



# First Presbyterian Church

*Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love*

Garden Sunday  
October 15, 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](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.

# Garden 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

Chorale Prelude on "Melcombe"

C. Hubert H. Parry  
(1848-1918)

### 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.)*

### Moment for Stewardship

Anna Putman

### Prelude

Praised Be Thou, Jesus Christ

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

### ✠ Call to Worship

Ted Brown, Liturgist

One: Great Spirit of Love, come to us with the power of the North.

**All: Make us courageous when the cold wind falls upon us.**

One: Give us strength and endurance for everything that is harsh, everything that hurts, everything that makes us squint.

**All: Let us move through life ready to take what comes from the north.**

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.)*

1. Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,  
 2. We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,  
 3. Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,  
 4. God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,  
 nour - ish the life of the world in our care:  
 a - gents of death for the all cre - tures that live,  
 wa - ter of that bless - es and air that is sweet,  
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,  
 gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,  
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,  
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,  
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,  
 trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.  
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!  
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.  
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

## 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

Sing to the Lord of Harvest  
The Sanctuary Choir

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!  
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest a happy song of love.

By him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,  
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.  
He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase;  
he crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.

Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,  
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet ye fall,  
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.  
(John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875)

## Children's Message

Presentation of Bibles

## Prayer for Illumination

God of abundance, the land we walk on 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

Genesis 2:4b-14

<sup>4b</sup> In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup> when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, <sup>6</sup> but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup> then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground[b] and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. <sup>10</sup> A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, <sup>12</sup> and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." <sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup> So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

## Sermon

"We Serve and Protect"  
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

## Responding to the Word

## ✦ Hymn

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

1. To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord,  
2. God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man race  
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y stream,  
4. May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing word,

to help to set the cap - tive free, make plow - share out of sword,  
to live as stew - ards of the earth, re - spond - ing to God's grace.  
with righ - teous - ness in field and town, to cleanse us and re - deem.  
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.

to feed the hun - gry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,  
But we are vain and sad - ly proud; we sow not peace but strife.  
For God is long - ing to re - store an earth where con - flicts cease,  
As stew - ards of the earth may we give thanks in one ac - cord

to serve the poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
a world that was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
to God who calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

## 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

Reverie for Celestes

Thomas H. Kerr  
(1915-1988)

### ✠ 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

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

1. God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of  
 2. We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3. As grows the hid - den seed side, to dear fruit to that  
 4. God of the coun - try side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
 thirst from you need, all that you give; help us in  
 serves our who died, so to make us grows. Let all our  
 Christ who died, so to make us grows. Let all our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no in gift of yours a - bus - ed,  
 lives a new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused, your love be - stows.  
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

## **Sending Anthem**

The Blessing of Aaron  
 The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Walter Rodby  
 (1920-2005)

The Lord bless thee, the Lord keep thee, make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee, the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.  
 (Numbers 6:24-26)

## ♣ Charge and Benediction

### **Postlude**

Postlude on Italian Hymn

Healey Willan  
 (1880-1968)

## WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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**Worship Hosts** – Bob Terrill (Lead Host), Tim Nelson, Cathy Weik-Nelson, Mel Steckel, Luann Field

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

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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, 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 15

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
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
First Night Out	10:35 - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	10:35 - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
ACE	10:35 - 11:05 AM	Von Maur Hall
Musikgarten - In Person	10:35 - 11:05 AM	Rm 310
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:20 - 12:20 AM	Choir Room
Confirmation	5:00 - 7:00 PM	CE Building
Scout Troop 7 & 1107	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hall, Gym, Library

## Monday, October 16

Pickleball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
CDF Meeting	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Parlor
Session Devotions	6:30 - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall - Zoom
Session	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Von Maur Hall - Zoom

## Tuesday, October 17

Caring Closet	9:00 - Noon	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Caring Closet Lunches	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	CE Building Entrance
Church Staff Devotions & Meeting	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Church Worship Planning	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Troop 7 Committee Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
ACE Committee	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Von Maur Hall

## Wednesday October 18

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

## Thursday, October 19

PUNCH Meeting	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
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 20

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
PAS: Alex Gilson Organ+Film	7:30 - 9:00 PM	Sanctuary

## Saturday, October 21

No Scheduled Activities

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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### **The Building, Grounds, and Safety (BGS) Committee is seeking your help**

🍁🍂 COME ONE AND COME ALL TO HELP CLEAN UP THE FPC GROUNDS FOR THE FALL!!! 🍂🍁

*When:* Saturday November 11th, 2023

*Time:* 8:00 AM to NOON

Bring your rakes, trimmers, gloves, muscles, and whatever other tools you may have that would be helpful. Refreshments and snacks provided.

The more people the merrier.  
"Many hands make light work."  
Nehemiah 3 and John Heywood

We have such a beautiful building and property we want to show our pride and love and spruce it up! We hope to see you all there!

Questions/Concerns please text or call:

Matt Kabel 563-940-6133  
Karla Ruiter 563-349-0042  
BGS Co-chairs

Now for the twist:

If for some reason Saturday is rained out, the plan as suggested and blessed by Pastor Kris is to come to church in your work clothes. Immediately after church, you can build up your strength by enjoying a delicious Manna and More breakfast prepared by our wonderful CDF Committee. After enjoying your breakfast, please stay and help with the clean-up.

### **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:

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

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

### 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 by Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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	God: Faith is a Quest
<b>Sunday, October 15</b>	<b>Religion: Spirituality is Not Enough</b>
Sunday, October 22	No Class Due to Homecoming
Sunday, October 29	Jesus: The Revolution of Love
Sunday, November 5	Salvation: Abundant Life Now
Sunday, November 12	Cross: Where God Is
Sunday, November 22	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, 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) for more information.

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

Meeting ID: **881 1687 5549**      Passcode: **630481**

### Youth Ministry Dinner Chefs

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

Our new programming year is in full swing! 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

### Caring Closet Request

Now that the weather is getting colder, there is a growing need for coats and blankets of all sizes. In addition, the Caring Closet is in need of towels, sheets and diapers, if anyone has some to donate, we would be most grateful. Donations can be dropped off at church during regular business hours. Thanks!

### Kids Against Hunger

*Who?* - Anyone ranging from 5-105! So.. YOU! 😊

*When?* - Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 10:00 am - Noon

*Where?* - Fellowship Hall

*What do I need to bring?* - Adults bring \$20 cash or check (payable to KAHYQC) per donation to participate; kids are **FREE!**

*How do I sign up?* - Use your phone to scan the QR Code and sign yourself up for one hour, or both!

We are **SO** excited to have hands-on fun and to make nutritious meals for those in need! If you have any questions or concerns feel free to email me at [annajp19@gmail.com](mailto:annajp19@gmail.com) or text me at 563-343-0643.



## Habitat for Humanity - Upcoming Work Days!

First Presbyterian will once again sponsor work days to support Habitat for Humanity. Watch for links to sign up in the near future. Dates for FPC Habitat work are:

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Saturday, December 9, 2023



We can have up to 6 volunteers per day, first come first served once sign up begins. Volunteers can work in the morning, afternoon, or all day (830am-3pm).

Contact Glen Roebuck with questions at: [roebuckg2013@gmail.com](mailto:roebuckg2013@gmail.com)

## Hands-On Ministry Opportunity

The Caring closet has started a sandwich mission on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We are passing lunches out to our patrons that morning as they shop. 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

### 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)

### Travel Fellowship to Scotland

There are only 4 spaces left on our **Scotland: Land of Lore and Legend featuring the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo** with Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer. Travel dates are August 9-21, 2024. More information is available at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1210255>.

Scotland tour begins in Glasgow as we gather for worship together and continue to Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Great Britain. Our Christian faith will be enriched and inspired by Pastor Kris as we learn of the early churches, the coming of the Reformation and our Church of Scotland Presbyterian Heritage. Traveling north into the Highlands, we'll see if we can find the Nessie Monster in Inverness before cruising up the Moray Firth to the North Atlantic in search of otters, porpoises, puffin and other sea birds.

Our itinerary then takes us south along the eastern countryside to Blair Castle as we overnight in Dundee. Our cultural immersion and faith journey comes to an end in Edinburgh as Pastor Kris teaches more about John Knox's influence and a visit to St. Giles' Cathedral, the "Mother Church".

A deposit of \$698.00 plus travel insurance of \$449 holds your place. Tour includes airfare from Chicago, activities and most meals for \$6,329 double and \$7,159 single occupancy. **For more information contact: Linda Meadors 309-235-5806.**

## Holiday Christmas Lights & Dinner Fellowship

Sign up in Fellowship Hall after worship (check bulletin for dates) or in the church office for our annual Friday **Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Bus Trip to Clinton, Iowa's Symphony of Lights in Eagle Point Park 5-10 pm**. We need 25 participants to charter our school bus for the evening. First stop is Clinton's famous Candlelight Restaurant (known for Chicken George) for dinner and drinks on your own with lots of holiday fellowship. Then, it is off to Eagle Point Park perched on the Mississippi River bluffs for an amazing animated holiday light display.

We will return on the Great River Road route through Princeton and Le Claire to see more lights and decorations before arriving at the church parking lot. **\$25 per person is non-refundable, but transferable if purchaser names a substitute. For more information contact: Marilyn or Denny Jorgenson 563-349-9222.**

## 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.

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Jim Woods

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