



# First Presbyterian Church

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**Carnival Sunday  
MLK Sunday  
January 18, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



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A congregation of the  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)



# **Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport**

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, a church where EVERYONE is welcome. On behalf of the entire First Pres family, we want you to know that we are so glad you're here. We are a proud congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), where We Choose WELCOME!

We welcome followers of Jesus who are solid in their faith, and we welcome questioning believers seeking deeper meaning in their life. We welcome those who come from different faith backgrounds, such as Methodists, Lutherans, and Catholics, and those with no faith background at all; for we are all one in Christ Jesus. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

We hope you experience the warmth and friendliness of our congregation. It is a place that long-term members have described as their spiritual home for generations. It is also a place where people newer to our community of faith have found a safe and sacred space for themselves and their families.

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**Nursery** care is available during the worship service for children (birth through kindergarten). The nursery is staffed by trained and background-checked caregivers from 8:15 AM to 11:30 AM. The nursery is on the third floor of the Christian Education (CE) building. Ask a worship host if you need assistance locating this space.

**Kirkwood Choir** is offered during the service, after the Children's Message. Kirkwood Choir provides music for worship throughout the program year.

**MusikGarten**, a program for parents/caregivers and young children (birth through kindergarten), is provided after the service in room #310 of the CE building. MusikGarten is our unique program that allows participation in a fun, energetic environment while instilling a love and understanding of music in young children. Check today's bulletin for schedule.

**Sunday School classes** for children, youth, and adults are offered after the service. Children and youth Sunday school is located on the third floor of the CE building. High School youth are encouraged to be helpers in the elementary classes. Adult Sunday school is in Von Maur Hall. Please ask a worship host if you need assistance locating these spaces.



Our Session (church council) has adopted a bold vision of creating safe and sacred space for all. We aren't perfect at it, but we are joyfully beginning to live into this new vision. We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org). The Session and members of First Pres extend a sincere welcome to persons of all races, nationalities, genders, and sexual orientations. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and communion, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and service as an officer of the church.



We are a Matthew 25 church in the PC(USA). Matthew 25 congregations identify themselves as working toward one or more of three goals: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

**Land Acknowledgement:** First Presbyterian Church gratefully acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Indigenous communities who make Iowa and Illinois their home today. The communities we serve through our ministries occupy the traditional homelands of the people of the Kiikaapoi, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówinj, Peoria, Sauk, and Meskwaki nations. We honor these and numerous Indigenous tribes who first made the banks of the Mississippi River a center for arts and commerce.

✠ Worshipers who are comfortably able are invited to stand in body or spirit.

**Bold** indicates congregational response

# Carnival Sunday MLK 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

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### Prelude

O Love, How Deep  
Ivory&Gold®

Arr. Mark D. Slater  
(b. 1969)

### Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

### Minute for Mission

Paper Hearts Drive

### Prelude

Heavy Heart  
Dave Bennett - Clarinet, Jeff Barnhart - Piano

Dave Bennett

### ✠ Call to Worship

Linda Meadors, Liturgist

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

One: Come and see what God has done!

**All: God's love is made known in Christ.**

One: Come and see the Lamb of God!

**All: Christ calls us to follow in compassion.**

One: Come and see, come and worship, come and rejoice.

### ✠ 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.)*

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun,  
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun,  
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun,  
Way beyond the blue.

*Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,  
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,  
Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me,  
Way beyond the blue.*

I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him, too,  
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him, too,  
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him, too,  
While He's calling you. [Refrain]

### Call to Confession

Please be seated.

When we fail to follow Jesus' call to compassion, we are invited to turn again to God's mercy. Let us confess together.

### Prayer of Confession

**Lamb of God, we confess that we often fail to see you. We look for power and miss your gentleness. We seek comfort and ignore your call. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to your compassion, that we may follow in your way and invite others to share in your love. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Beloved, Christ takes away the sin of the world.

**All: In him we are forgiven, made new, and called to life. Amen.**

## Listening for the Word

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### Anthem

Kyrie from *Jazz Missa Brevis*  
The Sanctuary Choir  
David Jacobsmeier, drums

Will Todd  
(b. 1970)

Sung in Greek. Translation:

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

### Children's Message

## Prayer for Illumination

Come, Holy Spirit, and open our hearts. Help us to see Christ clearly and to follow him faithfully. Amen.

### First Lesson

Psalm 40:1-11

- <sup>1</sup> I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- <sup>2</sup> He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.
- <sup>3</sup> He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear  
and put their trust in the Lord.
- <sup>4</sup> Happy are those who make  
the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.
- <sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.
- <sup>6</sup> Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.
- <sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Here I am;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
- <sup>8</sup> I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."
- <sup>9</sup> I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips,  
as you know, O Lord.
- <sup>10</sup> I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not, O Lord, withhold  
your mercy from me;  
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
keep me safe forever.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup> And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

A New Year's Resolution: Practicing the Way of Engaged Compassion  
"Come and See"

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

## Responding to the Word

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✠ **Hymn**

Not My Brother, Nor My Sister

Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
Not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer;

*It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.  
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
Not the preacher, nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer; *[Refrain]*

Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
Not my father, nor my mother, but it's me, O Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer; *[Refrain]*

Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer;  
Not the stranger, nor my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord  
Standing in the need of prayer; *[Refrain]*

## 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](http://www.fpcdavenport.org), and click on "Donate Now," or you may donate directly from your smartphone by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera. You may also mail your pledge or offering to the church office.*

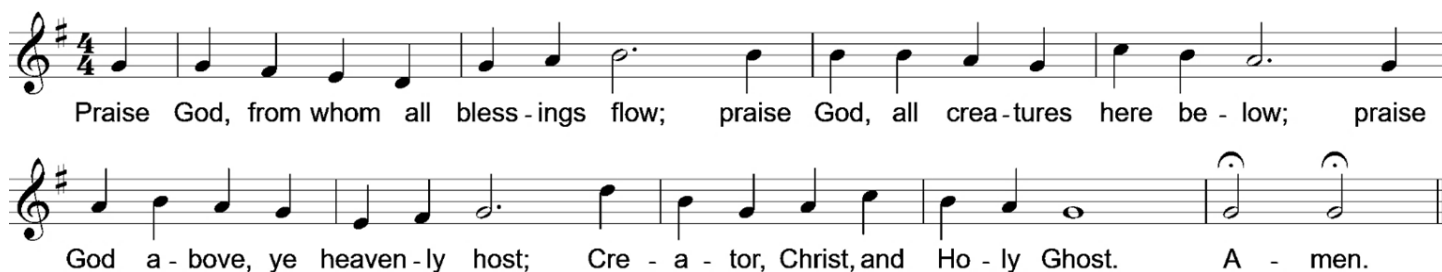
### Offertory

Nobody Knows the Trouble I See  
Ivory&Gold®, Dave Bennett, Sanctuary Choir

### ✠ 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

### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

When the Saints Go Marching In

## WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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**Worship Hosts** - Judy Hawthorne (Lead Host), Sue Evans, Bruce Bufe

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

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**In Our Prayers:** families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, all who groan under oppression, for God's mercy and grace to touch friends and family on the passing of Harold Saunders and those in need of God's healing grace; 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

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Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

[www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar](http://www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar)

## Sunday, January 18

Nursery Open	8:15 AM – 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Kirkwood Choir	9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Carnival Fellowship Hour	10:35 AM – 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Youth Group	5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	3rd Floor CE Building
Justice Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Choir Room
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Gym

## Monday, January 19

MLK Day	Office Closed
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## Tuesday, January 20

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Building Use Commission	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Zoom
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Fellowship / Gym

## Wednesday, January 21

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Gym
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM – 7:15 PM	Zoom

## Thursday, January 22

Sermon Talks	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Von Maur Hall
Clean Team	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Vesper Bells Rehearsal	6:00 PM – 6:45 PM	Chapel
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Choir Room

## Friday, January 23

Caring Closet	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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## Saturday, January 24

Caring Closet	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Tween Skating	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Landing Ice Rink

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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### **Called Congregational Meeting on January 25, 2026 at 10:30 am**

Please be advised that there is an in-person **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, January 25, immediately following the worship service.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect one Elder (3-year term) and one Deacon (2-year term). Unfortunately, a nominated Elder dropped out due to a change in work requirements and a Deacon resigned.

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.

### **Celebrate Carnival Sunday in Style!**

Join us for a festive Mardi Gras celebration featuring lively New Orleans jazz music and a delicious Louisiana-inspired brunch immediately following worship. Every attendee will receive a free ticket for a chance to win one of six themed gift baskets. All baskets are generously donated by church members, and drawings will take place throughout the brunch—must be present to win!



### **New Member Inquiry Class**

Are you excited about the new things that are happening here at FPC? Are you a new visitor or long-time attender who is not yet a member? Would you like to transfer your membership from another church to First Pres.? Please speak with Pastor Kris about the process for making a commitment to the FPC community. This is a wonderful church, and we are blessed as we welcome new members like you. Our next new member inquiry class will be held in February 2026. For more information, contact the church office: [office@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:office@fpcdavenport.org)

### **Snowflakes for Sudlow**

Throughout the month of January FPC will be continuing our participation in the **Snowflakes for Sudlow** project. There are snowflake tags on the Christmas tree in the narthex (back of the sanctuary) with items to support students and teachers through our partnership with Sudlow Middle School. You are invited to take one or more tags, purchase the items listed, and return them under the tree on Sunday mornings.

## ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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### **Bible Basics for January**

"Turn, turn, turn...there is a time for every purpose under heaven." You likely remember the song. Do you know its biblical context? Join us on Wednesdays at 6:15PM on Zoom. In January, starting on the 7th, we will be discussing the OT book, Ecclesiastes. All are welcome.

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

## **Sermon Talks w/ Pastor Kris**

Sermon Talks is a midweek daytime Bible study led by Pastor Kris where participants explore the Scripture passage for the upcoming Sunday sermon. Sermon Talks meets in person in Von Maur Hall **each Thursday from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**. A Zoom option is not available. All are welcome to join the conversation.

## **MISSION & SERVICE**

### **Blessing Box Drive - Postponed to February 26th**

On **February 26**, Davenport's People Uniting Neighbors and Churches (PUNCH) and Friends of Martin Luther King are coming together to host a Blessing Box drive at the KWQC station, located at 805 Brady St. The event will run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, aiming to gather essential items for members of our community.

### **Deacons Paper Hearts Drive**

Once again, the Deacons are sponsoring a toilet paper drive to benefit the Humility Homes and Services (formerly Humility of Mary) emergency shelter. We call this Paper Hearts. From now until March 31 you may bring your toilet paper donations to the church and our Deacons will deliver them to Humility Homes. Our goal is 1,200 rolls. If you don't have time to shop....we can do it for you. Send donations to the church office. Let's demonstrate love in action.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

### **SAVE THE DATE: VBS Compassion Camp 2026**

Join us June 15-19 for a week of fun, fellowship, and mission! More details and registration will be coming soon!

### **All Tweens (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are Invited for Ice Skating!**

All tweens in **3rd-5th grade** are invited to join us for a fun winter outing at **The Landing in Bettendorf** (2255 Middle Road)! On **Saturday, January 24**, we'll be heading to the ice from **11:00am to 12:30pm** for a morning of skating, laughter, and time with friends. Whether it's your first time on the ice or you already love to skate, this is a great chance to have fun and try something new. **Snacks and plenty of fun are included**, so come ready to enjoy yourself.

Please be sure to **RSVP by January 22 to Marty or Abby at [cefy@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:cefy@fpcdavenport.org)** so we can plan for everyone. We hope to see you there for an exciting day on the ice!

## **MUSIC**

### **Alex Gilson's PAS Concert - *The General* Friday, February 20, 7:30PM.**

Assistant Director of Music/Principal Organist Alex Gilson's solo recital this year combines two great art forms: music and cinema. Buster Keaton and Clyde Bruckman's 1926 silent comedy film *The General* will be projected on First Pres's own silver screen while Alex accompanies the film from the Magnusson Memorial Organ. Bring a movie-loving friend and enjoy the film as it would have been shown in the early movie theaters with the added drama of Alex's virtuosic improvised musical scoring. Popcorn and other refreshments will be available for purchase. General admission tickets are \$15/adults, \$10/students.

## FPC STAFF

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## ELDERS AND DEACONS

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### Elders

<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Class of 2028</i>	<i>Clerk of Session</i>
Dianna Darland	Dan Darland	Nancy Chapman	Julia Meyer
Denny Jorgenson	Craig Foster	Wendy Hammen	
Kathy Knox	Paula Hartmann	Nathan Kabel	
Cathy Pratscher-Woods	Sharon Simmonds	Linda Meadors	
Jed Steckel	Jay Williams	RuthAnn Tobey-Brown	
	Erin Yingling		

### Deacons

<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Class of 2028</i>
Andy Bowles Edwards ( <i>Moderator</i> )	Elizabeth Breinich ( <i>Vice Moderator</i> )	Carrie Braun
Lois Boyer	Andrew Darland	Dan Breinich
Connie Connolly	Steve Earp	Scott Johnson
John Gere	Heidi Pedersen	Cherrie Umland-Burns
Al Frohlich	Mason Pedersen	Kris Woodard
Bob Lehnher	Sherry Williams	Bill Yingling
Amy Saskowski		Gail Yingling
Sarah Soenksen		
Katrina Williams		