



# First Presbyterian Church

*Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love*

18th Sunday After Pentecost  
October 1, 2023 at 9:30 AM



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
*at First Pres*



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 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.

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

## World Communion Sunday

### 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

Bread of Heaven

William B. Cooper  
(1920-1993)

### 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

The Cradle Song

Chelsea Chen  
(b. 1983)

### ✠ Call to Worship

Julia Meyer, Liturgist

One: Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

**All: We are the people of God!**

One: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition,

**All: We are siblings in Christ!**

One: Though we understand God in many different ways,

**All: We are One in God's Spirit!**

One: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus,

**All: For we are the people of redemption!**

One: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God and to one another.

**All: Come, let us worship 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.)*

1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers, seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

## Call to Confession

On this World-Wide Communion Sunday we remember that God sent Jesus, to the world, so that we might be reconciled to God. God then called the entire church to continue that work and this has always been the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ. We confess our need, confident in God's forgiving grace.

## Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world seeking your healing and transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness. So, we lift into your presence today, not only the victims of conflicts, but also those we have called our enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust, and bitterness, and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong; to share our gifts in mutual respect, and to seek for the new future which you offer us through Jesus the 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: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us, knows us and loves us as we are.

**All: Let us give thanks, and choose to be changed by the amazing grace of God. Amen.**

# Listening for the Word

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## Anthem

Ukuthula  
The Sanctuary Choir

Zulu Hymn, arr. André van der Merwe

Tricia Humphries, Erin Sodawasser-Hermiston, Rebecca Buening-Ferris, & Patrick Downing, soloists

Sung in Zulu - Translation:

We find peace in this sinful world.  
Through the blood of Jesus, we find peace!  
We are saved in this sinful world.  
Through the blood of Jesus, we are saved!  
We are filled with gratitude in this sinful world.  
Through the blood of Jesus, we are filled with gratitude.  
We are victorious in this sinful world.  
Through the blood of Jesus, we are victorious!

## Children's Message

Kristy Woodrow

## Prayer for Illumination

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, Holy God, 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.

## Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

<sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"  
<sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup> What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup> He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"Change"  
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

## Responding to the Word

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### ✦ Hymn

Change My Heart, O God (Sing 2x)

CHANGE MY HEART

*Refrain*



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God;

1. to Stanza 2. Fine

may I be like you.

You are the Pot - ter; I am the clay.

3. to Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

### 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

Tiento del quarto modo

Juan Cabanilles Barberá  
(1644-1712)

## Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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### Invitation to the Table

### The Great Thanksgiving

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...

## 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.**

## Distribution of the Elements

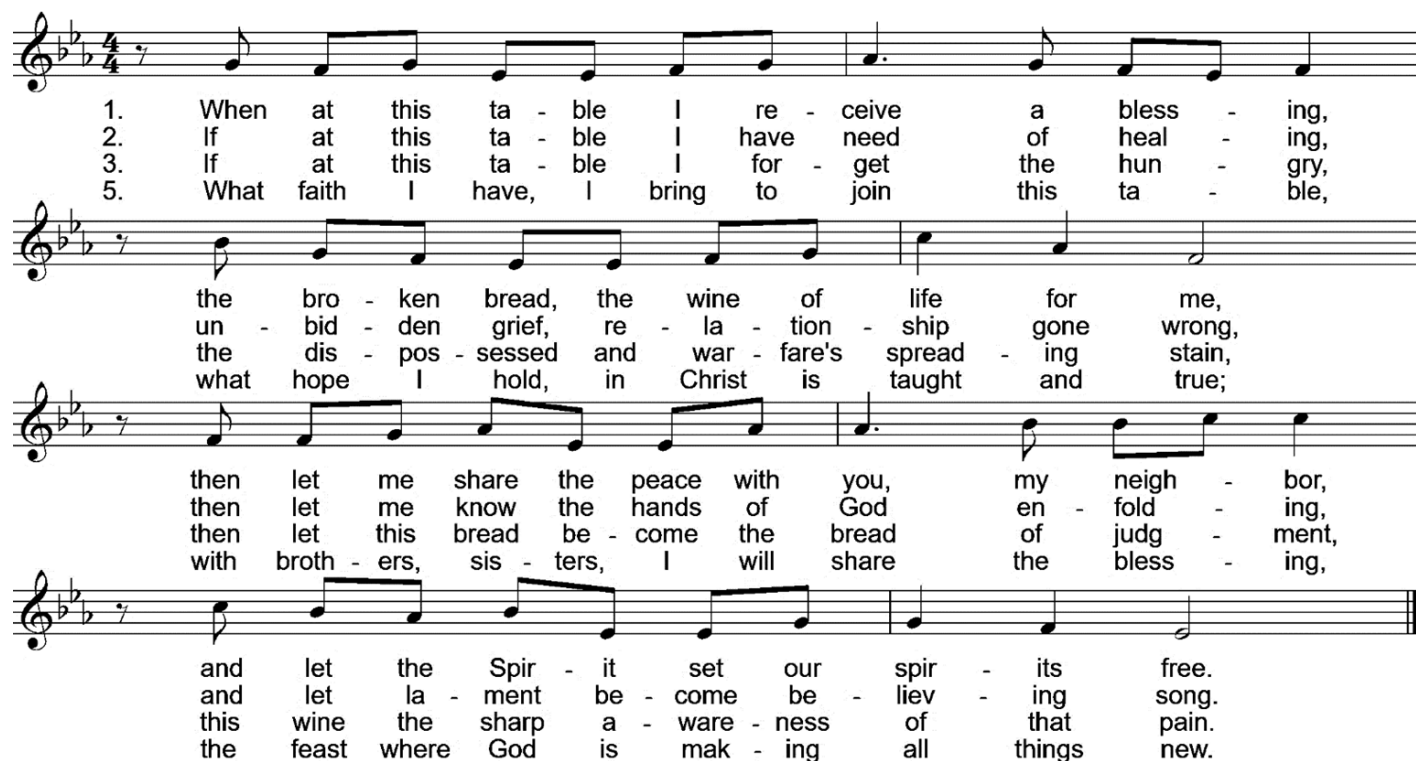
## Prayer After Communion

**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.**

## ✠ Hymn

When at This Table (Verses 1,2,3 & 5)

FEASTDAY



1. When at this ta - ble I re - ceive a bless - ing,  
2. If at this ta - ble I have need of heal - ing,  
3. If at this ta - ble I for - get the hun - gry,  
5. What faith I have, I bring to join this ta - ble,  
the bro - ken bread, the wine of life for me,  
un - bid - den grief, re - la - tion - ship gone wrong,  
the dis - pos - sessed and war - fare's spread stain,  
what hope I hold, in Christ is taught and true;  
then let me share the peace with you, my neigh - bor,  
then let me know the hands of God en - fold - ing,  
then let this bread be - come the bread of judg - ment,  
with broth - ers, sis - ters, I will share the bless - ing,  
and let the Spir - it set our spir - its free.  
and let the la - ment be - come our be - liev - ing song.  
this wine the sharp a - ware - ness of that pain.  
the feast where God is mak - ing all things new.

## Sending Anthem

Tebe Poem  
The Sanctuary Choir

Dmytro Bortniansky  
(1751-1825)

Sung in Old Church Slavonic - translation:

We sing to you,  
we praise you,  
we thank you, O Lord,  
and we pray to you, our God.

## ✠ Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

Waltz No. 1 in D-flat, Op. 64

Fryderyk Chopin  
(1810-1849)

## WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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**Worship Hosts** – Pamela Paulsen (Lead Host), Harry Hoyt, Judy Guenther, Denny Jorgenson, Marilyn Jorgenson

**Sound/Video Technicians** – Mitch Doremus, Jim Middleton

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Today's liturgical elements are from sources unknown and used in a spirit of gratitude in the worship of God.

## 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 presence with all who are grieving the loss of Tom Ervin, Tim Nelson's father, and Patrick Downing's grandmother; for God's mercy and grace to touch Melanie Steckel, Desiree (daughter of Colleen Dueñas), Verna Burrichter, 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, October 1

Musikgarten - Zoom	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Zoom
Nursery Open	8:45 - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Sanctuary Choir Practice	8:45 - 9:15 AM	Sanctuary
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
		<i>World Communion Sunday</i>
PreK- K Cherubs Choir	10:00 - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Cherub Choir	10:00 - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Kirkwood Choir	10:00 - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Sunday School	10:35 - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Musikgarten - In Person	10:35 - 11:05 AM	Rm 310
ACE	10:35 - 11:05 AM	Von Maur Hall
New Member Inquiry	10:30 - Noon	Parlor
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:20 - 12:20 AM	Choir Room
Confirmation	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Parlor, Gym, Rm 302
Scout Troop 7 & 1107	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hall, Gym, Library

## Monday, October 2

Pickleball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Churches United Meal Prep	3:00 - 4:30 PM	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
Building & Grounds Meeting	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Rm 306
Churches United Meal Serving	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Offsite - Zion Lutheran Church
Personnel Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Zoom

## Tuesday, October 3

Caring Closet	9:00 - Noon	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Caring Closet Lunches	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	CE Building Entrance
Staff Worship Planning	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Church Staff Meeting	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

## Wednesday October 4

Pickle Ball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Nominating Committee	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Zoom
Bible Basics 201	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Zoom

## Thursday, October 5

TOPS	5:30 - 7:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
Vesper Bells Rehearsal	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Chapel
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Choir Room

## Friday, October 6

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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## Saturday, October 7

Memorial to the Lost (move shirts)	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Bethel AME Church to St. John's Methodist Church
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## TODAY

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### First Night Out - Today

FNO is a social group for couples and singles of all adult ages. This is a great way to meet new church friends and enjoy a social network of members. These groups meet monthly for activities which they plan. Often, groups combine for activities which accommodate a larger attendance.

Groups will reorganize in October. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 15th at 10:45. We will meet in Fellowship Hall (east side) following the church service for bagels, beverages and planning of activities for November 2023 through September 2024. Bring calendars and ideas for monthly activities.

Stop in the Narthex **today** before or after the 9:30 church service to sign-up and/or check your contact information. (communication is usually by email).

If you are unable to attend the planning meeting, you can still be part of the group. Contact Marilyn Jorgenson (563 391 2737) or Judy Hawthorne (563 391 9971) with questions.

### New Member Inquiry Class - Today

Are you excited about the new things that are happening here at FPC? Are you a new visitor or long-time attender who is not yet a member? Would you like to transfer your membership from another church to First Pres.? Please speak with Pastor Kris about the process for making a commitment to the FPC community. This is a wonderful church, and we are blessed as we welcome new members like you.

Today: Sunday, October 1 / 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM  
New Member Inquiry Class (Meets in the Parlor)

### Adult Christian Education Presentation- Today

At ACE, Joshua Ngau will inform us about Fishers of Men, a mission he founded a number of years ago. He will be talking about an opportunity for FPC members to support Kenyan children in their journey in education. FPC has supported this mission in past years. Please join us in Von Maur Hall to hear from Joshua following the service.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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### Upcoming Worship Themes

Sunday, Oct. 8	Season of Creation: Crying Out From the Ground
Sunday, Oct. 15	Season of Creation: We Serve and Protect
Sunday, Oct. 22	Season of Creation: What are You Worshipping?
Sunday, Oct. 29	Season of Creation: The River of the Water of Life

## Upcoming New Are You Interested in Joining FPC?

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Below are dates to consider:

Sunday, October 1 / 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM  
New Member Inquiry Class (Meets in the Parlor)

Monday, October 16 / 7:00 PM  
New Member Class meets with Session (In-person or Zoom)

Sunday, October 29 / 9:30 AM  
New Members received during worship

## Session Highlights - September 2023

- The Clerk informed the Session that annual church records from 2002-2017 have been shipped to and received by the Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA. Duplicate copies are retained in the Southwood Heritage Center. While safely stored in Philadelphia, the records remain ours.
- Ken Green from the Presbyterian Board of Pensions gave a presentation to the Session on health care options and pension plan options available through the denomination. This was done as the Session is considering the best way to provide health care and pension benefits to church staff.
- Approved use of FPC facilities for a CASI Community Band rehearsal in November and as a voting location for the Davenport city primary election in October.
- Approved a request from the Presbytery to use space at FPC for storing PEIA records. PEIA is currently closing their physical office space in Iowa City. This agreement will be reviewed annually.

## \_\_\_\_SPIRITUAL GROWTH\_\_\_\_

### Animate:Faith

With videos led by some of today's best Reformed preachers and theologians, participants will explore basic Christian ideas that tend to cause us some confusion. Classes will be led on Sunday mornings from 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM by Pastor Kris.

Animate:Faith Class Schedule:

#### **Sunday, October 8**

Sunday, October 15  
Sunday, October 22  
Sunday, October 29  
Sunday, November 5  
Sunday, November 12  
Sunday, November 22

#### **God: Faith is a Quest**

Religion: Spirituality is Not Enough  
Jesus: The Revolution of Love  
Salvation: Abundant Life Now  
Cross: Where God Is  
Bible: A Book Like No Other  
Church: An Imperfect Family



### **Pride of the Wapsi Family Outing**

On Sunday October 8 from 5 to 8, CEFY is hosting an Old Fashion Weenie Roast at Pride of the Wapsi! Come and go as needed. Hot dogs and smores will be available to eat. Activities will include a tractor ride, small pumpkin picking (at 6pm), our own campfire, and corn maze fun! The cost is \$10 per person age 3 and up. If this would be a financial difficulty for your family, please let Kristy know - we want everyone to be able to participate in CEFY events. Please RSVP to Kristy Woodrow at [woodrow@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:woodrow@fpcdavenport.org) as soon as possible. Hope to see you there!

### **Trunk or Treat - We Need You!**

FPC will be hosting our Annual Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday October 28th, from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Church members are encouraged to decorate the trunks of their vehicles and enjoy some fun and fellowship, as well as outreach with our surrounding community. In addition to candy, members participating in Trunk-or-Treat are encouraged to participate in the *Teal Pumpkin Project* by offering some non-candy options for children with food allergies or restrictions.

If you have questions or would like to decorate a trunk for this fun community event, please email: [woodrow@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:woodrow@fpcdavenport.org) by Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Bible Basics for October**

Bible Basics has just started a new video series called *Reading Biblical Literature, Genesis to Revelation*. This series is presented by Craig R. Koester, Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. As the title suggests, this is a survey of both OT and NT with insights into the narratives and characters we find there. We will watch and discuss one 30-minute video each week. There is some reading available ahead of each week, but if time does not allow you to complete it, join us anyway. All are welcome.

Please contact Mark Jones ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com)) for more information.

Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 891 7284 9383

Passcode: 831525

## 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (Fireplace Room), 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade (Room 311), and 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and will meet from 5 to 7 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evening of the month. Dinner will be served.

**Youth Group** – Our youth group will be open to any youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade! Meetings will be from 5 to 7 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



## MISSION & SERVICE

### Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club

*Between the Covers* Book Club (BTC) will be meeting Monday, October 16th at 12:30-2:00 PM in the church parlor. We will be discussing *Verity* by Colleen Hoover.

Come join us! Contact Bev Koos for questions at [dbcdtr6@yahoo.com](mailto:dbcdtr6@yahoo.com)

### 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!

## **Habitat for Humanity work a huge success!**

Thanks to the many hands from FPC who contributed to building the Habitat for Humanity house on Nevada Street in Davenport. Given the significant interest in this work from our congregation, we will be working with Habitat to create more opportunities to serve on this site, and others. You can always go out to the Habitat site independently and signed up to work at:

<https://www.habitatqc.org/>

In addition, Deacons will lead an effort for some level of regularly scheduled time for a group from our church to participate together.

As we continue our efforts for greater congregational vitality and working together, we are inspired by the work the past two weeks! Thank you for sharing Christ's love in our community!

## **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 [ruthbrown1@gmail.com](mailto:ruthbrown1@gmail.com)

## **COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**

### **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 of 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.

### **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.

## FINANCE

### August Financial Report

	August 2023		August 2022	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 45,392	\$ 43,207	\$ 39,215	\$ 42,382
Custodial Accounts Income	2,253	-	6,067	-
Compensation Expenses	(54,257)	(60,420)	(40,972)	(53,624)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(11,971)	(20,161)	(20,049)	(24,827)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(2,253)	-	(6,067)	-
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$20,836)</b>	<b>(\$37,374)</b>	<b>(\$21,806)</b>	<b>(\$36,069)</b>
Birdies Donor Challenge	-	-	-	-
Pandemic Relief Funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$20,836)</b>	<b>(\$37,374)</b>	<b>(\$21,806)</b>	<b>(\$36,069)</b>
	2023 Year-To-Date		2022 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 446,406	\$ 458,360	\$ 390,896	\$ 442,682
Custodial Accounts Income	45,571	-	82,337	-
Compensation Expenses	(449,842)	(480,962)	(338,973)	(388,560)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(125,549)	(152,892)	(150,037)	(194,387)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(45,570)	-	(82,335)	-
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$128,984)</b>	<b>(\$175,494)</b>	<b>(\$98,112)</b>	<b>(\$140,265)</b>
Birdies Donor Challenge	100,000	-	-	-
Pandemic Relief Funds	151,059	-	108,000	108,000
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$122,075</b>	<b>(\$175,494)</b>	<b>\$9,888</b>	<b>(\$32,265)</b>

All numbers are rounded.

## FPC STAFF

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## ELDERS AND DEACONS

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### Elders

#### *Class of 2023*

Jim DeReus  
Patrick Downing  
David Bowles Edwards  
Michael Ferris  
RuthAnn Tobey-Brown  
Jim Woods

#### *Class of 2024*

Peter Bawden  
Paula Burnett  
Kirk Christie  
Nancy Foster  
Bev Koos  
Diane Roebuck  
Karla Ruiter  
Jay Williams

#### *Class of 2025*

Dan Breinich  
Nancy Chapman  
Bonnie Johnson  
Nathan Kabel  
Kristine Oswald  
Mark Ruebling  
Vicki Stegall

*Clerk of Session*  
Mark Jones

### Deacons

#### *Class of 2023*

Ted Brown  
Al Frohlich  
John Gere  
Matthew Hennes  
Bob Lehnerr  
Erin Sodawasser-Hermiston  
Katrina Williams

#### *Class of 2024*

Paula Hartmann  
Andy McNeil  
Anna Putman  
Glen Roebuck (Moderator)  
Tom Vaccaro  
Sherry Williams

#### *Class of 2025*

Mitch Doremus  
Colleen Dueñas  
Julia Meyer  
Kristy Owens  
Terri Sheetz