



First Presbyterian Church

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**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 12, 2025 at 9:30 AM**



Letting Go for Peace, Dominique Hurley, 2022
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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 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.

Stewardship Campaign: Our Story

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

Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Moment for Stewardship

Introit

Campanae Celebrare
The Vesper Bells

Cathy Moglebust
(b. 1958)

Call to Worship

Chris Connolly, Liturgist

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

One: Through Moses, God said,

All: "Let my people go." (Ex. 9:1)

One: In scripture, the law declares:

All: "In the seventh year, you must cancel all debts." (Deut. 15:1)

One: With grace, Jesus said:

All: "Give one coat away." (Luke 3:11)

One: With honesty, Jesus taught:

All: "Sell what you have, give that money to the poor." (Matt. 19:21)

One: Faith has always involved letting go, releasing, setting free, dropping our nets, giving to others, and following.

All: So in this hour of worship, may we release that which binds us. May we worship with open, untamed, and porous hearts so that we can walk freely with God.

One: Let it be so.

All: Amen.

✠ 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. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple;
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy child - ren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Save us from weak re - sig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; Bring its
 sail thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our
 thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton self - ish glad - ness, Rich in
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Thy sal - va - tion Be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore. Serv - ing Thee whom we a - dore.

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

Gracious God, we admit to holding tight to that which we know and understand. We put you in a box to avoid the shades of gray that come with faith. We put worship in a box to avoid the discomfort of change. We put ourselves in boxes labeled with gender expectations and societal norms. We put others in boxes labeled "worthy" and "unworthy." We put all that we have in a box and pray we won't run out. So in this moment, we confess to holding tight to fear, greed, and worldly structures. Forgive us for missing the point. Open our eyes to a new way—to a holiness found in open boxes, unclenched fists, shades of gray, and holy release. Gratefully 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

Anthem

My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)

My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Before I'd stay in hell one day,
I'd sing an' pray myself away. (*refrain*)

Goin' shout an' pray an' never stop,
until I reach the mountaintop. (*refrain*)

Do you love Him?
Are you anchored?
Will you praise Him?
Lord I'm anchored.
Lord, I love You.
Yes, I'll serve you.
Lord, I'll praise You.
Hallelujah!
(Slavery-era spiritual)

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, we release our hearts to you. First, we remove the pressure, for release requires the freedom to be moved. Then we allow our hearts to return to their original resting position—in sync with you, with the rhythm of summer cicadas, and this whole wild creation. Then, we pray that you will find our hearts available—not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually. So like the mockingbird releases her song, we release our hearts to you. Move in them. Stir us awake. Speak to us now. We are waiting. Amen.

**“If there is among you anyone in need,
a member of your community in any of your towns
within the land that the Lord your God is giving you,
do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor.**

15 "Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. **2** And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it, because the Lord's remission has been proclaimed. **3** Of a foreigner you may exact it, but you must remit your claim on whatever any member of your community owes you. **4** There will, however, be no one in need among you, because the Lord is sure to bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you as a possession to occupy, **5** if only you will obey the Lord your God by diligently observing this entire commandment that I command you today. **6** When the Lord your God has blessed you, as he promised you, you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow; you will rule over many nations, but they will not rule over you.

7 "If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. **8** You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. **9** Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. **10** Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. **11** Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 11:28-30

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Our Story: Release"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

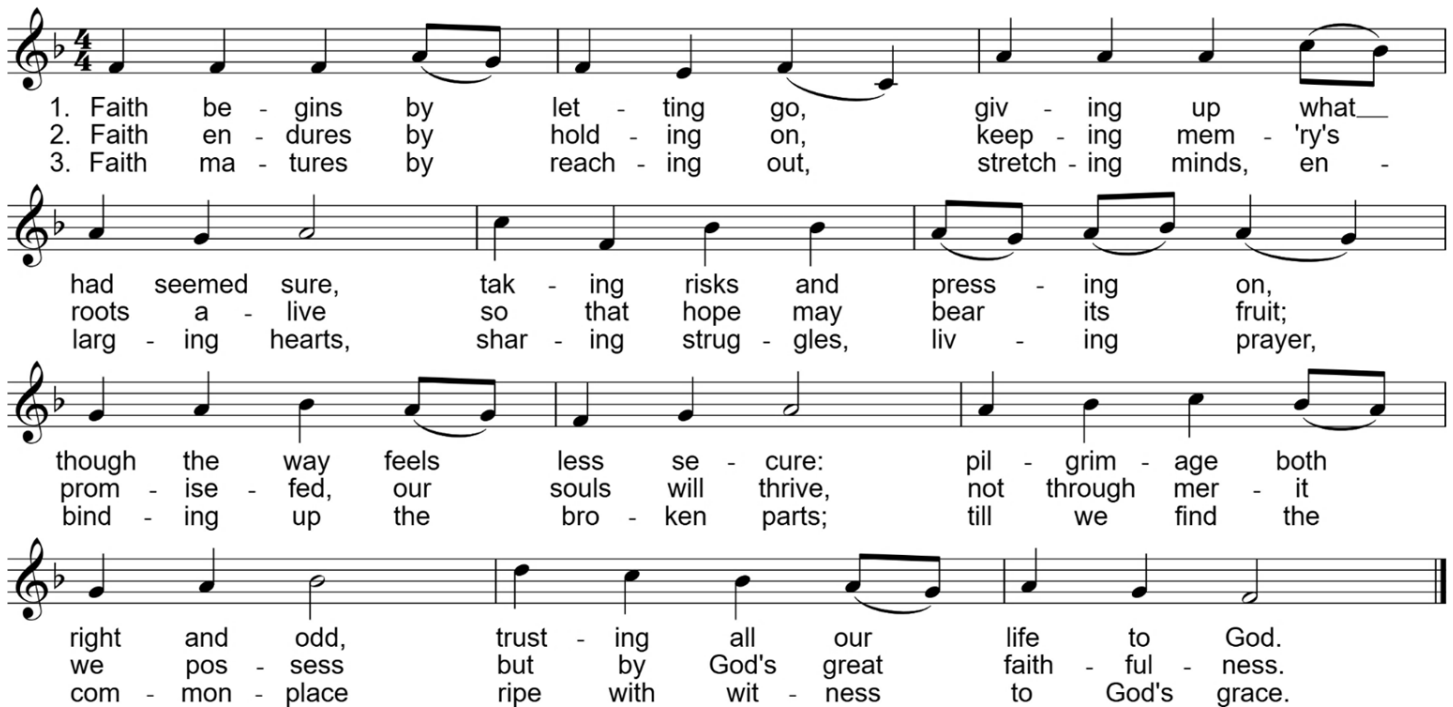
**Come to me,
all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.**

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn

Faith Begins by Letting Go

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1. Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
2. Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's
3. Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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.

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


Reflection on 'O Waly Waly'
The Vesper Bells

Sandra Eithun

✦ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

✦ Prayer of Dedication

Sending Anthem

The Blessing of Aaron
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Walter Rodby
(1917-2005)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fugue über 'Wie schön leucht' uns der Morgenstern,' Op. 40

Max Reger
(1873-1916)

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Sue Ervin, in memory of Tom Ervin and KC Ervin Griesenbeck

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Moses Hogan, arr., "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" (©1999 Hal Leonard Corp.)

Sandra Eithun, "Reflection on 'O Waly Waly'" (©2013 Concordia Publishing House)

JOYS & CONCERNS

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

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, October 12

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Congregational Meeting	Following the Service	Sanctuary & Online
Kirkwood Choir	9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Manna & More	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	In Recess	
Musikgarten	In Recess	
Adult Sunday School	In Recess	
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 rd 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 13

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Congregational Fellowship Meeting	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Parlor
Deacon's Outreach Meeting	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Parlor
Member Care Meeting	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Library
Mission Connection Meeting	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Board of Deacons Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Von Maur Hall/Zoom

Tuesday, October 14

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Adult Spiritual Growth Meeting	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Zoom
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Fellowship/Gym
Finance Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	Zoom

Wednesday, October 15

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Zoom
SDT - Renovation/Expansion		
Team Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Von Maur Hall

Thursday, October 16

Sermon Talks	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Tabithia's Circle	9:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Fellowship 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 17

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, October 18

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Called Congregational Meeting - TODAY!! - Afterwards...Breakfast!!

Please be advised that there is an in-person **Congregational Meeting** today, Sunday, October 12, immediately following the worship service.

The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the nominations for Elders, Deacons, the 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee, and the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

All members are encouraged to attend. Your participation is important as we prayerfully seek to affirm those called to serve in leadership within our church.

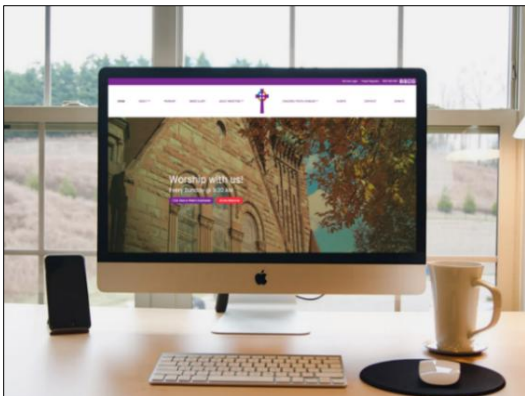
Afterwards, please join us in Fellowship Hall for our **Manna and More** pancake breakfast. There will be Halloween-inspired crafts for the children and a How-To-Use our new church website for adults.



Homecoming - A Tribute To Those Seventy And Older

On **Sunday, October 19**, First Presbyterian Church will celebrate Homecoming, a tribute to our church members who are seventy years and older. Many of our guests come to church regularly, but some make a special effort to attend this event being held to honor them. Following the service, those seventy and older, along with their guests, are invited to a delicious lunch in Fellowship Hall.

RSVP to nonna428312@gmail.com or call the church office at 563-326-1691.



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

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.



First Night Out - Upcoming Meet and Greet

First Night Out is a social group for plus fifty singles and couples. This is a great way to meet new church friends and enjoy the fellowship of a vibrant social network. Activities are monthly - whether with a smaller section or with the entire First Night Out group.

In November, the First Night Out group will be reorganizing and planning activities for the future months. If you are interested in joining us, mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 2** following the church service. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for bagels, beverages and planning.

RSVP: Please stop by Fellowship Hall on October 12 or the back of the Sanctuary on October 19 and 26 following the worship service to sign-up &/or check your contact information. If you are unable to attend this planning session, you can still be part of FNO. Contact Marilyn Jorgenson or Judy Hawthorne with questions.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty Is Trending

"John Pavlovitz's ... stirring playbook for Christians who strive to ensure that kindness triumphs over toxicity. ... *Worth Fighting For* envisions a grassroots revolution of love led by a 'compassionate coalition of those who give a damn.'"

A series of brief essays constituting a call to, and a defense of, "progressive" Christianity.

Come join us after the worship service in Von Maur Hall, starting **October 19**, as we read and discuss these writings together.

MISSION & SERVICE

Volunteers Requested - Fall Leaves Clean-Up Day - Saturday, October 25 - 9:00 AM

The Landscape Volunteers, Scout Troop 7 and the BG&S committee are hosting the **FALL CLEAN UP DAY** on Saturday, **October 25** starting at **9:00 AM**. We will be raking leaves and spreading mulch around the Church campus. Please bring gloves and your favorite rake. Rakes will be provided by the Church if you don't have one. There is no need to RSVP. Please contact Julia Meyer (meyjul78@gmail.com) if you have questions.

The FPC Caring Closet - Updated Requests

Caring Closet Request:

- Our shoppers at the FPC Caring Closet are **in need of winter items** especially jackets and coats. We appreciate all that you do for our neighbors!
- 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

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) for a family fellowship opportunity. We will meet at the **Pride of the Wapsi Farm** (14600 305th St Long Grove, IA 52756) and will enjoy a hayride, corn maze, pumpkin patch, and a campfire to roast hotdogs and s'mores. Youth Choir will **not** be meeting that evening so we hope you can join us for this event. Youth (6th - 12th grade) can be dropped off, but they need to be picked up by 8 PM so we can ensure they are picked up before our time is done. If a youth will be dropped off please note that when RSVPing.

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 at:

https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=2086910

Please RSVP by October 12: 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

Youth Ministry - Sponsor a Dinner

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

Questions? Please contact Abby Schondelmeyer: cefy@fpcdavenport.org.

MUSIC AT FIRST PRES

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)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$45,051)	(\$31,915)	(\$22,504)	(\$31,437)
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$45,051)	(\$31,915)	(\$22,504)	(\$31,437)
	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)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$51,610)	(\$120,295)	(\$154,787)	(\$173,944)
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	(2,396)	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$54,006)	(\$120,295)	(\$154,787)	(\$173,944)

All numbers are rounded.

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ELDERS AND DEACONS

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>
Colleen Dueñas (<i>Vice Moderator</i>)	Andy Bowles Edwards	Elizabeth Breinich
Terri Sheetz (<i>Moderator</i>)	Lois Boyer	Andrew Darland
Doug Wells	Connie Connolly	Steve Earp
	John Gere	Sue Ervin
	Al Frohlich	Heidi Pedersen
	Bob Lehnerr	Mason Pedersen
	Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams
	Sarah Soenksen	
	Katrina Williams	