the back of the sanctuary, on the church website, and sent via email. If you have any questions, or would like help getting involved, please contact Director of Christian Education, Kristy Woodrow, at woodrow@fpcdavenport.org.

Youth Ministry Dinners

Do you have a gift for cooking for groups? We are looking for folks willing to provide dinner for our youth on Sunday nights at 5 pm. You could also sponsor the cost of a pizza dinner if cooking isn't your gift (or if the time just doesn't allow it)! If you can provide, or sponsor, a youth-friendly meal, please sign up here or scan the QR code: <http://bit.ly/47La4ny>. Trouble with the website? Email or call Kristy and let her know you'd like to provide or sponsor one (or more) dinners.



Youth Ministry Kick-Off

Calling all FPC youth and their families! We will be kicking off this programming year on Sunday, September 17 from 5 PM – 7PM. There will be food, fun, and fellowship! Bring the whole family! Come hear about our plans for youth group and confirmation and meet this year's youth leaders. We'll have a chance to hear from the youth about what they'd like to discuss and discover this year as well.

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