



First Presbyterian Church

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First Sunday of Advent
A Service of Lessons and Carols
December 3, 2023 at 9:30 AM



Paolo de Matteis (1662-1728), "The Annunciation" (1712)
St. Louis Art Museum

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.

First Sunday of Advent

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.*

"Soon to Be Born": An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Prelude

Wexford Carol

Arr. Trent Johnson
(b. 1963)

✠ Processional Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
God and Lord of all, And his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
own re - deem - ing love, For that child so dear and gen - tle is our
ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see him; but in hea - ven, set at

man - ger for his bed; Ma - ry was that mo - ther
cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, and meek and
Lord in heav'n a - bove; And he leads his child - ren
God's right hand on high; When like stars his child - ren

mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
low - ly, lived on the earth, our Sav - ior ho - ly.
on crowned to all in place while shall he wait is a - gone.
round.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

Bidding Prayer

Rev. Dr. Schondelmeyer

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.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle, the Candle of Hope

Owens family

Hear the words of the apostle Paul as they are found in the 15th chapter of Romans.

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."

We light the first candle of advent to proclaim the coming of the Hope of God into the world through the birth of Jesus Christ. We have hope because we know through Christ that good is stronger than evil. We have hope because God uses the faithful to work for good in this world. We have hope through Jesus' resurrection because we know that death is not the end of life.

One: Let us pray.

All: God of hope, open us to your spark, your life, and your vitality. Be born in us today. Amen.

Offertory

People, Look East

Arr. Wayne L. Wold
(b. 1954)



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.

Carol

Zion, At Thy Shining Gates

Melody: Bohemian Brethren (16th C.)
Text: Benjamin H. Kennedy (1804-1889)
Arr. George Guest (1924-2002)

Zion, at thy shining gates
lo, the King of Glory waits,
haste thy monarch's pomp to greet,
strew thy palms before his feet.

Christ, for thee their triple light,
faith and hope and love unite;
this the beacon we display
to proclaim thine advent day.

Come and give us peace within,
loose us from the bands of sin,
take away the galling weight
laid on us by Satan's hate.

Give us grace thy yoke to wear,
give us strength thy cross to bear,
make us thine in deed and word,
thine in heart and life, O Lord.

So, when thou shalt come again,
judge of angels and of men,
we with all thy saints shall sing
Alleluias to our King.

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-8

Diana Miller-Bur

To God's people in exile in a faraway land, the prophet Isaiah announces good news: God is coming back, and is bringing the exiles home!

Carol

Carol of the Stranger

Abbie Betinis (b. 1980)

Text: Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)

Peace and grace be to this house
where all are welcomed in;
receive the guest, receive this heart:
tell the Stranger, tell.

*Tell the Stranger what you cannot tell
those who love you and desire your joy: tell.*

Make tall your walls, make long these beams,
who once believed alone;
make wide the circle, feed the fire:
tell the Silence, tell.

*Tell the Silence what you cannot tell
those who love you and desire your joy: tell.*

Blessings be upon this place,
let every wound be healed,
let every secret, every dream:
tell the Angel, tell.

*Tell the Angel what you cannot tell
those who love you and desire your joy: tell.*

Peace and grace be to this house,
all will be returned;
let every soul be called your own,
tell the Mystery, tell.

*Tell the Mystery what you cannot tell
those who love you and desire your joy: tell.*

Second Lesson

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Kristine Oswald

The prophet Jeremiah offers hope for a righteous branch, a just king who is yet to come.

Carol

In the Stillness

Sally Beamish (b. 1956)

Text: Katrina Shepherd (b. 1940)

In the stillness of a church
where candles glow,
in the softness of a fall
of fresh white snow,
in the brightness of the stars
that shine this night,
in the calmness of a pool
of healing light.

In the clearness of a choir
that softly sings,
in the oneness of a hush
of angels wings,
in the mildness of a night by stable bare,
in the quietness of a lull
near cradle fair,

There's a patience as we wait
for a new morn,
and the presence of a child
soon to be born.

♣ Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing, from the ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, rose I have in mind;
 3. This flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,
 of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by the faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where.
 It came, a flower - et - bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right, she bore sin for us death a he
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he
 win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Third Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-10

Dianna Darland

To a nation of war and weapons, God promises a king who will establish a reign of peace.

♣ Hymn

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, Your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2. Christ brings God's rule, O Zi - on; He comes from heav'n a - bove.
 3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; Your Sav - ior's rule em - brace.
 Let ev - ery hill and val - ley A lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 And tid - ings of sal - va - tion Pro - claim in ev - ery place.
 Greet One who comes in glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, For grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, Their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.
 O blest is Christ that came In God's most ho - ly name.

Fourth Lesson

Haggai 2:6-9

Karla Ruiter

The prophet Haggai promises to God's people a temple even more glorious than the temple of old.

Carol

On Jordan's Bank

WINCHESTER NEW

Arr. Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Text: Charles Coffin, trans. John Chandler

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward.
Without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets our people free,
whom with Creator we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Fifth Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-6

Jay Williams

The prophet Isaiah announces renewal both of the land and of God's people on the coming day of redemption.

Carol

I Am the Day

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

Text: St. Christopher and Revelation 22:16, 13

I am the day soon to be born.
I am the sprig from the root of David and the bright star of the morning.
I am the alpha and the omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Sixth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Nancy Chapman

The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will give birth to a ruler whose reign shall never end.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
this is the salutation of the Angel Gabriel.*

Tidings true there become new,
sent from the Trinity
by Gabriel to Nazareth,
city of Galilee.
A clean maiden, a pure virgin,
By her humility
Shall now conceive the Person
Second in Deity.
(refrain)

When that he presented was
before her fair visage,
in most demure and goodly wise
he did to her homage;
and said, "Lady, from heaven so high.
That Lordes heritage,
for he of thee now born will be,
I'm sent on his message.
(refrain)

"Hail, Virgin celestial,
the meekest that ever was!
Hail, temple of the Deity!
Hail, mirror of all grace!
Hail, Virgin pure! I thee ensure,
within a little space
thou shalt conceive, and him receive
that shall bring great solace.
(refrain)

Samantha Crow, soloist

Hymn

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

1. My soul gives glo - ry great to my God. My
2. My God has done - ry great things for me: yes,
3. From age to age, to all who fear, such
4. Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro
5. Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - ve - lous ways.
clare - me - blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

Jesus proclaims the coming of the kin-dom of God.

Carol

People Look East

Besançon carol

Arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

People look East, the time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
*People look East, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.*

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
*People look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.*

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
*People look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.*

Angels, announce to man and beast
him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the Word, the Lord is coming.
*People look East, and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.*

✠ Blessing

Rev. Dr. Schondelmeyer

One: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and
remain with you always.

All: Amen.

♣ Recessional Hymn

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

1. Lo, he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him,
 3. The dear to - kens of his pas - sion thee,
 4. Yes, A - men! Let all a - dore thee,

once robed for in fa - vored sin - ners slain; thou - sand,
 still in his dread - ful maj - es - ty; those who
 high on thy e - ter - nal throne; cause of ior,

thou set - sand saints at - tend ing him, swell the
 set end at less naught and - ul sold him, and
 take the power and glo - ry, pierced the
 tri - umph of his train. Hal - le - ly -
 nailed him to wor - ship the ship - ers; own. Hal - le - ly -
 ran - somed dom for thine own. Hal - le - ly -
 king - dom for thine own. Hal - le - ly -

lu - jah! Hal - le - ly - lu - jah!
 wail - ing, Hal - le - ly - wail - ing,
 rap - ture, Hal - le - ly - rap - ture,
 lu - jah! Hal - le - ly - lu - jah!

Hal - le - ly - lu - jah! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
 deep - ly - wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - ri - ous scars!
 Hal - le - ly - lu - jah! Ev - er - last - ing God, come down!

Postlude

Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying

Arr. Emma Lou Diemer
(b. 1927)

THE FPC CHAMBER CHORALE

Matt Bishop, Director of Music

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 Linda Ruebling
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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), for the friends and family of Barb Thede who passed away November 17th, 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, December 3

Musikgarten	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Zoom
Nursery Open	8:45 - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
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
Congregational Meeting	10:30 - 11:30 AM	Sanctuary
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	10:35 - 11:30 AM	Sanctuary
ACE	10:35 - 11:20 AM	Von Maur Hall
Musikgarten	10:35 - 11:05 AM	Room 310
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:20 - 12:20 PM	Choir Room
Youth Group Planning Meeting	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Off site
Confirmation	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Parlor, Gym. Rm 302
Scout Troops 7 & 1107 Meeting	7:00 - 8:30 PM	CE Building

Monday, December 4

Pickleball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
FPC Walk Through	1:00 - 5:00 PM	FPC
Churches United Meal Prep	3:00 - 4:30 PM	Fellowship Kitchen
Building & Ground Meeting	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Room 306
Churches United Meal Serving	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Zion Lutheran Church
Personnel Committee Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Zoom

Tuesday, December 5

Caring Closet	9:00 - Noon	CE Building 1 st Floor
Caring Closet Lunches	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	CE Building Entrance
Staff Meeting	Noon - 1:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Church Worship Planning	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Toy Give Away	4:00 - 7:30 PM	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

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, December 8

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, December 9

No Scheduled Activities

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Meeting Scheduled for Today

There will be a FPC Congregational meeting today 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.

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.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Bible Basics for December

Bible Basics is discussing a new video series called *Reading Biblical Literature, Genesis to Revelation*. Presented by Craig R. Koester, Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, this is a survey of both OT and NT with insights into the narratives and characters we find there. In December, the stories include King David and King Solomon. We will watch and discuss one 30-minute video each week. All are welcome.

Bible Basics will be in recess on December 27, 2023 and January 3, 2024.

Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information.

Here is the 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! The menu for December 10 will include Biscuits and gravy, waffles, sausage, blueberry compote, fresh fruit, various beverages and toppings.

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!

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

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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