



# First Presbyterian Church

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**World Communion Sunday  
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 5, 2025 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.

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**Nursery** care is available during the worship service for children (birth through kindergarten). The nursery is staffed by trained and background-checked caregivers from 8:15 AM to 11:30 AM. 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** 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 kindergarten), 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. Check today's bulletin for schedule.

**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. High School youth are encouraged to be helpers in the elementary classes. Adult Sunday school is in Von Maur Hall. Please ask a worship host if you need assistance locating these spaces.



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 persons of all races, nationalities, genders, and sexual orientations. 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.



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.

# World Communion Sunday

## Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

### 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**

Allegro Moderato from *Organ Sonata No. 2*

Alexandre Guilmant  
(1837-1911)

### **Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

### **Moment for Stewardship**

### **Introit**

The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth  
The Sanctuary Choir

George Thalben-Ball  
(1896-1987)

### **Call to Worship**

Colleen Dueñas, Liturgist

One: Please rise, in body or in spirit, for the Call to Worship.

One: May we remember

**All: That God created.**

One: May we remember

**All: That God liberated.**

One: May we remember

**All: That God fed.**

One: May we remember

**All: That God is still creating,  
God is still liberating,  
And God is still feeding us.**

One: Let this be our story.

**All: Let this be where we begin.**

One: Let us worship holy 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.)*

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## Call to Confession

Please be seated.

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. Let us pray.

## Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, We admit to remembering the wrong things. We remember worldly lessons like, "Everyone for themselves," "An eye for an eye," and "All is fair in love and war." And yet, we forget to forgive seventy times seven, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to live like the body of Christ. Why is it so hard to remember the right things? Release us from our muscle memory and re-center us in a new place, a fresh place, a space grounded in your love. Help us to receive your word anew, and to consider stewardship not with the world's rules, but with your rules. Help us remember. With hope we pray, Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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 God's amazing grace.**

# Listening for the Word

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## Anthem

Tshela Moya/Ke nna yo Morena  
The Sanctuary Choir  
Dawn Hickenbottom, Samantha Crow, Mark Ruebling - soloists

arr. Michael Barrett  
(b. 1983)

Sung in Sesotho. Translation:  
*Pour the Holy Spirit down upon us, Lord Messiah.  
My eyes are focused like arrows.  
Here I am, Lord, in your Holy name.*

## Children's Message

## Prayer for Illumination

There is something about scripture that stirs us awake. For when we hear of a deep love that made room for everyone at the table, we remember that we are hungry. And when we hear of manna raining down in the desert, we remember that we are lost. There is something about scripture that stirs us awake, and it feels like hunger and it looks like hope. So stir us awake, oh God. Remind us that this story starts with love and ends with love. We are hungry, which is to say, we are listening. Amen.

## First Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,  
what is the breadth and length and height and depth  
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.***

**13** If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

**4** Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant **5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; **6** it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. **7** It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**8** Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. **9** For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, **10** but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. **11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. **12** For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. **13** And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"FPC Core Values: Love"  
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

## Responding to the Word

### ✦ Hymn

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;

and have the gift to all in - spire,  
and striv - ing so my love be pro - fess,  
our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,  
but not be given, by love ev - ery in,  
Let in - ward love guide love ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
the prof - it soon wor - ship, strange - ly thin.  
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

## 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](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

○ Thou, Image of Christ!

Naji Hakim  
(b. 1955)

### Greetings from the New PEIA Transitional Executive Presbyter

The Rev. Bobby Outterson-Murphy

## Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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### Invitation to the Table

Pastor Kris: Friends, today we join with believers across the globe—  
from small chapels tucked into mountain valleys,  
to cathedrals standing tall in bustling cities,  
from churches gathering under open skies,  
to congregations worshipping in hidden places of great risk.

This is the Lord's Table—  
not First Presbyterian's table,  
not the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s table,  
not a Catholic table or Baptist table or Methodist table—  
but Christ's table.

And Christ's welcomes all who desire to trust in God.  
Every nation, every language, every people,  
every story is gathered here.  
So come—not because you must,  
but because you may.  
Come, not because you are perfect,  
but because you are hungry for grace.

Pastor Bobby: On this World Communion Sunday,  
we taste the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation  
alongside sisters and brothers in every land.  
We remember that in Christ we are not divided by border or barrier,  
but bound together by love stronger than death.

So, come to this feast of hope.  
Come to this banquet of peace.  
Come to this table where Christ meets us,  
feeds us, and sends us out—  
to be bread for the hungry,  
and wine of joy for the world.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Kris: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor Bobby: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Kris: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor Bobby: Let us pray:

God of compassion and love, we thank you for the great banquet of grace. From many nations, you gather us. In many languages, you teach us one song of love. Where the world builds walls, your love builds bridges. Where people are wounded, your compassion heals. At this table, we remember that no one is a stranger, for Christ welcomes us all.

Pastor Kris: Gracious God of love, we remember Jesus—who showed compassion to the outcast, mercy to the sinner, and love to the least of these. Send your Spirit of love upon us and upon this bread and cup, that in receiving them we may be strengthened to live with compassion, to walk in love, and to share your peace with the world. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, God of compassion and love, now and forever.

Praying as Christ taught us, using the inclusive interpretation printed in our bulletins, or the words that are dear to our hearts, let us pray together:

### Lord's Prayer

Pastor Kris

**Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Distribution of the Elements

Pastor Kris: Bread; Pastor Bobby: Cup

### Prayer After Communion

Pastor Bobby

**All: Gracious God, you have fed and nourished us with this holy meal. Now use us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to nourish your world with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Sending Anthem

Tebe Poyem  
The Sanctuary Choir

Dmitro Bortnianskyi  
(1751-1825)

Sung in Church Slavonic. Translation:

*We sing to you, we praise you, we thank you, O Lord,  
and we pray to you, our God.*

### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

Litanies

Jehan Alain  
(1911-1940)



## WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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**Worship Hosts** - Pamela Paulsen (Lead Host), Judy Guenther, Denny Jorgenson, Marilyn Jorgenson

**Sound/Video Technicians** - Mitch Doremus, Jim Middleton

**Acolyte** - Harvey Hennes

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Michael Barrett, arr. "Tshela Moya/Ke nna yo Morena" (©2021 Walton Music Corp.)

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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**In Our Prayers:** families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and all who groan under oppression, for God's mercy and grace to touch Carole Scherz on the passing of her son Mitchel Williams, and those in need of God's healing grace; Alan Haverkamp, Linda Bengfort, Brenda Boyd, Bill Hawthorne, Shawn Lambrecht (son of Cathy Lambrecht), Patti Sothmann, Jim Woods, Carol Phoenix, Julie Pedigo (sister of Carol Phoenix), and Wayne Hean. Also, prayers of protection for Nicholas, grandson of Verna Burrichter, during his deployment with the US Navy.

*(Names will be listed in the list above for 30 days unless otherwise requested.)*

**Mission Partners:** Humility Homes and Services; Churches United; Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities; and P.U.N.C.H.

**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 5

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Kirkwood Choir	9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Sunday School	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Fellowship Hour	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Musikgarten	10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Choir Room
Quad City Youth Choir	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Choir Room
Youth Group	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Justice Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Choir Room
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

## Monday, October 6

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Churches United Meal Prep	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Fellowship Kitchen
Building, Grounds, & Safety Meeting	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Parlor
Churches United Meal Site Serving	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Off-Site
Personnel Meeting	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Zoom
CEFY Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Zoom

## Tuesday, October 7

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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## Wednesday, October 8

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Women of Hope Bible Study	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Parlor
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Zoom

## Thursday, October 9

PEIA Records Review Session	8:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Fellowship Hall
Sermon Talks	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Clean Team	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Vesper Bells Rehearsal	6:00 PM - 6:45 PM	Chapel
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Choir Room

## Friday, October 10

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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## Saturday, October 11

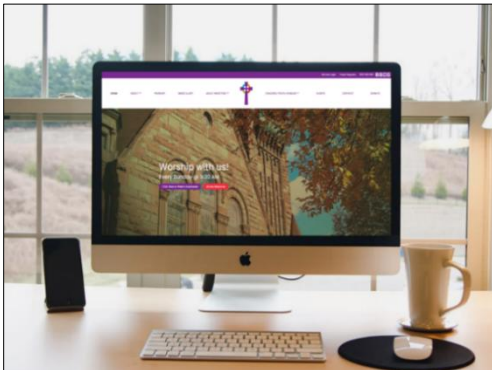
Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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### Our Brand-New Website is Now LIVE!

The updated site is designed not only to make it easier for our members to stay connected, but also to help visitors learn more about who we are as a community of faith.

We invite you to take a look, explore the new features, and let us know what you think! Even better—help us spread the word! Share the website with your friends, family, and neighbors so they can get connected, too.

Visit us at: [www.fpcdavenport.org](http://www.fpcdavenport.org)

### Can You Smell Pancakes Grilling In Fellowship Hall?

Manna and More is **October 12<sup>th</sup>!! - 10:30-11:30 AM**

Mark your calendars and bring your neighbors and friends to church on October 12<sup>th</sup> for inspiring worship and fellowship. Follow your church family downstairs for a delicious Pancake, Sausage, Fruit breakfast right after worship. Our round tables, seating 6, are perfect for conversation. Sit with someone you don't know! Make a new friend!

**Volunteer opportunity!** The Congregational Fellowship committee can always use an extra hand serving or cleaning up each month. Email: [dmjorgenson@hotmail.com](mailto:dmjorgenson@hotmail.com)



### Fellowship Hour Treats Sign-up

Now you can help make it happen! Sign up at the back of the sanctuary (or use the QR code or this link <https://bit.ly/FPCTreats>) to bring 40 servings of any treat—sweet or savory. Two people can split a Sunday (20 each), or one person can bring all 40.

**Note:** No treats are needed during Manna and More breakfasts or Scout Sundays.



## ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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### NEW THIS FALL: Contemplative Prayer Group

The Contemplative Prayer Group will meet on the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM** in Von Maur Hall. Engaging in a variety of compassion-based contemplative practices – such as silence, centering prayer, and guided meditation – the Contemplative Prayer Group is designed to cultivate compassion for self and others. Rooted in ancient Christian traditions, the group offers a peaceful space for deep listening, reflection, and connection with the Divine. All are welcome.

## Bible Basics for October

Join us on **Wednesdays at 6:15 PM** on Zoom. In October, we are continuing a video series on Biblical Wisdom Literature. Our topic for this month will be the book of Job and questions about innocent suffering. All are welcome.

Please contact Mark Jones (markandkarla75@gmail.com) for more information.  
<https://www.zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 881 1687 5549 Passcode: 630481

## NEW THIS FALL: Sermon Talks

Sermon Talks is a midweek daytime Bible study led by Pastor Kris where participants explore the Scripture passage for the upcoming Sunday sermon. Through open discussion and shared reflection, the group engages deeply with the text—asking questions, making connections, and preparing hearts and minds to hear God's Word in worship. Sermon Talks meets in person in Von Maur Hall **each Thursday from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**. A Zoom option is not available. All are welcome to join the conversation.

## Adult Sunday School

Standing at the beginning of the New Testament canon the book of Matthew has often been considered the first Gospel in importance as well. In this four-session study, participants will learn about the structure of the book, the original audience, and the major themes the author wished to convey to us in the way he tells the story of Jesus' life and ministry. Join us in Von Maur Hall following the worship service.

## MISSION & SERVICE

### The FPC Caring Closet - Updated Requests

#### Caring Closet Request:

- Children's clothes for the new school year. If you have any clothes that your children have outgrown, please consider dropping them off.
- Hygiene products such as diapers, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, and feminine pads. The Dollar Tree provides a great variety. We also need towels and sheets of all sizes. Thank you for your continued support!

**The Caring Closet Now Open on Saturday:** Join our team of dedicated volunteers at the Caring Closet. We need volunteers to commit to one Saturday morning a month to work in our "store" from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you can volunteer, please contact the church office or text or call Ruth Ann at 563-370-6215.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Christian Ed Needs You!!

Do you enjoy working with children and helping them grow in faith? We're looking for caring volunteers to teach Sunday School one Sunday a month—or more if you're able.

The Sunday School hour happens after church so you will still be able to attend worship. The lessons will already be planned we just need you to teach the lesson and come with excitement and joy! We have different age groups so you can choose your preference. If you don't feel called to lead the lesson, we also need a helper in each classroom. Questions? Want to volunteer?

Please reach out to Marty Bowles-Edwards or Abby Schondelmeyer: [cefy@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:cefy@fpcdavenport.org)

## Fall Family Fellowship

All families with children and youth (birth - 12th grade) are invited to join us on **Sunday, October 19** from **5:30 PM - 8:30 PM** (come and go as needed) at the **Pride of the Wapsi Farm** (14600 305th St Long Grove, IA 52756) for a family fellowship opportunity. We will enjoy a hayride, corn maze, pumpkin patch, and a campfire to roast hotdogs and s'mores.

The cost is \$10 per person age 3 and up. If this would be a financial difficulty for your family, please speak with Marty or Abby. We want everyone to be able to participate in CEFY events. Payment can be given to

Abby or Marty on Sunday morning, at Wapsi, or online

([https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund\\_id=2086910](https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=2086910)).

**Please RSVP by October 12: [cefy@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:cefy@fpcdavenport.org)**

## Trunk-or-Treat



Our annual Trunk-or-Treat family community event will be taking place on **Saturday, October 25** from **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**. Set-up will begin at 2:15 PM in the Iowa Street Parking Lot. Church members are encouraged to decorate the trunks of their vehicles and come out for some fun and fellowship as well as outreach to our surrounding community.

Trunk-or-Treat will participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project by offering non-candy options for families of children with food allergies or restriction.

If church members would like to participate by decorating a trunk or you would like to donate candy or non-candy items for this fun community event, speak with Marty or Abby: [cefy@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:cefy@fpcdavenport.org)

## Youth Ministry

All FPC youth (and friends) in 6th - 12th grades are invited to join us for Youth Group. We will meet most Sunday evenings from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Dinner will be served.

The Youth Group is looking for families or individuals to **sponsor** a dinner(s) for us on Sunday nights at 5pm. If you would like to donate money (suggested donation: \$50) for our Youth Group to buy pizza or would be willing to provide a meal (for approximately 15-20 youth and mentors) please reach out to Abby Schondelmeyer.

Donations? [https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund\\_id=1965301](https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=1965301)

Questions? Please contact Abby Schondelmeyer: [cefy@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:cefy@fpcdavenport.org).

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## MUSIC AT FIRST PRES

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### **Lyyra**

The 2025-2026 PAS Season kicks off on **Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 PM** with a concert by internationally acclaimed vocal group Lyyra. Tickets are **\$15/adults, \$10/students**.

Lyyra is a new all-women vocal ensemble based in the USA from The VOCES8 Foundation. Creating world-class musical experiences to inspire audiences, Lyyra seeks to redefine the genre of upper-voice music in the choral landscape, highlighting the astonishing capabilities within the full spectrum of women's singing. The sound of this bright, young group combines velvety richness alongside star-like brilliance. With a broad texture and exhilarating range of sound, the group's talented members specialize in classical, jazz, pop, and folk music from diverse traditions and backgrounds.

### **Justice Choir of the Midwest Concert**

The Justice Choir of the Midwest is a community choir of people from across eastern Iowa and western Illinois with a goal to engage in the collaborative and collective power of singing about justice and using their voices to bring about change. JCM's fall concert is on the theme of **LGBTQ+ Justice** and will include music of remembrance to victims of hate crimes, songs of protest for equal rights for LGBTQ+ people, and songs of celebration of queer joy. The concert is **Sunday, November 16 at 7:00 PM** at First Pres and will be a benefit concert to support the incredible work Clock, Inc. does in the Quad Cities.

For more information about supporting the work this ensemble is doing, talk to Matt Bishop.

## FINANCE

	August 2025		August 2024	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 25,661	\$ 41,405	\$ 44,837	\$ 42,884
Custodial Accounts Income	2,329	-	3,230	-
Compensation Expenses	(49,937)	(51,846)	(48,403)	(51,671)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(20,775)	(21,474)	(18,938)	(22,650)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(2,329)	-	(3,230)	-
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$45,051)</b>	<b>(\$31,915)</b>	<b>(\$22,504)</b>	<b>(\$31,437)</b>
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$45,051)</b>	<b>(\$31,915)</b>	<b>(\$22,504)</b>	<b>(\$31,437)</b>
	2025 Year-To-Date		2024 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 512,383	\$ 486,780	\$ 408,343	\$ 434,854
Custodial Accounts Income	33,836	-	52,640	-
Compensation Expenses	(409,991)	(421,199)	(413,887)	(427,931)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(154,002)	(185,876)	(149,243)	(180,867)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(33,836)	-	(52,640)	-
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$51,610)</b>	<b>(\$120,295)</b>	<b>(\$154,787)</b>	<b>(\$173,944)</b>
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	(2,396)	-	-	-
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$54,006)</b>	<b>(\$120,295)</b>	<b>(\$154,787)</b>	<b>(\$173,944)</b>

All numbers are rounded.

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## ELDERS AND DEACONS

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### Elders

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Co-Clerks of Session</i>
Dan Breinich	Dianna Darland	Dan Darland	Julia Meyer
Nancy Chapman	Denny Jorgenson	David Edwards	Mark Jones
Bonnie Johnson	Kathy Knox	Craig Foster	
Nathan Kabel	Cathy Pratscher-Woods	Paula Hartmann	
Zoe McCullum	Jed Steckel	Sharon Simmonds	
Julia Meyer		Jay Williams	
Kristine Oswald		Erin Yingling	
Mark Ruebling			
Vicki Stegall			

### Deacons

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
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Terri Sheetz ( <i>Moderator</i> )	Lois Boyer	Andrew Darland
Doug Wells	Connie Connolly	Steve Earp
	John Gere	Sue Ervin
	Al Frohlich	Heidi Pedersen
	Bob Lehnher	Mason Pedersen
	Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams
	Sarah Soenksen	
	Katrina Williams	