



First Presbyterian Church

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Wilderness Sunday
Homecoming Sunday
October 22, 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

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, a church where EVERYONE is welcome. On behalf of the entire First Pres family, we want you to know that we are so glad you're here. We are a proud congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), where We Choose WELCOME!

We welcome followers of Jesus who are solid in their faith, and we welcome questioning believers seeking deeper meaning in their life. We welcome those who come from different faith backgrounds, such as Methodists, Lutherans, and Catholics, and those with no faith background at all; for we are all one in Christ Jesus. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

We hope you experience the warmth and friendliness of our congregation. It is a place that long-term members have described as their spiritual home for generations. It is also a place where people newer to our community of faith have found a safe and sacred space for themselves and their families.

Nursery care is available during the worship service for children (birth through age 4). The nursery is staffed by trained and background-checked caregivers from 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM. The nursery is on the third floor of the Christian Education (CE) building. Ask a worship host if you need assistance locating this space.

Kirkwood Choir (1st - 6th grade) and Cherub Choir (PreK - K) is offered during the service, after the Children's Message. Kirkwood Choir provides music for worship 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.



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.

Wilderness Sunday Homecoming 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

Prelude

Excerpt from Ballade No. 4, Op. 52

Frédéric Chopin
(1810-1849)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

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

Moment for Stewardship

Sarah Greim

Prelude

Ask, Seek, Knock
Kirkwood Choir

Nancy Raabe
(b. 1954)

✠ Call to Worship

Ted Brown, Liturgist

One: Great Life-Giving Spirit, we face the West, the direction of sundown.

All: Let us remember everyday that the moment will come when our sun will go down.

One: Never let us forget that we must fade into you.

All: Give us a beautiful color, give us a great sky for setting, so that when it is our time to meet you, we can come with glory.

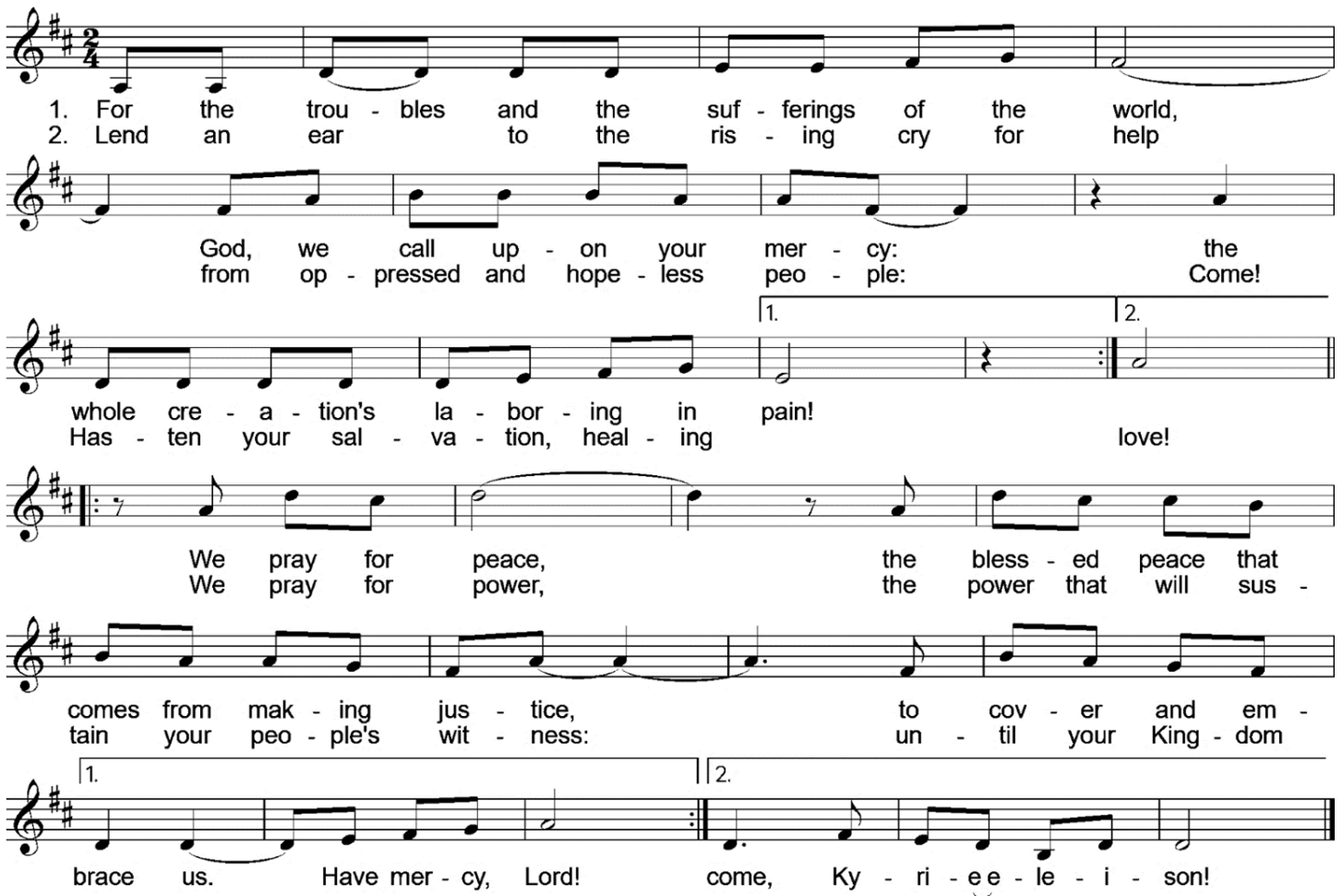
One: Let us worship God.

✠ 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. For the trou - bles and the suf - ferings of the world,
2. Lend an ear - ble and to the ris - ing cry for help,
God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the
from op - pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come!
whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain!
Has - ten your sal - va - tion, heal - ing love!
We pray for peace, the bless - ed peace that
We pray for power, the power that will sus -
comes from mak - ing jus - tice, to cov - er and em -
tain your peo - ple's wit - ness: un - til your King - dom
brace us. Have mer - cy, Lord! come, Ky - ri - e - le - i - son!

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

Anthem

Elijah Rock
The Sanctuary Choir

Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)

Come on sister help me to pray, tell me my Lord done pass dis way.
Elijah rock, shout, shout. Elijah rock, comin' up Lawdy.
Satan ain't nothin' but a snake in the grass. He's a conjur', he's a liar. Hallelujah Lord.
If I could I surely would stand on the rock where Moses stood.

Children's Message

Kristy Woodrow

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

Exodus 24:9-18

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the Israelites; they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." **2** Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." **3** So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. **4** He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" **5** When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." **6** They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

7 The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; **8** they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " **9** The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. **10** Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? **12** Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. **13** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " **14** And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

15 Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain, carrying the two tablets of the covenant in his hands, tablets that were written on both sides, written on the front and on the back. **16** The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved upon the tablets. **17** When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp." **18** But he said,

"It is not the sound made by victors
or the sound made by losers;
it is the sound of singing that I hear."

30 On the next day Moses said to the people, "You have sinned a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin." **31** So Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Alas, this people has sinned a great sin; they have made for themselves gods of gold.

Sermon

"What are You Worshipping?"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4. High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art Lord;
I thou mine - in - her - i - tance, now with and me, al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God



To share your pledge or offering, you may place it in the offering plate as it is passed down the aisle. If it is more convenient for you, please visit the church website at www.fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now," or you may donate directly from your smartphone by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera. You may also mail your pledge or offering to the church office.

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

♣ 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.

Homecoming Litany

One: You are living stones, cut from Christ, who is our Rock and Cornerstone.

All: We are members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. Brought together by faith with those who testified before us, we stand on their shoulders.

One: In Christ, the whole building is joined together. Rising upward, you are becoming a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling place for God's Spirit.

All: We recognize that we have not come to God alone. We are here through the work of those who came before us. And we do not persevere alone. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, urging us onward, encouraging us to do the will of the Lord.

One: Remember the work of your ancestors, who faithfully taught you the commandments of God. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. And when they ask, "What do these stones mean?" tell them that they might know the hand of the Lord. For unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.

FPC Members Age 70 and Older:

May those who follow in our footsteps be thankful for this legacy, as we thank those who came before us. May they be faithful to preserve it for all who follow them. As they stand upon the stones we set in place, may future generations say, "This our fathers and mothers did for us!"

One: Therefore, work together as one. Build with stones of love and faith; stones of justice and compassion; stones of hope and commitment. Stand firm on the foundation, which is your mutual faith in Christ. Keep your eyes on God, who is both the Author and Finisher of the faith.

All: For we are confident in this: The One who began this good work will carry it on to completion, until the day of Christ's return.

♣ Hymn

The Lord Is God

AZMON



1. The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2. With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
3. At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,
4. The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.
O child - ren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.

Sending Anthem

A Clare Benediction
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide:
may he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side.
When you sleep, may his angels watch over you; when you wake, may he fill you with his grace:
may you love him and serve him all your days, then in heaven may you see his face.

♣ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on "Azmon"

Robert Lau
(b. 1943)

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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

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

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, October 22

Musikgarten - Zoom	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Zoom
Nursery Open	8:45 - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Sanctuary Choir Practice	8:45 - 9:15 AM	Sanctuary
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Homecoming	10:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Fellowship Hall
Kirkwood Choir	10:00 - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
PreK-K Cherub Choir	10:00 - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
First Night Out	10:35 - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	10:35 - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Musikgarten - In Person	10:35 - 11:05 AM	Rm 310
Youth Group	5:00 - 7:00 PM	CE Building
Scout Troop 7 & 1107	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Fellowship Hall, Gym, Library

Monday, October 23

Pickleball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Nominating Committee	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Zoom

Tuesday, October 24

Caring Closet	9:00 - Noon	CE Building 1 st 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

Wednesday October 25

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

Thursday, October 26

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 27

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, October 28

Crafting for in Bound Holiday Gifts	10:00 AM - Noon	Fellowship Hall
Trunk or Treat	3:00 - 3:50 PM	Iowa Street Parking Lot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Homecoming Service and Luncheon - TODAY



A Tribute to those Seventy and Older

A special service and recognition of those older adults in our congregation. If you are 70+, plan to attend the luncheon following the service in Fellowship Hall.

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, come to church in your work clothes. After enjoying a Manna and More 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 22nd.

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
Sunday, October 15	Religion: Spirituality is Not Enough
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 – 2nd grade (Fireplace Room), 3rd – 5th grade (Room 311), and 6th – 12th grade (Room 302/youth room).

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

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

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

MISSION & SERVICE

Caring Closet Request - Cold Weather Update

Now that the weather is getting colder, there is a growing need **for adult winter coats, sweatshirts, 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 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 (8:30 AM-3 PM).

Contact Glen Roebuck with questions at: 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

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Scout Troop 7/Scout Troop 1107 at FPC

Our active troops, Troop 7 and Troop 1107 always welcome new members. If you are 10 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.

Between the Covers Book Club (BTC)

The book we are reading is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America. Our next meeting will be November 20th at 12:30 PM in the Parlor.

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RuthAnn Tobey-Brown
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Paula Burnett
Kirk Christie
Nancy Foster
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Nathan Kabel
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