



First Presbyterian Church

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**Christ the King Sunday
November 23, 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.

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.

Christ the King Sunday

Order of Worship

To help you get to know the people sitting in your pew/row,
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbors.

*As we begin worship, please silence your cell phones.
Take a quiet moment to center yourself in the presence of God.
We invite you to meditate silently on art, music, and Scripture.*

Preparing for the Word

Prelude

Festival Piece on "Nicaea"

Arr. Jerry Westenkuehler
(b. 1966)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Pat Halverson

Prelude

Fanfare

Jean Joseph Mouret
(1682-1738)

✠ Call to Worship

Terri Sheetz, Liturgist

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

One: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully

All: giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

One: He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

All: in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

One: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

All: for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

One: He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

All: He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

One: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

All: and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

✠ 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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
3. Let ev - ery kin - dred ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him Lord of all!

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Call to Confession

Please be seated.

Though we aspire to love God and others, we often fall short as our thoughts, words and deeds reveal what is still within our hearts. Let us confess to the Lord our need of forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Our Sovereign, we confess that we at times prefer to rule ourselves. We mistakenly think our comfort and personal peace take precedence over your rule in our hearts. Forgive us and remind us always to seek first your kingdom and righteousness. May your kingdom come, and your will be done this day and each day in our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: We are beloved children of God. The Spirit dwells among us and within us. We have been made new in the forgiving, cleansing grace of Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Listening for the Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

God of grace, as we hear the scriptures that speak of your sovereignty over all, may we be encouraged to be reminded that ultimately you are the giver of all good things and the ruler of heaven and earth. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord. Amen

First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:5-6

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Luke 1:26-33 & 23:33-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Controversial Kingship of Jesus Christ"
The Rev. Pat Halverson

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2. God's king - dom can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;
3. His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus given;
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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

Fanfare in C

Arr. Steven Blackmon

✦ 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

✠ Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;

Hark, how the heaven - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab sorbed in prayer and praise;
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me;

And hail Him as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
Fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
Thy priase shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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Steven Blackmon, Arr., "Fanfare in C" (©1998 the H.W. Gray Company)

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, all who groan under oppression, and those in need of God's healing grace; Harold Saunders, Alan Haverkamp, 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 23

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Scouts Donut Sunday	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	3rd Floor CÉ Building
Fellowship Hour	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Sanctuary
Decorating for Advent	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Sanctuary
APNC Meeting	4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Parlor
Youth Group	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	CE Building 3rd Floor
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Fellowship, Gym & Library

Monday, November 24

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
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Tuesday, November 25

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Fellowship / Gym
Hospitality & Welcoming Committee	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Parlor

Wednesday, November 26

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Bible Basics 201	In Recess	

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving	Office Closed	
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Friday, November 28

Day After Thanksgiving	Office Closed	
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Saturday, November 29

No Activities Scheduled

Staff Time Away

Pastor Kris Schondelmeyer will be enjoying time with his family from November 21 through November 28.
Matt Bishop will be away from November 21 through November 29.
Diana Miller-Bur will be away from November 26 through November 29.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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.

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.”

Dinner & Christmas Lights Coach Tour

When: **Friday, December 12**

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.

Young-ish Adult Christmas Party - Save the Date

All adults ages 18 to 50-ish are invited to a festive Christmas gathering on **Saturday, 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!

Christmas Poinsettias 2025

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, we will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be part of this wonderful tradition, please complete the Christmas Poinsettias 2025 form and drop it in the offering plate. You can also participate by going to FPC's website and clicking the "Donate Online" link or by contacting Kristine Olson in the church office.

The deadline for making a donation is **Monday, December 15 by noon.**



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.

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.



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.

MISSION & SERVICE

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!

Angel Tree

Believe it or not it's almost that time of year when we start thinking about Christmas and how we might provide for those unable to provide for themselves. FPC's tradition of supporting the Angel Tree Project will continue this year. We are once again teaming up with *Bethany for Children and Families* to provide Christmas gifts to Quad City children and families who receive *Bethany* services. *Bethany's* social workers and therapists have submitted names for gifts this year.

Gift tags are available before and after services beginning **November 23**. Total gifts for each child/person should not exceed \$45. Gifts should be returned to FPC unwrapped and with the 'angel' attached by Monday, December 9. Our gifts will be delivered to *Bethany* December 10. They will wrap and deliver them to each child's/person's caregiver in time for Christmas. If you have any questions please contact the Church office.

FPC Caring Closet - Annual Toy Giveaway

The FPC Caring Closet is excited to host its **Annual Toy Giveaway** on **Tuesday, December 2, and Wednesday, December 3, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**.

We welcome donations of **new or gently used toys** to help brighten the holiday season for local families. In addition to toys, we are also accepting:

- Christmas decorations
- Wrapping paper
- Small gift items for adults, such as small appliances, jewelry, and other thoughtful treasures.

Your generosity makes a big difference! Please bring donations to the church before the event dates. Thank you for helping us share joy and care with our neighbors this Christmas season.

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.

Giving Tuesday

What Is #GivingTuesday? After the rush of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday invites us to pause, give thanks, and give back. It's a global day of generosity – a reminder that the truest gifts aren't bought or sold, but shared in love.

Why give an extra gift to FPC on #GivingTuesday? At First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, your generosity fuels ministries that embody Christ's compassion – feeding neighbors, nurturing children and youth, inspiring through music and art, and building a community grounded in grace.



How to Give? This #GivingTuesday, let's give where love grows. Join us in living out our call to Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love.



Through our Website: fpcdavenport.org/donate

Through our Paypal: First Presbyterian Church of Davenport

Paypal Merchant ID: XRF54TLLSMFZL

Through our Venmo: @FPCDav

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!

Holiday Closures for The Caring Closet: The Caring Closet will be closed November 27 through November 29. Followed by a Christmas break beginning December 23 through January 5.

Session Highlights for November 2025

- Pastor Kris led a devotion with Session and Staff after reading Proverbs 16:9. He posed the questions: perhaps the interruptions in our lives are an opportunity to do God's work and how do we remain open to the Spirit that is trying to guide us?
- Finance reports that the 2025 end of year deficit is projected to be \$32K, the budgeted projection was originally \$87K.
- Session approved the Salary and Benefits for the new Associate Pastor position.
- Session approved the cost (\$50k - \$100k), as well as the Request For Qualifications, for hiring an architectural firm to create a master plan for renovating FPC to align with our discerned goals.

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. We are planning to review the chapter titled "*Progressive Christianity Is Christianity*". No preparation necessary. All are welcome. Some books are available through the church office.

Bible Basics for November - In Recess November 26

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).

Sermon Talks - In Recess November 27

Sermon Talks, a midweek daytime Bible study led by Pastor Kris, is in recess. The next session will be Thursday, December 4 from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM.

Contemplative Prayer Group - In Recess until January 2026

The Contemplative Prayer Group will not be meeting again until January 2026. Please look out for an announcement in early January on when the group will next meet.

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.

MUSIC AT FIRST PRES

ADVENT AT FIRST PRES, WEEK 1 A COMMUNITY ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday
November 30
4pm

Free
Admission

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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
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1702 Iowa St.
Davenport



THE FPC CHAMBER CHORALE



FPC STAFF

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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	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	