



First Presbyterian Church

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25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023 at 9:30 AM



Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528), *Study of the Hands of an Apostle* (1508-1512)
Albertina Museum, Vienna

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 classes for children, youth, and adults are offered after the service. Children and youth 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.

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

To help you get to know the people sitting in your pew/row,
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbors.

*As we begin worship, please silence your cell phones.
Take a quiet moment to center yourself in the presence of God.
We invite you to meditate silently on art, music, and Scripture.*

Preparing for the Word

Prelude Excerpt from *Phantasie über den Choral "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott," Op. 27* Max Reger
(1873-1916)

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 Mission Cocoa & Caring Cathy Pratscher-Woods

Introit God Is Always There Toni Sullivan
The Kirkwood Choir

✠ **Call to Worship** Karla Ruiter, Liturgist

One: God whispers to each of us:
All: You are my beloved.
One: God whispers to each of us:
All: I have a plan for your life.
One: God whispers to each of us:
All: Come, and follow me.
One: Together we answer:
All: Speak, Lord, for we are listening.

✠ **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. Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;
 2. Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;
 3. We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;
 4. Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;
 en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
 you are open our hearts to re - ceive what you pray.
 say.
 You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion
 Yours is the sea, of yours the land, for you made them,
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,
 to God whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Life is a gift from you, O God. But we confess that we do not always live in ways that show gratitude for the gifts that you give. You give us time, and we waste it. You give us abilities, and we let them go unused. You give us resources, and we squander them. You give us unconditional love, and we place conditions on it. You give us forgiveness, and we do not extend it to others. We fall short of your glory in our words and our thoughts, in how we treat creation, and how we treat each other. Remind us that each day, each breath, each relationship is a gift from you, and help us to live in ways that say, "Thank you." Help us to live with gratitude, recognizing all that we have and all that we are comes from you. Amen.

A Time of Silence

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.)

Assurance

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel that before we could even confess our sin God had already stepped in.

All: God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ is grace and good news. Praise be to God!

Listening for the Word

Anthem

The Promise of Living (from *The Tender Land*)
The Sanctuary Choir

Aaron Copland
(1900-1990)

The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving
is born of our loving our friends and our labor.
The promise of growing with faith and with knowing
is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor.
The promise of living, the promise of growing,
is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.

For many a year we've known these fields
and known all the work that makes them yield.
Are you ready to lend a hand?
We're ready to work, we're ready to lend a hand.
By working together we'll bring in the blessings of harvest.
We plow each row with seeds of grain,
and Providence sends us the sun and the rain.
By lending a hand, by lending an arm, bring out the blessings of harvest.

Give thanks for the sunshine, give thanks there was rain,
give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain.
O let us be joyful, O let us be grateful,
come join us in thanking the Lord for his blessing.

The promise of ending in right understanding
is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbor.
The promise of living, the promise of growing,
the promise of ending is labor and sharing and loving.
(Horace Everett)

Children's Message

Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

First Lesson

Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Sermon

"Don't Just Go to Church...Be the Church"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

Let Us Build a House (Verses 1, 4, & 5)

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 Let us build a house where hands can will reach be - yond can
 Let us build a house where all are named, there songs and
 safe - ly and live, a place where saints and chil - dren and tell
 wood - and stone heard to heal where and strength - en, serve - dren and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed
 how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 and live words with - in the Word. Here the out - cast and the
 as words the in the Word. Built of tears and cries and
 vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of of grace; here the
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of of grace; let this
 love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions; *Refrain*
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger: all are wel - come;
 house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:
 all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

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

Pastorale on "Blessed Assurance"

Robert Lau
(b. 1943)

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



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

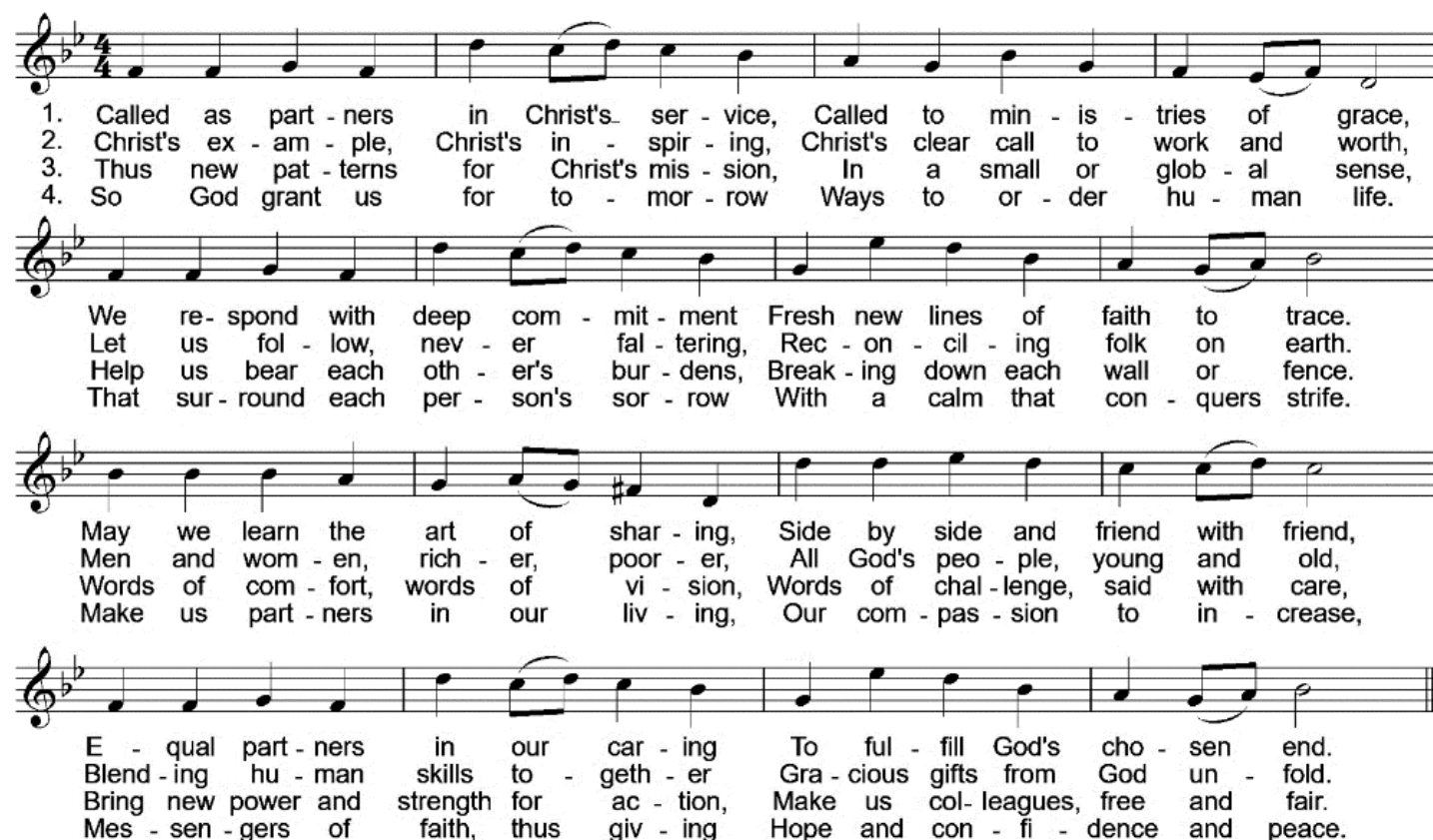
Prayer of Dedication

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another with whatever gift
each of you has received.*

♣ **Hymn**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER



1. Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice, Called to min - is - tries of grace,
 2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, In a small or glob - al sense,
 4. So God grant us for to - mor - row Ways to or - der hu - man life.

We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - tering, Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, Break - ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur - round each per - son's sor - row With a calm that con - quers strife.

May we learn the art of shar - ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, All God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, Words of chal - lenge, said with care,
 Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease,

E - qual part - ners in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

Sending Anthem

God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again
 The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Fred Bock
 (1939-1998)

God be with you 'til we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,
 with his sheep securely fold you: God be with you 'til we meet again.

God be with you 'til we meet again, if life's trials should confound you,
 God will put his arms around you: God be with you 'til we meet again,

God be with you 'til we meet again, his protecting wings will hide you,
 daily strength will he provide you: God be with you 'til we meet again,
 (Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

J. S. Bach
 (1685-1750)

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JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine and all who groan under oppression; for God's presence with all who are grieving the loss of Charles Gilbert Bowles (Marty Bowles Edwards's father), and for all in need of God's healing grace.

(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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH



Special Upcoming Services

Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Fellowship

November 22

7:00 PM

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 3

9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Family Service

Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24

9:30 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24

7:30 PM

Carnival Sunday: Featuring Music

from Ivory & Gold

January 21

9:30 AM

Angel Tree Giving



The Angel Tree is up and ready!

Directions: 1- select one or more tags
2- follow directions on the tag

That's it! No signing out of cards. Return unwrapped gift with tag here by 12/10. You could also return the gift to the Bethany office by 12/13. These directions are on the card.

Any questions, please text Paula at (563) 940-5477.

Thank you for making a difference to families in need.

Choir Thanksgiving Pie Sale - TODAY!

Today is the day to get your Thanksgiving pies! Make your way to Fellowship Hall after the service for the Sanctuary Choir's Thanksgiving Pie Sale. For a free will donation, you can take home some pie and support the mission component of the choir's next Music and Mission outreach trip. Don't miss it!

Session Highlights for October 2023

- Received Chris Knudsen into active membership at FPC. Welcome, Chris!
- Approved a Task Force to evaluate the church property landscaping.
- Approved an updated wedding fee schedule.
- Pastor Schondelmeyer reported that he recently completed goals review with all church staff members.

First Press Winter 2023-24 Issued



The "First Press" is a quarterly publication that is sent via email to subscribers who have signed up for the FPC eNews email. The publication is designed to keep subscribers informed about events and activities that are happening in our FPC community. From holiday concerts to community service projects, there is something for everyone. The publication also includes information about local volunteer opportunities. Whether you're looking for ways to give back or just want to stay informed about what's happening at FPC, "First Press" is a great resource.

____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	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

Intergenerational Manna and More

The entire church is invited to come together for an intergenerational gathering alongside Manna and More on December 10th after the worship service in Fellowship Hall! There will be no Sunday School classes or Musikgarten. Instead, we will be singing Christmas carols together and talking about some of our Christmas memories. Coloring pages and crayons will be provided for those who would like them. Join us to eat, sing, and enjoy fellowship during one of the busiest times of the year!

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 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.

Bible Basics for November

Bible Basics is working its way through a 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.

In January and February, the lessons will focus on the OT prophets including Elijah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. Themes to be discussed include justice, hope, anguish, and compassion.

Each week we watch and discuss one 30-minute video. This series lets you join in at any part along the way. You will be welcome no matter what your level of bible knowledge might be. It is a good way to check in each week with a small group of the FPC family. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information.

Bible Basics will be in recess on November 22, 2023 (Thanksgiving Eve).

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**

MISSION & SERVICE

Caring Closet Toy Give Away

The Caring Closet will hold its 3rd Annual Toy Give Away for our neighborhood families on December 5 and 12. If you have any gently used toys that are no longer being played with, we would appreciate your donation. Thank you for your help.

Cocoa and Caring ...Warm Hands and Warm Hearts



We will again be reaching out to our First Church neighborhood on Tuesday December 12th between 3 and 5pm with some hot cocoa, candy canes, warm mittens, gloves, hats and lots of Christmas spirit. We will set up a table outside the front doors of the sanctuary on Kirkwood Boulevard. In order to do this we need you to start bringing donations. Please bring men's and women's hats and gloves (can be dress or ski gloves), boys gloves and hats as well as infants and toddler sizes. You can also join us on December 12th. This event will warm your heart, even if it is cold outside. There will be a container at the back of the church sanctuary. Any questions, call or text Cathy Pratscher-Woods at 563-349-2288.

Caring Closet Request

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!

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

Habitat for Humanity - Upcoming Work Days!

First Presbyterian will once again sponsor work days to support Habitat for Humanity. Sign up using the links or use your phone to scan the QR code. Dates for FPC Habitat work are:



Wednesday, December 6, 2023
<https://bit.ly/3tVdFAh>



Saturday, December 9, 2023
<https://bit.ly/45RO6NE>

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

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

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 15th 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 LeClaire 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

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.



FINANCE

Giving Tuesday - November 28, 2023

#GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past 11 years, this idea has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity around the holidays. People can show their generosity in a variety of ways during #GivingTuesday—whether it's helping a neighbor, advocating for an issue, sharing a skill, or giving an extra donation to FPC, everyone has something to give, and every act of generosity counts. Generosity gives everyone the power to make a positive change in the lives of others and is a fundamental human value anyone can act on.

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Please consider joining FPC in the 2023 #GivingTuesday global movement by making an extra donation to FPC on November 28th!

Alternative Gift Giving

Looking for the perfect gift? Something unique? Something memorable? Almost everyone we know has enough stuff. Holiday shopping can become so much more meaningful when we give a gift that provides something to someone in need. Parents, friends, and teachers will accept your gift joyfully, knowing it has life changing consequences for the people it benefits.

After worship on the first three Sundays in December, come to the Alternative Gift Giving store in the Fellowship Hall. A child may benefit through education provided by Fishers of Men Ministries, families in developing nations may get access to clean drinking water, and neighbors in need right here in our community may be served through your support of our Caring Closet. The person(s) to whom you give the gift will benefit by not receiving more 'stuff' they don't really need.

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ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Jim DeReus	Peter Bawden	Dan Breinich
Patrick Downing	Paula Burnett	Nancy Chapman
David Bowles Edwards	Kirk Christie	Bonnie Johnson
Michael Ferris	Nancy Foster	Nathan Kabel
RuthAnn Tobey-Brown	Bev Koos	Kristine Oswald
Jim Woods	Diane Roebuck	Mark Ruebling
	Karla Ruitter	Vicki Stegall
	Jay Williams	
		<i>Clerk of Session</i>
		Mark Jones

Deacons

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Ted Brown	Paula Hartmann	Mitch Doremus
Al Frohlich	Andy McNeil	Colleen Dueñas
John Gere	Anna Putman	Julia Meyer
Matthew Hennes	Glen Roebuck (Moderator)	Kristy Owens
Bob Lehnher	Tom Vaccaro	Terri Sheetz
Erin Sodawasser-Hermiston	Sherry Williams	
Katrina Williams		