



First Presbyterian Church

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**23rd Sunday After Pentecost
November 16, 2025 at 9:30 AM**



Amy Lewis, "Abundance," 2023
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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.

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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

Nocturne in D-flat Major, Op. 27, No. 2

Frédéric Chopin
(1810-1849)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Minute for Mission

Cocoa and Caring

Cathy Pratcher Woods

Introit

I Give Thanks
Kirkwood Choir Singing

Toni Sullivan

I give thanks with a grateful heart.

God has given us this world,
the moon and stars and sun.
The land and seas, the birds and trees,
God's given every one. *(refrain)*

God has given us good friends,
our loving families, too.
The people who will share the love
that's sent from heaven above. *(refrain)*

But the greatest gift of all,
God sent Jesus to show the way
of God's great love and God's great care
that we can share today. *(refrain)*

Call to Worship

Abby Pitcher, Liturgist

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

One: Come, let us gather with thankful hearts, for God's steadfast love never fails.

All: We come with praise, rejoicing in God's presence, grateful for grace that surrounds us.

One: In every season and circumstance, God's mercies are new every morning.

All: We will give thanks and not forget, for God's faithfulness endures forever.

One: Let us worship the Lord with joy and thanksgiving!

All: We lift our voices in gratitude, to the One who gives us life and hope.

✠ Passing of the Peace

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

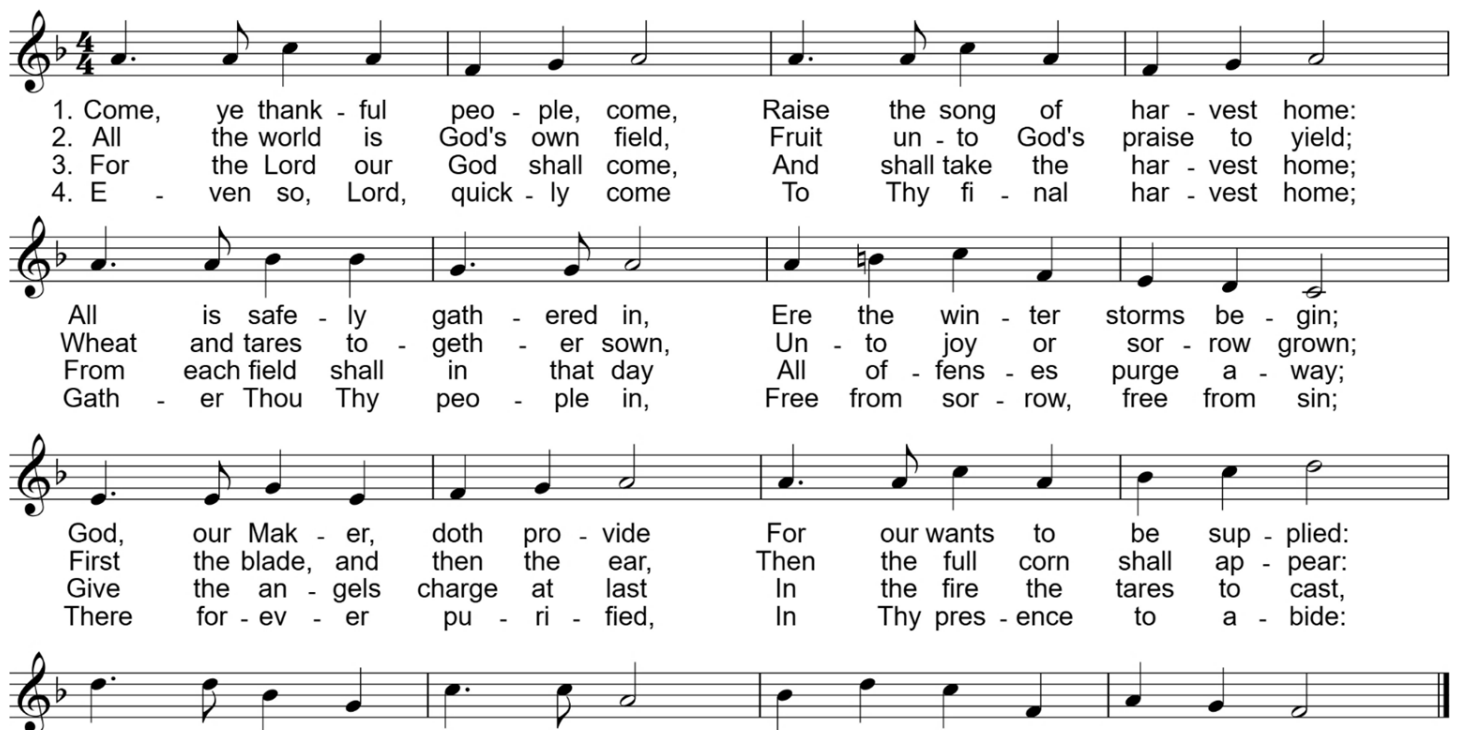
All: And also with you!

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

✠ Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR



1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home:
2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to God's praise to yield;
3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take the har - vest home;
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;
From each field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied:
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear:
Give the an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

As we come before God with thankful hearts, let us also acknowledge where we have fallen short. Too often we forget to give thanks and hold onto worry and complaint instead. Yet God's mercy is greater than our failings. With humble hearts, let us confess, trusting in God's grace to renew us.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have not always trusted in your goodness. We have forgotten to give thanks and have allowed fear and doubt to take hold in our hearts. Forgive us, and open us to your abundant mercy. Renew within us a spirit of gratitude, that we might live each day in joyful praise and faithful love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, through Christ, God's mercy is poured out abundantly upon us.

All: In this grace, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Let Everything That Hath Breath
The Sanctuary Choir
David Jacobsmeier, drums

Jeffery Ames
(b. 1969)

Sing unto the Lord a new song.
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.
Declare His glory among the nations.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together.
Hallelujah, bless His name for He's worth to be praised.
Clap your hands all ye people. Shout with a voice of triumph!
For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised. (*refrain*)

Praise Him with the timbrel, praise Him with the dance.
Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands.
Sing "Hallelujah," praise His holy name.
For the Lord is worth to be praised!
Let's praise the Lord. (*refrain*)

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, as we listen to your Word, awaken within us a spirit of generosity and thanksgiving. Illuminate the ways your grace calls us to share abundantly with others. Help us to live as grateful people whose lives overflow with your love and grace. May your truth inspire and guide us this day. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 65:1-4

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, ² O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. ³ When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

⁴ Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

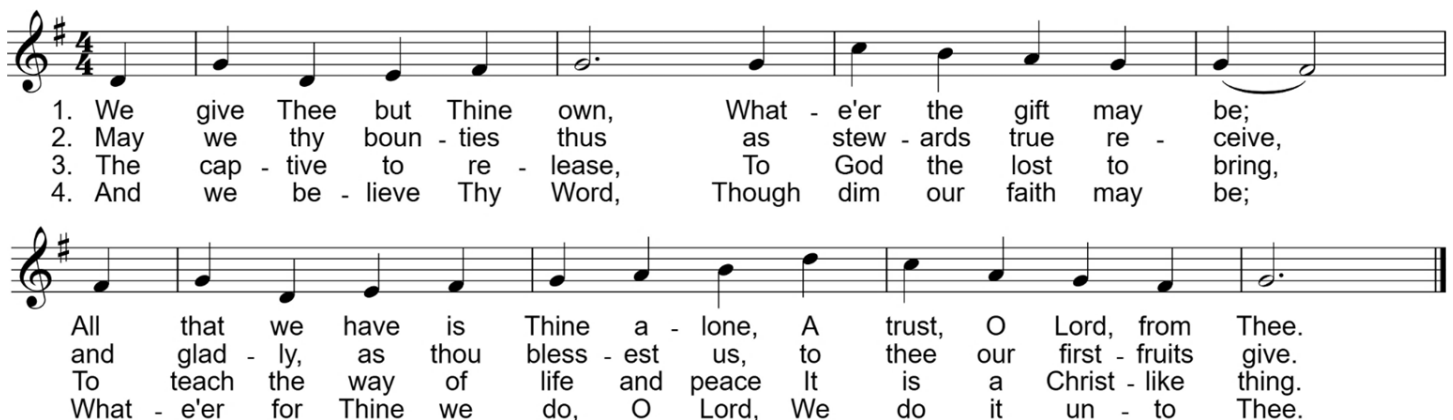
“Grateful Living: The Overflow of Thanksgiving”
Abby Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

Hymn

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN



1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2. May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,
4. And we be - lieve Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be;

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ - like thing.
What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

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

Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

✠ 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

God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Fred Bock
(1939-1998)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Where The Tides May Lead

Andrzej Kozłowski

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Toni Sullivan, "I Give Thanks" (©2020 Choristers Guild)

Jeffery Ames, "Let Everything That Hath Breath" (© 1998 earthsongs)

Fred Bock, arr., "God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again" (©1988 Fred Bock Music Co.)

Andrzej Kozłowski, "Where The Tides May Lead" (©2025 Andrzej Kozłowski)

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 the friends and family of Patti Sothmann on her passing, for God's mercy and grace to touch the friends and family of Lee A. Schneider on his passing and those in need of God's healing grace; Harold Saunders, Alan Havercamp, Linda Bengfort, Brenda Boyd, Shawn Lambrecht (son of Cathy Lambrecht), Jim Woods, Carol Phoenix, Julie Pedigo (sister of Carol Phoenix), and Wayne Hean.

(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, November 16

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Kirkwood Choir	9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Sunday School	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Fellowship Hour	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Musikgarten	10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Worship Host Appreciation	10:45 AM - 11:45 AM	Parlor
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Sanctuary
Boundary Training #1	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Child Protection Training #3	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
APNC Meeting	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Parlor
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 of the Midwest Fall Concert	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Choir Room
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

Monday, November 17

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
PC Book Club (Between the Covers)	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Parlor
Session Devotions	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Session Meeting	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Tuesday, November 18

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Wednesday, November 19

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Scholarship Fund Meeting	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Parlor
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Zoom

Thursday, November 20

Tabitha's Circle	9:45 AM - 1:15 PM	Fellowship Hall
PUNCH Meeting	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	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 - 7:00 PM	Choir Room
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Choir Room

Friday, November 21

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, November 22

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

--- LIFE OF THE CHURCH ---

Worship Host Information Brunch - Today!

There is a worship host/usher information session **today** in Fellowship Hall **10:45 AM - 11:45 AM**. Brunch will be provided.

Blue Christmas Service: Do Not Be Afraid

For many, the holiday season carries grief, stress, or the ache of absence. Our Blue Christmas service on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 7:30 PM** creates a gentle, reflective space to acknowledge those feelings before God. Through quiet music, Scripture, candlelight, and prayer, we will seek comfort, make room for lament, and hold one another in hope.

All are welcome—whether you are carrying fresh sorrow, walking with family or a friend through a hard season, or simply needing a quieter way to enter Christmas. Come as you are and rest in the promise that “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

Interested in receiving Sermon Transcripts?

If you are interested in receiving a sermon transcript from Pastor Kris to better understand the good news he is sharing, please email Diana Miller-Bur (millerbur@fpcdavenport.org) to be added to the email distribution list.

Dinner & Christmas Lights Coach Tour

Friday, **December 12, 2025**

Departure: **4:45 PM** from First Presbyterian Church

Join the FPC Travel Fellowship for a festive evening as we journey by coach to Clinton’s Eagle Point Park to enjoy its beautiful Christmas lights display. Before the tour, we’ll enjoy dinner *on your own* at Seven Hills, a charming restaurant located in a former church sanctuary (formerly Great Revivalist Brewery).

Seats are limited to the first 25 participants who reserve with a non-refundable but transferable payment of \$25 per person.

Sign up with a committee member in the narthex after worship on Sundays **November 16 or 23**. Payments can be made by cash or check (payable to *First Presbyterian Church*), or in the church office during the week.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends who might be interested in learning more about the fun and fellowship at First Presbyterian!

Questions? Contact Linda Meadors for more details.

Friendly Reminder: Help Care for Our Shared Space

*When church groups and classes run
And when your meetings work is done,
Don't rush away—don't flee the scene—
Just wash your dish and leave it clean.*

*Your cup, your plate—they're yours, my friend,
Not holy relics to transcend.
No angels scrub, no elves appear—
The sink's right there, crystal clear.*

*And if that feels too much to bear,
No need for suds or soap or prayer—
You can open the white door,
The dishwasher will do the chore.*



As part of our ongoing commitment to be good stewards of the church's resources, we have a smaller custodial team than in the past. Because of that, we're asking everyone to lend a hand in keeping our church clean and welcoming as we share meals, coffee, and fellowship throughout the week.

- For large fellowship meals (like *Manna & More*), we need volunteers to assist with cleanup. If you're willing to help at an upcoming meal—and learn how to use the commercial dishwasher (it's easier than it looks!)—please contact the church office.
- For smaller gatherings—like Sunday school, small groups, or church meetings—please take responsibility for washing your own dishes, cups, and utensils after use. In the Parlor Kitchen, you may handwash dishes or rinse and place items in the dishwasher.
- A cleaning cart with a vacuum and basic supplies is now available for groups who are willing to tidy up their spaces after use. If your group would like to help, let our Director of Buildings and Grounds, Darren Long, know and he'll make the cart available.

Thank you for helping us care for our shared spaces. Together, we can keep our church home clean, welcoming, and ready for ministry all week long.

We Regret to Share: No Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship This Year

This year, we regret to share that we will not be holding our traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship on Wednesday, November 26. We know this gathering has been a cherished time of warmth and connection for many over the years, and we give thanks for the many memories and friendships it has nurtured. As our life together continues to grow and change, we are listening for how God might be calling us to create new ways of gathering in gratitude in the seasons ahead. If this season feels a little lonelier or quieter without this service, please know—you are not forgotten, and you are not alone.

Even though we won't gather midweek, we remain one community in gratitude and love. Reach out to one another, share a call or a meal, and remember that God's presence surrounds us wherever we are. We look forward to being together for worship on Sundays, as we continue to give thanks to the One who binds us all together in love.

Young-ish Adult Christmas Party - Save the Date

All adults ages 18 to 50-ish are invited to a festive Christmas gathering on **Friday, December 13**, from **6:00 to 8:30 PM** in **Fellowship Hall**. Come enjoy holiday cheer, good company, and seasonal fun! More details coming soon—stay tuned!

MISSION & SERVICE

Cocoa and Caring ...Warm Hands and Warm Hearts

We will again be reaching out to our First Church neighborhood on Tuesday, December 2 between 3 and 5pm with some hot cocoa, candy canes, warm mittens, gloves, hats and lots of Christmas spirit. We will set up a table outside the front doors of the sanctuary on Kirkwood Boulevard. In order to do this we need you to bring lots of donations.

Please bring men's and women's hats and gloves (can be dress or ski gloves), boys and girls gloves and hats as well as infants and toddler sizes. You can also join us on December 2nd - this event will warm your heart, even if it is cold outside.

There will be a container at the back of the church sanctuary. Any questions, contact Cathy Pratscher-Woods.

Need a Ride? We're Building a Ride Team!

In recent weeks we've received several requests from different members for rides—to Sunday worship, medical appointments, the grocery store, etc. We'd love to form a small team of volunteer drivers to help members stay connected and cared for.

Ways to help (pick any):

- Sunday morning rides to church (one way or round-trip)
- Weekday appointments (as you're available)
- Quick errands/grocery runs for those who need a hand

If you're willing to be on the "Ride Team" list—even occasionally—please contact the church office at: office@fpcdavenport.org

Basic expectations: a valid driver's license, no major driving violations, and personal auto insurance as the church is not responsible for accidents. Thank you for helping our church be the hands and feet of Christ—one ride at a time!

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.

PUNCH Invites Everyone to a Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner



Join us for a **Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner** on **Thursday, November 27, 2025**, from **11:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at **First Baptist Church (1401 N Perry St.)**. Enjoy a delicious meal featuring turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, green beans, pumpkin pie, cranberries, and drinks—all served with warmth and community spirit.

Carry-out meals are available by calling **563-323-2765**, and if you need a ride, please call **563-323-4435**. Everyone is welcome – come celebrate gratitude and fellowship with us!

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Adult Spiritual Development - Book Study

Join us **today at 10:40 AM in Von Maur Hall** as we open *Worth Fighting For* by John Pavlovitz and begin exploring how faith responds when cruelty is trending. This short four-week book study invites honest conversation and renewed courage to live out Christ's compassion in public life. All are welcome. Some books are available through the church office.

Bible Basics for November

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:15PM on Zoom. In November, we will continue our study of Job and questions about innocent suffering. All are welcome. We will be in recess on November 26 (Thanksgiving Eve).

Please contact Mark Jones (markandkarla75@gmail.com) for more information.

<https://www.zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 881 1687 5549 Passcode: 630481

Sermon Talks -In Recess November 20 and 27

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 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM** (in recess November 20 and 27). A Zoom option is not available. All are welcome to join the conversation.

Adult Sunday School: The Language of Advent

We invite you to join Pastor Kris this Advent season for a four-week study series titled *The Language of Advent*. Together, we will explore the scriptural etymology—the biblical roots and meanings—of the four great themes of the season: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Guided by video resources from the BibleProject and grounded in our call as followers of Christ, we'll listen for how these ancient words still speak life and promise today. The class will meet on Sundays after worship beginning the First Sunday of Advent (November 30) in Von Maur Hall.

Advent calls us into a sacred rhythm of waiting—waiting for the Christ-child, for Christ's presence among us now, and for Christ's promised return. In this season of expectation, may we learn anew the language of faith that welcomes Christ and one another with hearts open to hope, peace, joy, and love.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Party and Movie Night!



Do you need an evening to finish (or start) your Christmas shopping, enjoy a night out, or simply take a well-deserved rest? We invite children to join us on **Friday, December 5, from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM** in Von Maur Hall for an evening of Christmas celebration and fellowship.

The evening will include games, a White Elephant Gift Exchange, pizza, and a movie. Blankets,

pillows, stuffies, and pajamas are encouraged.

If your child(ren) would prefer a grown-up stay with them, you are warmly invited to participate in the festivities.

For the gift exchange, each participant is asked to bring one gently used, church-appropriate item from home, valued between \$5 and \$10. Humorous gifts are especially welcome and add to the fun of the evening. Youth are invited to join us as helpers and to participate in the festivities.

Please **RSVP** by **Wednesday, December 3**, by emailing cefy@fpcdavenport.org or speak to Marty or Abby.



Tween (3rd - 5th grade) Fellowship

All 3rd - 5th graders are invited to an awesome afternoon of fun, friends, and fellowship! Come hang out, play some great games, enjoy tasty snacks, and spend time together as we laugh and connect. If you have a favorite game, bring it with you. We will meet at The Schondelmeyer house (we will send the address closer to the event) on **Saturday, November 22** from **1 PM - 3 PM**. If there are questions or to RSVP please speak with Marty or Abby: cefy@fpcdavenport.org. We can't wait to see you there!

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

Justice Choir of the Midwest Concert - Tonight!

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 **tonight - 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.

**ADVENT AT FIRST PRES, WEEK 1
A COMMUNITY ORGAN RECITAL**

Sunday
November 30
4pm

Free
Admission

First
Presbyterian
Church

1702 Iowa St.
Davenport



ALEX GILSON | RILEY SINDT
CHRIS NELSON | MICHAEL ELSBERND

**ADVENT AT FIRST PRES, WEEK 2
A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**

Sunday
December 7
9:30am

First
Presbyterian
Church

1702 Iowa St.
Davenport



THE FPC CHAMBER CHORALE



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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	Craig Foster	Mark Jones
Bonnie Johnson	Kathy Knox	Paula Hartmann	
Nathan Kabel	Cathy Pratscher-Woods	Sharon Simmonds	
Zoe McCullum	Jed Steckel	Jay Williams	
Julia Meyer		Erin Yingling	
Kristine Oswald			
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 Lehnher	Mason Pedersen
	Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams
	Sarah Soenksen	
	Katrina Williams	