



# First Presbyterian Church

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River Sunday  
Consecration Sunday  
October 29, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.



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.

# River Sunday Consecration 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

Fantaisie-Impromptu

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.)*

### Minute for Mission

Kids Against Hunger

Anna Putman

### Prelude

Down to the River to Pray

African American Spiritual

### ✠ Call to Worship

Diana Miller-Bur, Liturgist

One: Great Spirit of Creation, send us the warm and soothing winds from the South.

**All: Comfort us and caress us when we are tired and cold.**

One: Unfold us like the gentle breezes that unfold the leaves on the trees.

**All: As you give to all the earth your warm, moving wind, give to us, so that we may grow close to you in warmth.**

One: Humans did not create the web of life, we are but a strand in it.  
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

### ✠ 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

## Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.  
2. No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
3. No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
4. Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.  
No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
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No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.  
Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

## 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!**

## Recognition of New Member

Presentation

Chris Knudsen

Scripture

Profession of Faith

Questions for New Member

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**New Member: I Do**

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ, and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**New Member: I Do.**

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

**New Member: I Will.**

Pastor: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry, through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**New Member: I Will.**

Welcome

## Listening for the Word

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### Anthem

Stand in That River  
The Sanctuary Choir  
Dawn Hickenbottom & Mark Ruebling, soloists

Moira Smiley  
(b. 1976)

*I went to my river, but my river was dry.  
The dust rose up to a darkened sky.  
Tell me, where is hope? Where do the waters run clear?  
I do not know my way from here.*

Come and stand in that river, current gentle and slow.  
Send your troubles down-water. Down on the that water flow.

When you stand in that river, angels sing in your head.  
Secrets beyond ev'ry worry. Dreams beyond ev'ry dread.

Tell me sister, brother, where does that river flow?  
If flows down to the great waters, where soon my people will go.

Oh time passes, passes on down the stream.  
Some days are so much sweeter, some days pass like a dark dream.

### 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

Revelation 21:1-7

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them and be their God;  
**4** he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

**5** And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." **6** Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. **7** Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Lesson

Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5

**10** And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

**22** I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. **23** And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. **24** The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. **25** Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. **26** People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. **27** But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**22** Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb **2** through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. **3** Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; **4** they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5** And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

### Sermon

"The River of the Water of Life"  
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

## Responding to the Word

### ♣ Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er; soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*  
Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;  
gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

### 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.**

#### Ritual of Consecration



*For the Ritual of Consecration, we invite you to bring your pledge for 2024 forward and place it in the basket on the communion table. You may also bring your weekly offering forward at this time and place it in the basket as well. If it is more convenient for you, you can always 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

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Arr. Lani Smith  
(1934-2015)

#### Prayer of Consecration

# ♣ Hymn

## Light Dawns in a Weary World

1. Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2. Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3. Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

*Refrain*

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
 the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!  
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
 as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

## Sending Anthem

The Peace of God  
 The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter  
 (b. 1945)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:  
 And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.  
 (Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

Improvisation on "Pennies from Heaven"

Arthur Johnston  
 (1898-1954)

## WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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**Worship Hosts** – Jed Steckel (Lead Host), Jim Woods, Sara Turner, Mel Steckel

**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 29

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

## Monday, October 30

Pickleball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
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## Tuesday, October 31

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

## Wednesday, November 1

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

## Thursday, November 2

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, November 3

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
PAS: Karen Bergreen, Comic	7:30 - 9:00 PM	Sanctuary

## Saturday, November 4

Kids Against Hunger	9:30 AM - Noon	Fellowship Hall
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

Are you excited about the new things that are happening here at FPC? Are you a new visitor or long-time attender who is not yet a member? Would you like to transfer your membership from another church to First Pres.? Please speak with Pastor Kris about the process for making a commitment to the FPC community. This is a wonderful church, and we are blessed as we welcome new members like you.

Below are dates to consider:

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.**

### 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:

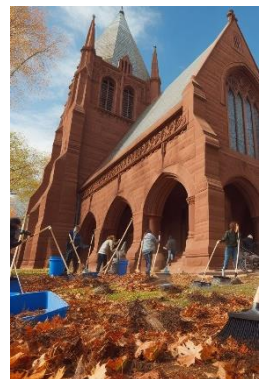
Matt Kabel 563-940-6133

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.



## 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.

## 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
<b>Sunday, October 29</b>	<b>Jesus: The Revolution of Love</b>
Sunday, November 5	Salvation: Abundant Life Now
Sunday, November 12	Cross: Where God Is
Sunday, November 22	Church: An Imperfect Family

### **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).

## Children and Youth Christmas Pageant Grownup's Informational Meeting

On Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have a brief grownup's informational meeting following the Sunday School hour at 11:30 AM down in Fellowship Hall. This year, Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. Therefore, we are planning to hold the Christmas Eve family service at 9:30 AM. If you think your youth or child(ren) might be able to participate in the Christmas Eve family service, please join us! All youth and children from babies through high school are welcome to participate! Our pageant this year will be a dramatized telling of the Christmas story. Expect cute kids in costumes, Scripture readings, and Christmas hymns!

## 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.



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

## 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, 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](mailto: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 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 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.

## FINANCE

### September Financial Report

	September 2023		September 2022	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 37,649	\$ 42,287	\$ 32,415	\$ 40,972
Custodial Accounts Income	4,751	-	2,353	-
Compensation Expenses	(55,768)	(61,383)	(49,635)	(55,148)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(15,721)	(18,006)	(25,183)	(20,097)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(4,751)	-	(2,353)	-
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$33,840)</b>	<b>(\$37,102)</b>	<b>(\$42,403)</b>	<b>(\$34,273)</b>
Birdies Donor Challenge	-	-	-	-
Pandemic Relief Funds	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$33,840)</b>	<b>(\$37,102)</b>	<b>(\$42,403)</b>	<b>(\$34,273)</b>
	2023 Year-To-Date		2022 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 484,055	\$ 500,647	\$ 423,311	\$ 483,654
Custodial Accounts Income	50,321	-	84,690	-
Compensation Expenses	(505,610)	(542,345)	(388,609)	(443,708)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(141,269)	(170,898)	(175,220)	(214,484)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(50,321)	-	(84,688)	-
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$162,824)</b>	<b>(\$212,596)</b>	<b>(\$140,516)</b>	<b>(\$174,538)</b>
Birdies Donor Challenge	100,000	-	-	-
Pandemic Relief Funds	151,059	-	108,000	108,000
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$88,235</b>	<b>(\$212,596)</b>	<b>(\$32,516)</b>	<b>(\$66,538)</b>

All numbers are rounded.

## FPC STAFF

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## ELDERS AND DEACONS

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### Elders

#### *Class of 2023*

Jim DeReus  
Patrick Downing  
David Bowles Edwards  
Michael Ferris  
RuthAnn Tobey-Brown  
Jim Woods

#### *Class of 2024*

Peter Bawden  
Paula Burnett  
Kirk Christie  
Nancy Foster  
Bev Koos  
Diane Roebuck  
Karla Ruiter  
Jay Williams

#### *Class of 2025*

Dan Breinich  
Nancy Chapman  
Bonnie Johnson  
Nathan Kabel  
Kristine Oswald  
Mark Ruebling  
Vicki Stegall

#### *Clerk of Session*

Mark Jones

### Deacons

#### *Class of 2023*

Ted Brown  
Al Frohlich  
John Gere  
Matthew Hennes  
Bob Lehnher  
Erin Sodawasser-Hermiston  
Katrina Williams

#### *Class of 2024*

Paula Hartmann  
Andy McNeil  
Anna Putman  
Glen Roebuck (Moderator)  
Tom Vaccaro  
Sherry Williams

#### *Class of 2025*

Mitch Doremus  
Colleen Dueñas  
Julia Meyer  
Kristy Owens  
Terri Sheetz