



First Presbyterian Church

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Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024 at 9:30 AM



JESUS MAFA. Easter - Christ appears to Mary

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 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 CE building. Please ask a worship host if you need assistance locating this space.

Kirkwood Choir is offered during the service, after the Children's Message, for all children ages five through sixth grade. Kirkwood Choir provides music for worship monthly throughout the program year.

MusikGarten, a program for parents/caregivers and young children (birth through age 4), is provided after the service in room #301 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 located in Von Maur Hall. Please ask a worship host if you need assistance locating these spaces.



COVENANT NETWORK
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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 Šakówiŋ, 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.

Easter 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

Cello Concerto in C Major, Hob. VIIb/1, mov. 1
Alex Gilson - Cello, Matt Bishop - Piano

Joseph Haydn
(1732-1809)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kris 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

An Easter Do-Si-Do on "Llanfair"

Alex Gilson

✠ Call to Worship and Confession

Liturgist, Nancy Chapman

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: The Lord is risen! This is the good news!

All: Let us go and tell the good news to all!

One: Let us worship God!

✠ Passing of the Peace

One: As we prepare to share the Peace of Christ with those around us in a way that is comfortable for you, we hope this is an opportunity to connect with at least one other person in a deeper way. After a brief time of greeting, we invite you to share with one or two others your response to the following question: What is a favorite childhood Easter memory?

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

All: And also with you!

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,
 3. But the pains which he en - dured,
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove,
 Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured...
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.
 Who did once up - on the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave,
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, Cre -
 Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save.
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 a - tor Christ and Ho - ly Ghost.

Call to Confession

We are all human and we all fall short of the glory of God, individually and as a society. But it is God’s nature to forgive us. God desires reconciliation, with God and with each other. God created us to be compassionate humans with clean hearts. So, let us humble ourselves as we go to God in our prayer of confession and reconciliation. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration, and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

A Time of Silence

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

Assurance

One: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us, knows us, and loves us as we are.

All: We give thanks, and choose to be changed by the amazing grace of God.

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Trinity Te Deum
The Sanctuary Choir
Kevin Sells, Jake Fekete, & Natalie Roth, trumpets
Steve Schwaegler, Monica Morton, & Chuck Comella, trombones
Emily Wren Baxter, harp
Tony Oliver, percussion
Alex Gilson, organ

Ēriks Ešenvalds
(b. 1977)

*We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee all Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee; The Father on an infinite Majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.*

*When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all
believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.*
(4th-century Ambrosian hymn, trans. from the *Book of Common Prayer*)

Children's Message

New Life

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; ¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20

28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Go"

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4. Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

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.

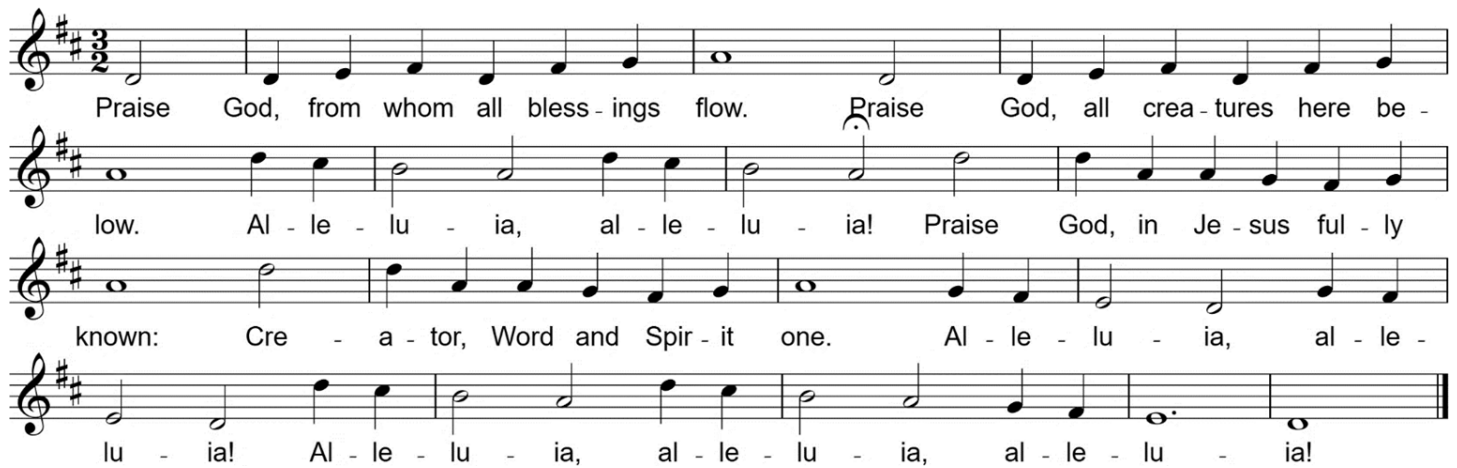
Offertory

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

♣ Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be -
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

♣ Prayer of Dedication

♣ Sending Anthem

"Hallelujah" Chorus, from *Messiah*
The Sanctuary Choir
Kevin Sells & Jake Fekete, trumpets
Tony Oliver, timpani
Alex Gilson, organ

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
and he shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
(Revelation 9:6; 11:15, 9:16)*

♣ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony V, Op. 42, No 1

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844-1937)

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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 mercy and grace to touch those grieving the loss of Bonita Wilson (sister of Lynda Hachmann); for God's mercy and grace to touch Kristine Olson and family upon the death of her father, Harry Olson; for God's mercy and grace to touch Glen Roebuck and family upon the death of his sister; for God's mercy to aid the recovery of Vaughn and Mary's granddaughter following an accident, for God's mercy and grace to touch Jim Woods, Carol Phoenix, Julie Pedigo (sister of Carol Phoenix), 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, March 31

Nursery Open	8:45 - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Pre-Service Announcements	9:25 - 9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Scout Troops 7 & 1107 Meeting	7:00 - 8:30 PM	CE Building

Monday, April 1

Office is Closed

Tuesday, April 2

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 - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Prom Dress Give Away	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Gym

Wednesday, April 3

Pickle Ball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Prom Dress Give Away	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Bible Basics 201	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Zoom

Thursday, April 4

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, April 5

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, April 6

No Scheduled Activities

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.



Matthew 25 Summit Sunday Service

Join us on April 7 for a very special service, where you will hear from congregation members who took part in the Matthew 25 Summit in Atlanta. Come hear details of the Matthew 25 movement, steps we have already taken at First Pres, and become excited about the future before us.

We look forward to seeing you!"

New Member Inquiry Class

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. Our next new member inquiry class will be held on Sunday, April 21 starting at 10:45 AM.

Session Highlights - March 2024

- The Session approved changes to the title and scope of work for two Session standing committees.
 - *Adult Christian Education* will now be *Adult Spiritual Growth* and expand their efforts beyond their focus on adult Sunday school.
 - *Congregational Development and Fellowship* will now be *Congregational Fellowship* and focus their attention to the many fellowship events at FPC.
- The Session approved the 2024-2025 Performing Arts Series program and budget. A summertime announcement party is being planned.
- As he did at the Annual Meeting, Pastor Kris shared his 2024 goals with the Session.
- At the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, committees are moving evening meetings to Monday nights, when possible, to limit the number of evenings Pastor Kris is away from home.

Update on How to Contact the Church Staff

If you need to get in touch with any of the staff or Pastor Kris at FPC, please use the Church's phone, the Office email address or assigned email address that are listed on the Staff page of the weekly bulletin.

Do not use personal Facebook accounts for church-related communications.

Church Phone: 563-326-1691
General Email: office@fpcdavenport.org
Assigned Email: Listed on Staff page of the weekly bulletin.

Attention Ladies:

Join us for a delightful Mother/Daughter/Best Friend Tea on May 4th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This event promises fun for all, with treats, crafts, music, and fellowship. If you don't have a Mother, Daughter or Best Friend near by, please attend anyway. Save the date and RSVP by contacting Colleen Dueñas at nonna428312@gmail.com or calling 563-514-6396. See you there!

MISSION & SERVICE

February 14 - March 31, 2024



Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Deacons Paper Hearts Drive

Once again, the Deacons are sponsoring a toilet paper drive to benefit the Humility of Mary emergency shelter. From now until March 31 you may bring your toilet paper donations to the church; our Deacons will deliver them to the Humility of Mary Shelter services. Our goal is 1,500 rolls. Send your monetary donations to the church office. Our Deacons are delighted to do your toilet paper shopping for you! Let's demonstrate love in action by supporting this worthy cause.

Join Us for a Deacon Meet and Greet!

After the Worship service, our dedicated Deacons will be waiting downstairs in the Fellowship Hall to connect with you. This is a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with your assigned Deacon and perhaps meet other caring members from your Member Care Team. Feel free to ask questions, share your thoughts, and build meaningful connections.

We look forward to seeing you there!

- April 7 Terri Sheetz - *Team 3*, Sherry Williams - *Team 12*, Lois Boyer - *Team 5*
- April 14 Connie Connolly - *Team 14*, Katrina Williams - *Team 16*
- April 21 Paula Hartmann - *Team 2*, Sarah Soenksen - *Team 10*, Phylis Pecoraro - *Team 17*
- April 28 Al Frolich - *Team 15*, Andy Bowles Edwards - *Team 7*, Colleen Duenas - *Team 1*
- May 5 Julia Meyer - *Team 4 & 9*, Anna Putnam - *Team 8*, John Gere - *Team 6*,
Bob Lenherr - *Team 11*, Amy Saskowski - *Team 13*

Communion to the Farthest Pew

We are excited to announce the revival of Communion to the Farthest Pew. All current and former Deacons and Elders are invited to participate. If you're interested, please reach out to Colleen Dueñas at nonna428312@gmail.com or call 563-514-6396. Once we compile a list of interested individuals, we will organize a training session and commence this meaningful ministry.

BRAND NEW Liturgist Signup

Have you been wondering what you could do to help the church? Are you concerned about time commitments during the week?

Being a liturgist might be right for you! There are no additional commitments beyond being at church Sunday morning.

There are now several ways to choose a Sunday service to be liturgist.

Call the office at (563) 326-1691

Use this link <https://bit.ly/Lit-FPC> to pick a date on Signup Genius

OR email Diana Miller-Bur (diana.miller.bur29@gmail.com) to be sent the link directly.

Caring Closet Requests - Prom Dresses and More...

The Caring Closet is hosting a prom dress giveaway. If you or someone you know is in need of a beautiful dress for your prom, mark your calendar for April 2nd and 3rd. The event will take place from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. It's a wonderful opportunity to find the perfect dress and make your prom night memorable!

If you would like to donate, we are looking for prom dresses in all sizes. In addition, the Caring Closet needs towels, sheets, and diapers. Donations can be dropped off at church during regular business hours.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

New Revamped Community Youth Choir Coming in the Fall

The Music Department has plans to relaunch the youth choir program at First Pres. Set to kick off in the fall, our goal is to create a community youth choir for middle school/high school-aged singers from throughout the Quad Cities metro. It is our hope to partner with local school choral programs, churches with youth but without youth choirs, and other community organizations to build a youth music program centered around connectivity and the many ways music can be a force for social justice. Stay tuned!

Compassion Camp Volunteers

Calling all volunteers!! We need your help with Compassion Camp! Compassion Camp will take place June 10-14 in the morning. Even if you're unable to attend the whole week or whole morning we can use your gifts and talents. If you are able to volunteer or have questions, please contact Marty Bowles Edwards or Abby Schondelmeyer or e-mail cefy@fpcdavenport.org. Look beginning in April for a list of needed donations for this exciting week!

Youth Ministry Dinners

The Youth Group is looking for families or individuals to sponsor a dinner(s) for us on Sunday nights at 5 pm. If you would like to donate money (suggested donation: \$35) for our Youth Group to buy pizza or would be willing to make a meal (for approximately 10-15 youth and mentors), please sign up here <http://bit.ly/47La4ny> or scan the QR code. Donations can be given to Abby Schondelmeyer. If there are any questions, please contact Abby Schondelmeyer: cefy@fpcdavenport.org.



Scouting at First Pres

Troop 7 was chartered in 1912 and is one of the oldest troops in the Illowa Council, BSA and is led by Scoutmaster Dan Darland. Troop 1107 was chartered in 2022, shortly after the decision to allow girls to participate in the BSA program and is led by Scoutmaster is Amy Gaghagen.

Troops 7 and 1107 meet on Sundays from 7 to 8:30 pm in the gym. In addition, they routinely go on monthly weekend campouts and annual week-long camps and hi-adventure activities.

Pack 7 is our newly chartered, coed, Cub Scout Pack which is led by Cubmaster Sean Jacobsmeier. Pack 7 meets every other Tuesday from 6 to 7pm in the gym. They will also be participating in some activities outside of their regular meetings.

The Troops and Pack always welcome new Scouts, both Youth and Adults. If you are interested in finding out more about Scouting, please contact:

Troop 7: Dan Darland 563-210-0350 - dandarland@yahoo.com

Troop 1107: Amy Gaghagen 563-370-3721 - abgaghagen@gmail.com

Pack 7: Sean Jacobsmeier - sjacobsmeier@gmail.com

Charter Organization Representative: Sue Ervin Troops 7, 1107, and Pack 7

Charter Organization Delegate: Theresa Jacobsmeier, Troops 7, 1107, and Pack 7

Committee Chair: Barb Lester, Troops 7 and 1107

Committee Chair: Chris Knutsen, Pack 7

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)*

Per Capita goes beyond simply supporting our local presbytery. Per Capita is the way the entire Presbyterian Church (USA) is able to fund the work of the Office of the General Assembly and contributes to the work of the national church. Supporting Per Capita through making a special contribution is a way to live out our commitment to be a Matthew 25 church in the 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. You can submit your annual Per Capita in the offering plate, by mail, or online.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Bible Basics for April

Following our recess during Lent, Bible Basics will resume meeting on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:15 PM on Zoom. We are working our way through the video series, *Reading Biblical Literature*. In April, the lessons will be on the stories of Jeremiah, the Babylonian exile, and the return from the exile. All are welcome to join us.

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

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 881 1687 5549

Passcode: 630481

Adult Sunday School: The Thoughtful Christian

As the world around us continues to be torn apart by divisiveness and partisanship, we are challenged by our faith in Christ to love all people the way that Christ loves us. But sometimes it is difficult to do when *the other* is someone with whom we disagree on pretty much everything. In this class, we will explore the concept of civility in public life, and how our faith calls us to stay at the table.

Thoughtful Christian: Civility Dates: April 7, April 21, May 5



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Covenant Conversation: East Iowa/Great Rivers

Expanding Our Welcome:
Creating Safe and Inclusive
Sacred Spaces Together



Saturday, April 27, 2024

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church in Davenport

1702 Iowa St Davenport, 52803

This event, jointly co-sponsored by the Presbyteries of East Iowa and Great Rivers, is designed for leaders and members of every congregation to take the next steps in offering an authentic welcome to LGBTQIA+ people in ways that show God's love and build up the church. Learn more and register:

<http://tinyurl.com/CovConEIGR>



Happy Easter /
by Hayden Williams

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Class of 2024

Paula Burnett
Kirk Christie
Nancy Foster
Bev Koos
Diane Roebuck
Karla Ruitter
RuthAnn Tobey-Brown
Jay Williams

Class of 2025

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

Class of 2026

Dianna Darland
Rachel Frohlich
Denny Jorgenson
Kathy Knox
Diana Miller-Bur
Cathy Pratscher-Woods
Jed Steckel

Co-Clerks of Session

Mark Jones
Marty Bowles Edwards

Deacons

Class of 2024

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

Class of 2025

Colleen Dueñas (Vice Moderator)
Julia Meyer
Terri Sheetz

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Connie Connolly
John Gere
Al Frohlich

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Sarah Soenksen
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