



# First Presbyterian Church

*Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love*

Indigenous Peoples/Land Acknowledgement Sunday  
October 8, 2023 at 9:30 AM



SEASON OF CREATION

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



MATTHEW 25

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

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

✦ Worshipers who are comfortably able are invited to stand in body or spirit.

**Bold** indicates congregational response.

# Indigenous Peoples/Land Acknowledgement 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

Pastorale from Organ Symphony No. 1

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

#### 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.)*

#### Minute for Stewardship

Cathy Pratscher-Woods

#### Introit

God of the Mountains  
The Vesper Bells

David M. Kellermeyer

#### ✠ Call to Worship

Karla Ruiter, Liturgist

One: Great Spirit of Light, come to us out of the East with the power of the rising sun.

**All: Let there be light in our words, let there be light on our path that we walk.**

One: Let us remember always that you give the gift of a new day.

**All: And never let us be burdened with sorrow by not starting over again.**

One: 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.)*

*Refrain*



Sing to God, with joy and glad - ness, hymns and psalms of grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise dis - cov - er that to wor - ship God is good.

*Fine*

1. God u - nites the scat - tered and peo - ple, gath - ers  
 2. Such is God's great power and wis - dom, none can  
 3. God with clouds the sky has cur - tained, thus en -  
 4. God's dis - cern - ment nev - er fa - vors strength or

those who wan - dered far, heals the hurt and bro - ken  
 cal - cu - late or tell; keen is God to ground the  
 sur - ing rain shall fall; earth, re - spond - ing, grows the  
 speed to lift or move; God de - lights in those who

*to Refrain*

spir - its, tend - ing ev - ery wound and scar.  
 wick - ed and with hum - ble folk to dwell.  
 or - der food for crea - tures great and small.  
 wor - ship, trust - ing in God's stead - fast love.

## Call to Confession

We are called to be one body in Christ. Yet, too often we find ways to divide ourselves. We cast judgment on others and neglect the command to love our neighbor as ourselves. But, it doesn't have to be that way. If we will come before God, open to God's love, God is ready to show us grace and reconcile us one to another. So, in the sure hope of grace that we know in Jesus Christ, let us go to God in our prayer of confession. Let us pray.

## Prayer of Confession

**Great Spirit, look at our brokenness. We know that in all creation, the human family has strayed from the Sacred way—the way of love, respect, gratitude, and reverence for all life. We know that we are the ones who are divided. And we are the ones who must come back together to walk the Sacred Way—the way of love, respect, gratitude, and reverence for all life. Sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor, that we may heal the earth and heal each other.**

### *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: As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved; you are restored. In Christ, you are made new.

**All: A-Ho and Amen!**

## Listening for the Word

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### Anthem

Hanacpachap  
The Sanctuary Choir

Anonymous 17<sup>th</sup>-century Incan composer

Sung in Quechua – translation:

Bliss of Heaven, I will worship you a thousandfold. Revered fruit of a mature tree, long awaited by your people, protection of spiritual strength, heed my call.

May there be glory for the Lord, and for God's son, and also for the Holy Spirit. May there be glory for all eternity. For the life of all sustenance, May there be delight.

### Children's Message

Kristy Woodrow

### Prayer for Illumination

God of abundance, the land on which we walk is holy ground. Send forth Your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world. Open up the soil of our hearts to Your Word of life. May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who You are creating us to be. Amen.

### First Lesson

Psalms 24:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it,
- <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it on the seas  
and established it on the rivers.
- <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- <sup>4</sup> Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false  
and do not swear deceitfully.
- <sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the Lord  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**4** Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the Lord." **2** Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. **3** In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, **4** and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, **5** but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. **6** The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? **7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

**8** Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. **9** Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" **10** And the Lord said, "What have you done? Listen, your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! **11** And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. **12** When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." **13** Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! **14** Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me." **15** Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him.

**16** Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

## Sermon

"Crying Out From the Ground"  
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

## Responding to the Word

## Hymn

The Earth Belongs to God Alone

SIMMONS

1. The earth be - longs to God a - lone; hard  
2. The fer - tile ground through years of toil has  
3. All life be - longs to God a - lone, in  
4. Till God en - dows the earth once more with  
clay, rich soil, fine sand. Give thanks wher - ev - er  
cried for der - Sab - bath and rest fields. From a time of peace for  
wil - den's ness state of grace, may we low land, or  
E - den's state of grace, may we low land, or  
food is grown on bor - rowed ho - ly land.  
worn - out soil so land can be re - freshed.  
plowed and sown, God gives the good re - it yields.  
to re - store all land as sa - cred space.

## 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

One Great Spirit (Wakatanka)  
Composed for the Lakota people at Pine Ridge  
The Vesper Bells

Kathleen Wissinger

### ✠ Doxology

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS



1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our  
love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

### ✠ Prayer of Dedication

♣ Hymn

O for a World

AZMON



1. O for a world where ev - ery - one Re - spects each oth - er's ways.  
2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice  
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.  
5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.  
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.  
Where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

**Sending Anthem**

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works  
The Sanctuary Choir

Dakota hymn

♣ Charge and Benediction

**Postlude**

Toccata - The Acknowledgment

David Hurd  
(b. 1950)



## WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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Today's liturgical elements are from various Indigenous peoples 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 8

Musikgarten - Zoom	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Zoom
Manna & More	8:30 - 11:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
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
Kirkwood Choir	10:00 - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
PreK - K Cherub 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
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:20 - 12:20 AM	Choir Room
Pride of the Wapsi Outing	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Off Site
Scout Troop 7 & 1107	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hall, Gym, Library

## Monday, October 9

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, October 10

Davenport City Primary Elections	6:00 AM - 9:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
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
Finance	7:00 - 8:45 PM	Zoom

## Wednesday October 11

Pickle Ball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Women of Hope Bible Study	10:00 AM - Noon	Parlor
Bible Basics 201	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Zoom
Personnel	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Zoom
CEFY	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Zoom

## Thursday, October 12

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 13

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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## Saturday, October 14

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## TODAY

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### **Manna & More Breakfast Resumes**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall before or after worship.

Serving times: 9:00-9:30 and 10:30-11:30

Menu: plain and blueberry pancakes, blueberry compote, sausage, fresh fruit, and assorted beverages

Suggested donations: adults \$4.00, children 12 and under \$1.00

*Hope to see you today!*

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

**Today** from 5 PM to 8 PM, CEFY is hosting an Old Fashion Weenie Roast at Pride of the Wapsi!

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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### **Upcoming New Are You Interested in Joining FPC?**

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.

Below are dates to consider:

**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.

## Upcoming Worship Themes

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

## First Night Out

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.

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.

## \_\_\_\_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

### 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, Minnesota. 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) for more information.

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

Meeting ID: 891 7284 9383

Passcode: 831525



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

**Today** from 5 PM to 8 PM, CEFY is hosting an Old Fashion Weenie Roast at Pride of the Wapsi! Come and stay as long as you like. Hot dogs and s'mores will be available to eat. Activities will include a tractor ride, small pumpkin picking (at 6 PM), 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>.

### **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.



## 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).

## 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 [ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com](mailto:ruthsobeybrown1@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.

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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

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Matthew Hennes  
Bob Lehnher  
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Kristy Owens  
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