



First Presbyterian Church

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Reign of Christ Sunday
November 26, 2023 at 9:30 AM



Hinton St Mary Mosaic
Oldest known depiction of Jesus Christ in the Roman Empire
Hinton St Mary Mosaic - Wikipedia

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.

Reign of Christ 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

The Ash Grove

Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Pat Halverson

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

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Crüger
(1598-1692)

✠ Call to Worship

Kristine Oswald, Liturgist

One: We gather in worship with the Word as our illumination,
People: with the Spirit as our inspiration,
One: with the Savior as our redemption,
People: and with the saints who have gone before as our example,
All: to worship the Lord our 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.)

♣ Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

1. Let all things God now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing;
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,
 To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;
 Who fash - ioned and the made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 The hills and the moun - tains; The riv - ers and foun - tains,
 By the guid - ing of us the on - to the end of our di - vine.
 The depths of the o - cean the pro - claim of God our di - vine.
 God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
 We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing
 A pil - lar of o - fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise;
 Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness - ban - ished,
 Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,
 As for - ward we the trav - el from light in - to Light.
 To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we come to you in need of forgiveness for those times we have tried to be "almighty" in our own lives. We seek forgiveness because of our impatience, pride or ignorance, as we have sought to work out things our way without seeking you, or trying to accomplish your work in our own limited strength. Forgive us, and remind us with new hope of your love, your greatness, and your readiness to come to our aid in time of need, and to continue to use us in your kingdom work. Through Christ our Lord, 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

All: The Lord never gives up on meeting us where we are, and leading us on the right path. God shows mercy and is also our strength. Amen!

Listening for the Word

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

Daniel 3:1-12, 25-28

3 King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. **2** Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. **3** So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, **4** the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, **5** that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. **6** Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire." **7** Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

8 Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. **9** They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! **10** You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, **11** and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. **12** There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

25 He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god." **26** Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. **27** And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. **28** Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scriptures on God's Power

Romans 1:20	Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been seen and understood through the things God has made. So they are without excuse,
Job 24:14	These [wonders] are but the outskirts of God's ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of him! But the thunder of his power who can understand?"
Psalms 62:11	Once God has spoken, twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God.
Revelation 4:11	You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."
Numbers 11:23	Is the Lord's power limited? Now you shall see whether my word will come true for you or not.
Genesis 18:14	Is anything too difficult for the Lord?
Matthew 19:26	With humans this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.
Jeremiah 32:17	Ah Lord God! Behold you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for you.
Psalms 135:6	Whatever the Lord pleases, he does in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.
Ephesians 3:20	Now to him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works with in us, to him be the glory in the church.

The knowledge of God says: it can be done.

The wisdom of God says: it should be done.

The will of God says: it shall be done.

The power of God says: it is done.

Sermon

"Can God Make a Rock that God Can't Lift?"

The Rev. Pat Halverson

***Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory,
the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens
and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord,
and you are exalted as head above all.***

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise ye the Lord, the al-might-y, the King of cre-
2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things that so won-drous-ly a-
3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in dore
a-reign-eth, Him! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
dore-shel-ter, thee un-der His wings, yea, so
health and sal-va-tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
gen-tly sus-tain-eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de-
prais-es be-fore Him! Let the a-men Sound from His
tem-ple draw near; Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
sires e'er have been; Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?
peo-ple a-gain; Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him.

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.

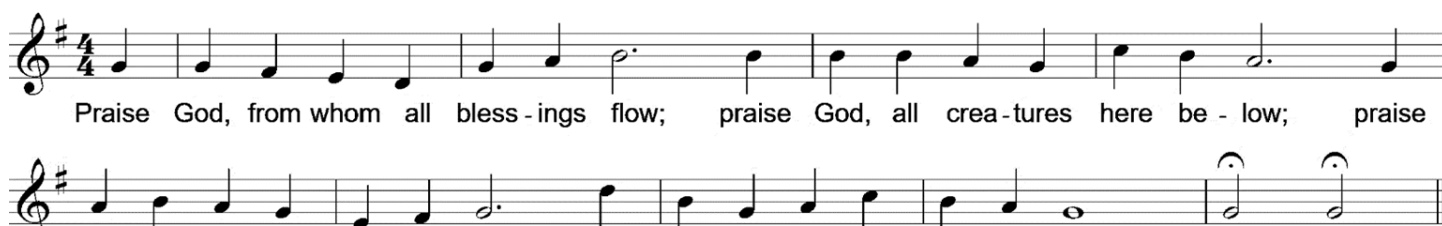
Offertory

Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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.

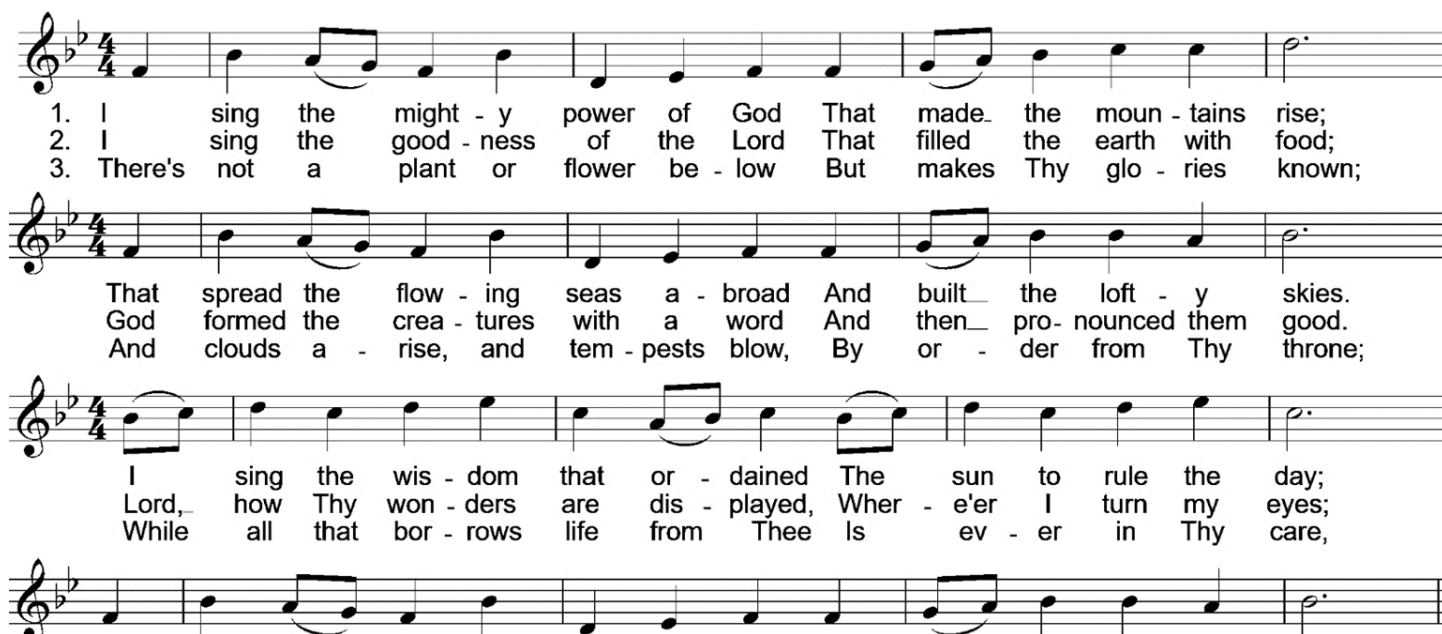
Prayer of Dedication

All: God of abundance, as you have poured out your blessings upon us, often through the generosity of others, may these gifts we offer also be used to further your work through this body. To you be all glory, Amen.

♣ Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE



1. I sing the might - y power of God That made the moun - tains rise;
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be - low But makes Thy glo - ries known;
That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea - tures with a word And then pro - nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;
I sing the wis - dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won - ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;
While all that bor - rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,
The moon shines full at God's com - mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres - ent there.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfried Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

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

JOYS & CONCERNS

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, November 26

Nursery Open	8:45 - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online

Monday, November 27

Pickleball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Advent/Christmas Decorating	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 28

Caring Closet	9:00 - Noon	CE Building 1 st Floor
Caring Closet Lunches	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	CE Building Entrance

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

Vesper Bells Rehearsal	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Chapel
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Choir Room

Friday, December 1

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

No Scheduled Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Meeting Scheduled for December 3, 2023

There will be a FPC Congregational meeting on December 3rd, 2023 immediately following the 9:30 AM church service. This meeting is for the purpose of electing new Deacons, Elders, and members of the Nominating Committee.

Pastor Kris Vacation

Pastor Kris is on vacation and will be returning to the pulpit on December 3rd. Please contact the office at 563-326-1691 if you have any needs or questions.

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.

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.

Special Upcoming Services

**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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Bible Basics for November

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.

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**

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!

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.



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.



MISSION & SERVICE

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 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.

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

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.

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.



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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RuthAnn Tobey-Brown	Bev Koos	Kristine Oswald
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