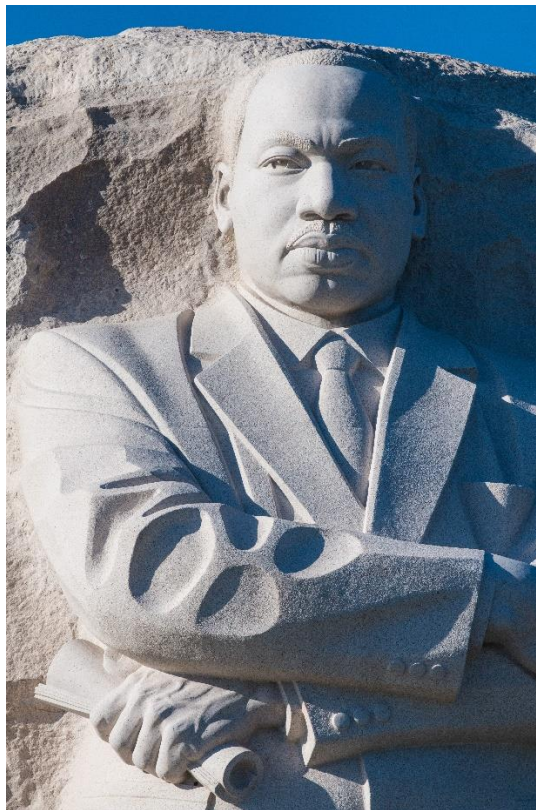




First Presbyterian Church

Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
January 14, 2024 at 9:30 AM



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A congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport

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

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

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

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

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

MusikGarten, a program for parents/caregivers and young children (birth through age 4), is provided after the service in room #310 of the CE building. MusikGarten is our unique program that allows participation in a fun, energetic environment while instilling a love and understanding of music in young children.

Sunday school 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.

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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

Praeludium in C, BWV 547

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements

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.)

Prelude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Eugene W. Hancock
(1929-1994)

✠ Call to Worship

Jay Williams, Liturgist

One: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

All: God is there.

One: When the Wise Men give gifts to Jesus,

All: God is there.

One: When Jesus is presented in the temple to Simeon and Anna,

All: God is there.

One: When Jesus and his family flee to Egypt to escape violence and persecution,

All: God is there.

One: This very morning,

All: God is here.

One: In our children's future that we cannot see,

All: God is already there. Let us worship God!

✦ Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!


All: And also with you!

(In a way that is comfortable for you, please share the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

✦ Hymn

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH



1. God is here! As we Your peo - ple Meet to
 2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our
 3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the
 4. Lord of all, of church and king - dom, In an

of - fer praise and prayer. May we find in
 life - long need of grace; Here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold, Here, as bread and
 age of change and doubt Keep us faith - ful

ful - ler mea - sure What it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; Here the sus - tains has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ us as pur - pose old.
 to the gos - pel, Help us work Your pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, All our
 Here, in the hon - es - ty of the preach - ing, Here in
 Here, in this ser - vants' of the Ser - vant in
 Here, day's ded - i - ca - tion, All in we

var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, Here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to give, ex - plore What it means in
 have to give, re - ceive; We, who can - not

of the Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God to the Spir - it comes each.
 dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve - it and to do. We be - lieve.
 live with - out You, We a - dore You! We be - lieve.

Call to Confession

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom. Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child, while doing whatever was needed to protect him, that he might know love and safety. And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod. Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety. Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of those most vulnerable. Whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power, or because we fear to know, and to change, the injustices of this world.

Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, may we always be an example of your love for our children and grandchildren, for our nieces and nephews, for a new generation. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: We know that when God thinks of us, God does not remember our sin, but through the light of God's own steadfast love and mercy for us, God sees a new creation.

All: **Knowing that we are forgiven, may we have the strength to forgive one another. Amen.**

*In your righteousness
deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.*

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Lift Every Voice and Sing
The Sanctuary Choir

J. Rosamund Johnson (1873-1954)
Arr. Roland Carter (b. 1942)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our people sighed.
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.
(James Weldon Johnson, 1871-1938)

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.

*Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.*

First Lesson

Psalm 71:1-6

- ¹ In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
³ Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
⁵ For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
⁶ From my birth I have leaned upon you,
my protector since my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Father's Dreams"
The Dr. Rev. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn

In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy (Stanzas 1-3, 5)

1. In Beth - le - hem a new - born boy was hailed with
2. The sol - diers sought the child in vain: not yet was
3. Still rage the fires of hate to - day, and in no -
5. May that great love our lives con - trol and con - quer

songs of praise and joy. Then warn - ing came of
he to share our pain; but down the a - ges
cents the price must pay, while ach - ing hearts in
hate in ev - ery soul, till, pledged to build and

dan - ger near: King Her - od's troops would soon ap - pear.
rings the cry of those who saw their chil - dren die.
ev - ery land cry out, "We can - not un - der - stand!"
not de - stroy, we share your pain and find your joy.

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.

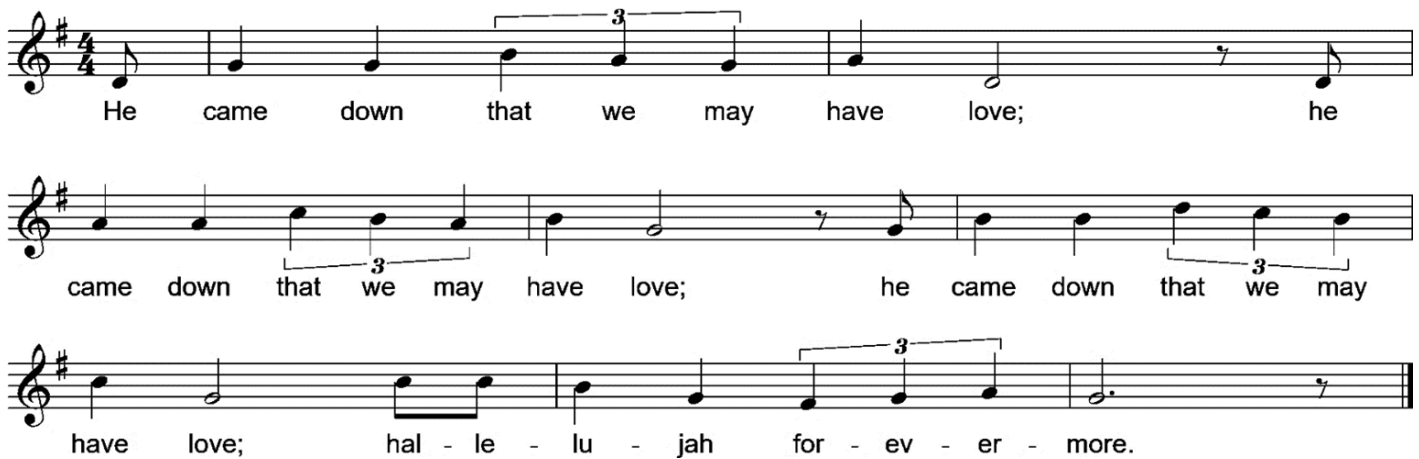
Offertory

Spiritual: Round About the Mountain

Noel Da Costa
(1929-2002)

Doxology

He Came Down (Stanza 1)



Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

As part of worship today we take time to ordain and/or install Connie Connolly, Amy Saskowski, Sarah Soenksen, Andy Edwards, Al Frohlich, Bob Lehnherr, Phylis Pecoraro, and Katrina Williams who have been elected to the office of Deacon, and Denny Jorgenson, Dianna Darland, Rachel Frohlich, Kathy Knox, Diana Miller-Bur, Cathy Pratscher-Woods, and Jed Steckel who have been elected to the office of Elder.

Questions for Elders/Deacons-elect:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do!

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do!

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will!

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ., under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will!

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with the subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will!

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will!

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do!

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will!

To those elected as elders. Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will!

To those elected as deacons. Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will!

Questions for the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church accept Denny Jorgenson, Dianna Darland, Rachel Frohlich, Kathy Knox, Diana Miller-Bur, Cathy Pratscher-Woods, and Jed Steckel as elders, and Connie Connolly, Amy Saskowski, Sarah Soenksen, Andy Edwards, Al Frohlich, Bob Lehnherr, Phylis Pecoraro, and Katrina Williams as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do!

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church?

We do!

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

✠ Hymn

O For A World

AZMON



1. O for a world where ev - ery - one Re - spects each oth - er's ways.
2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.
5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

Sending Anthem

The Blessing of Aaron

Arr. Walter Rodby
(1917-2005)

The Lord bless thee, the Lord keep thee, make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on *Lift Every Voice*

Mark A. Miller
(b. 1967)

WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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The Call to Worship was adapted from a litany by Rev. Robert George, Karen George, Judy Colby-George.

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

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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 Helen Fullerton (Cathy Nelson's mother); for God's presence with all who are grieving the loss of John Meinert (Beth Tinsman's father); for God's mercy and grace to touch Wayne Hean and 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, January 14

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| 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 |
| Sunday School | 10:35 - 11:05 AM | CE Building 3 rd Floor |
| Musikgarten | 10:35 - 11:05 AM | CE Building 3 rd Floor |
| Adult Christian Education | 10:35 - 11:20 AM | Von Maur Hall |
| Chamber Chorale Rehearsal | 11:20 - 12:20 PM | Choir Room |
| Youth Group | 5:00 - 7:00 PM | CE Building |
| Scout Troops 7 & 1107 Meeting | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | CE Building |

Monday, January 15

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| Martin Luther King Jr Day | Office Closed |
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Tuesday, January 16

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| Caring Closet | 9:00 - Noon | CE Building 1 st Floor |
| Caring Closet Lunches | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | CE Building Entrance |
| Staff Meeting | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Von Maur Hall |
| Worship Planning | 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Von Maur Hall |
| Finance Meeting | 7:00 - 8:45 PM | Zoom |
| ACE Meeting | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | Von Maur Hall |
| Hospitality & Welcoming Meeting | 7:30 - 8:30 PM | |

Wednesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 18

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| PUNCH Meeting | 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Von Maur Hall |
| TOPS | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | Von Maur Hall |
| Foundation | 5:30 - 6:45 PM | Parlor |
| Vesper Bells Rehearsal | 6:00 - 7:00 PM | Chapel |
| Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | Choir Room |

Friday, January 19

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| Caring Closet | 2:00 - 5:00 PM | CE Building 1 st Floor |
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Saturday, January 20

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| Carnival Setup | 9:00 - 11:30 AM | Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Welcome Center

The Welcome and Hospitality Committee has opened a Welcome Center in the back of the sanctuary to help in the greeting of members and visitors to FPC. If you are new and would like information about our church, feel free to stop at the Welcome Center. We would be happy to connect with you. If you are a member who would be willing to assist at the Welcome Center, please speak with Andy Edwards.



Verbal Worship Announcements

As we find a new sense of vitality and have more going on in the life of FPC, our verbal announcements on Sunday morning need to keep pace. We want to make sure we can communicate as much as possible about the wonderful opportunities here at First Pres. To do that while respecting the liturgy and musical offerings of worship, our first prelude will conclude around 9:25 AM. At that time, Pastor Kris (or whomever is leading worship) will share the verbal welcome and announcements. This will allow our worship to begin closer to our 9:30 AM start time with a second prelude or an introit.

Session Highlights - December 2023

- The Session approved a motion that FPC will serve as the charter organization for a new Cub Scout Pack 7. Sean Jacobsmeier will lead this new group that will serve elementary-aged boys and girls. This will be in addition to the Scout Troops 7 and 1107 already in place for older ages.
- Approved Sunday, February 25, 2024 as the date of our congregation's Annual Meeting.
- Approved changes in the Deacons Endowment Fund. Because of the decrease in grant applications, the fund will now become the Deacon Mission Fund. Annual mission-related contributions from this fund will be recommended by the Deacons and approved by Session.
- The Finance Committee provided a look at a preliminary 2024 budget and a projection on how the 2023 finances will end. A final budget proposal will be voted on by Session in January and presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.
- Set Saturday, February 3, 2024 for a day-long Session retreat.

Transition for our Director of Christian Education

Sometimes when you listen for God's call, you hear it at unexpected times. Over a long period of prayer and discernment, I have heard God's next call for me - to step back from working in full-time church ministry and instead do God's work in a different way. Therefore, I have tendered my resignation as the Director of Christian Education. I will remain on staff through the end of February and do whatever I can to make this a smooth transition for all.

Serving this church has been a gift and getting to know each of you has been such a pleasure. It was hard for me to come to this realization because I absolutely love doing ministry with children and youth. I appreciate all the wisdom and support that members of CEFY have offered and the coaching Pastor Kris has provided. But I feel called to a different type of ministry and will use all that I've learned here to serve God as I move forward. I am so grateful for all of the love and kindness you have shown me during my time here and I pray that God continues to bless this church as you grow and serve in the future.

MISSION & SERVICE

Prayer Shawl Group Announcement for January

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Karla Jones is hosting the group in her home, 5910 Crow Valley Park Drive, Davenport. All who enjoy knitting or crocheting shawls, hats, scarves, and blankets for the Prayer Shawl Ministry of FPC and Knit for Kids (or other projects) are welcome. Questions? Contact Karla, mkjones@mchsi.com.

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 needs 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.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Awkward Silence: A Lenten Series on Dismantling Structural Racism

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has committed to being a Matthew 25 church, an initiative of the PC(USA). What that means is that, based on the scriptural call to compassion and justice found in Matthew 25, we've committed to focusing on three particular areas: Congregational Vitality, Eradicating Systemic Poverty, and Dismantling Structural Racism. This lent we are leaning in and focusing on that last area of Dismantling Structural Racism. We are partnering with anti-racism coach, Shani McIlwain, to engage in a 5-week series titled, "Awkward Silence." If you recall, Shani McIlwain was a guest speaker at the installation service for Pastor Kris. Shani will lead us in 5 sessions, hosted via Zoom, offered on Wednesday mornings (9:30 AM - 11:00 AM) and Wednesday evenings (7:00 PM - 8:30 AM). Sign ups for this series will start after MLK Day. All members and friend of FPC are invited to sign up for either the morning or evening sessions.

The cost to participate is free, however, we are requesting a donation of \$25 for workbook reimbursement.

The Awkward Silence Lenten Series will meet the following dates:

February 21, February 28, March 6, March 13, March 20

Bible Basics for January

In January, we will continue our video series called *Reading Biblical Literature, Genesis to Revelation*. As the title suggests, this is a survey of both OT and NT with insights into the stories and characters found there. The lessons in January will start with the Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. 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. We meet on Zoom.

Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 881 1687 5549 Passcode: 630481

FINANCE

2024 Per Capita - \$42.17 per member

"Per Capita provides the means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry." *PC(USA)*

The 2024 Per Capita is \$42.17 per member. A member is one who has been confirmed or has been welcomed into the congregation by confession of faith, letter of transfer from another congregation, or reaffirmation of faith. If you wish to pre-pay your 2024 Per Capita prior to 12/31/2023, please indicate as such with your payment. You can submit your annual Per Capita by mail or you can pay online.

November 2023 Financials

| | November 2023 | | November 2022 | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| General Fund Income | \$ 73,382 | \$ 63,017 | \$ 68,520 | \$ 62,522 |
| Custodial Accounts Income | 3,175 | - | 8,992 | - |
| Compensation Expenses | (55,208) | (61,385) | (51,805) | (55,148) |
| Non Compensation General Fund Expenses | (23,359) | (18,596) | (16,799) | (17,502) |
| Custodial Accounts Expenses | (3,175) | - | (8,992) | - |
| Operating Surplus (Deficit) | (\$5,185) | (\$16,964) | (\$84) | (\$10,128) |
| Birdies Donor Challenge | - | - | - | - |
| Pandemic Relief Funds | - | - | - | - |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | (\$5,185) | (\$16,964) | (\$84) | (\$10,128) |
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| | 2023 Year-To-Date | | 2022 Year-To-Date | |
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| General Fund Income | \$ 700,338 | \$ 610,691 | \$ 554,155 | \$ 592,178 |
| Custodial Accounts Income | 56,583 | - | 99,468 | - |
| Compensation Expenses | (614,618) | (665,115) | (489,558) | (554,004) |
| Non Compensation General Fund Expenses | (178,987) | (205,770) | (208,070) | (246,438) |
| Custodial Accounts Expenses | (56,583) | - | (99,468) | - |
| Operating Surplus (Deficit) | (\$93,267) | (\$260,194) | (\$143,473) | (\$208,264) |
| Birdies Donor Challenge | 100,000 | - | - | - |
| Pandemic Relief Funds | 151,059 | - | 108,000 | 108,000 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | \$157,792 | (\$260,194) | (\$35,473) | (\$100,264) |
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All numbers are rounded.

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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 Ruiter | Vicki Stegall |
| | Jay Williams | |
| | | <i>Clerk of Session</i> |
| | | Mark Jones |

Deacons

| <i>Class of 2023</i> | <i>Class of 2024</i> | <i>Class of 2025</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Ted Brown | Paula Hartmann | Mitch Doremus |
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| John Gere | Glen Roebuck (Moderator) | Julia Meyer |
| Matthew Hennes | Tom Vaccaro | Kristy Owens |
| Bob Lehnher | Sherry Williams | Terri Sheetz |
| Erin Sodawasser-Hermiston | | |
| Katrina Williams | | |