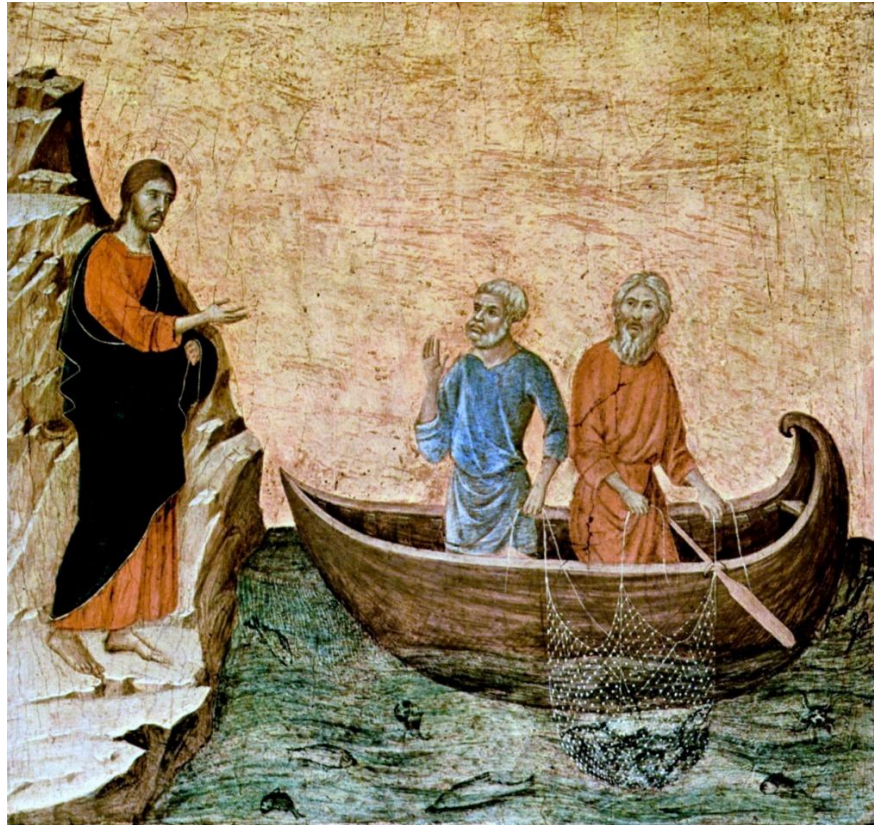




First Presbyterian Church

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**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



Duccio di Buoninsegna (d. 1319), *Christ Calling the Apostles Peter and Andrew*
National Gallery of Art (Washington, D.C.)

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Praeludium et Fuga in C, BWV 545

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Introit

God Is Gone Up with a Shout

Eric Thiman
(1900-1975)

✠ Call to Worship

Terri Sheetz, Liturgist

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

One: Come, seekers and searchers,

All: For Christ's light has dawned.

One: Come, fishers and farmers, teachers and tradesfolk,

All: For Christ's compassion calls us by name.

One: Let us follow where he leads—

All: into the wide waters of God's grace.

✠ 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.)

**Jesus said: "Follow me,
and I will make you fishers of people."**

♣ Hymn

How Firm a Foundation Verses 1, 2, & 3

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
What more can be said than thee, to you cause God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help near thee, and thy trou - bles to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
To you who for my ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My right - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

When we cling to our nets of comfort and resist God's call, we miss the chance to follow Christ in compassion. Let us confess our reluctance and receive mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to follow, but we confess that we hesitate. We cling to what is familiar, fearful of what you might ask. We make excuses, delay decisions, and prefer safety over service. Forgive us, O God. Call us again with your compassion, and give us courage to follow Jesus Christ, the One who calls us still. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, hear the good news: Christ comes not with condemnation, but with compassion.

All: **In him, we are forgiven, freed, and called to new life. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Listening for the Word

Anthem

I Believe This Is Jesus
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Undine Smith Moore
(1904-1989)

I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.

The Light of God shines in his face (come and see, come and see),
he offers all his pardoning grace (come and see, come and see).

I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

God of calling love, as your Word is read and preached, may we hear your voice in Christ and follow with joy. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- ⁴ One thing I asked of the Lord;
this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.
- ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
- ⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- ⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
- ⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
- ⁹ Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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
"Called by Sacred Compassion"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

**"The people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."**

Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

1. Lord, you have come to the lake - shore, Look - ing
2. You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat
3. You need my hands, full of car - ing, Through my
4. You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, Ev - er

nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; You on - ly
car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will
la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant
longed for by souls that are wait - ing, my lov - ing

asked me there to fol - low hum - bly.
find there my nets and la - bor.
love that keeps on lov - ing.
friend, as thus You call me.

Refrain
O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, And, while
smil - ing, have spo - ken my name. Now my
boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me, By your
side I will seek oth - er seas.

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

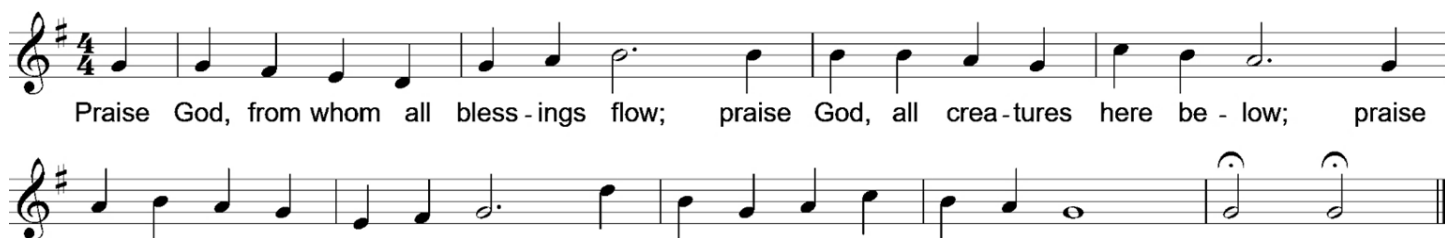
Here I Am, Lord

Arr. Marianne Kim

✠ 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 Peace of God
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation"

Claude Murphree
(1905-1958)

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JOYS & CONCERNS

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

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, January 25

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
Scouts Donut Sunday	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
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	10:40 AM - 11:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Youth Group	5:30 PM - 8:00 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, January 26

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Session Devotions	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Session Meeting	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Von Maur Hall/Zoom

Tuesday, January 27

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Wednesday, January 28

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

Thursday, January 29

Sermon Talks	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Clean Team	10:00 AM - 12:00 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 30

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, January 31

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Tween Ice Skating	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Landing Ice Rink

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Called Congregational Meeting Following Today's Worship Service

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

The purpose of this meeting is to elect one Elder (3-year term) and one Deacon (2-year term). 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.



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 on February 15 at 11:30 AM. For more information, contact the church office: 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.

Fellowship Hour Treats Sign-up

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

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



ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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, we will be discussing the OT book, Ecclesiastes. 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

Adult Sunday School - Nooma w/ Pastor Kris

Looking for a thoughtful and engaging way to start your week this new year? Join Pastor Kris for Adult Sunday School as we dive into the Nooma video series—short, creative, and conversation-starting films that connect faith with real life.

Each week we'll watch a brief video and then jump into lively discussion that makes room for curiosity, laughter, honest questions, and meaningful faith reflection. No homework. No pressure. Just good conversation and shared discovery.

All adults are welcome, whether you come every week or drop in when you can. Come grab some coffee, bring your questions, and be part of the conversation.

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 due to frigid weather - New Date TBD

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. **Date yet to be determined.**

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.

FPC Clean Team - New Time!

Come and join the First Pres Clean Team to help maintain a clean, welcoming, and safe environment. Volunteers are needed on **Thursdays between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM** to dust, vacuum, sweep, mop, or pick up bulletins left in the sanctuary. Even if you cannot join us every week, you are welcome to participate. If you can help, please contact the church office.

The FPC Caring Closet - Updated Requests

Our shoppers at the FPC Caring Closet are **in need of winter items** especially jackets and coats; **hygiene products** such as diapers, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, and feminine pads. We appreciate all that you do for our neighbors!

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!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

NEW DATE: Tweens Ice Skating Fellowship Activity - Saturday, January 31

Due to the anticipated arctic temperatures this weekend, we have decided to postpone the Tween (3rd-5th grade) ice skating outing. It has been rescheduled for **Saturday, January 31, from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM** at the **Landing Ice Rink in Bettendorf (3355 Middle Rd)**. We hope to see you there!

Please **RSVP by January 29 to Marty or Abby at cefy@fpcdavenport.org** so we can plan for everyone.

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!



In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and

caring for those in need. Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money, and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country. Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday! All the donations collected will go directly to a charity the youth choose.

Youth will be at the back of the sanctuary following worship on February 8 to collect your donations.

If you prefer to give electronically, there is a way to do so through our online giving platform.

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

MUSICAL INTERLUDES with ALEX GILSON



Musical Interludes with Alex Gilson

Join us **February 4** for a musical interlude featuring the clawhammer banjo from our very own Principal Organist Alex Gilson. Alex will demonstrate this traditional style for the banjo and share its distinctive sound.

Join us in **Von Maur Hall at 11:30 am** with your own lunch for a discussion and then enjoy a brief musical demonstration in the **Sanctuary at 12:00 pm**.

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.



Churchwide 5-Week Lenten Book Study: *Love Wins* by Rob Bell

This Lent (starting the week of February 22), Pastor Kris is inviting the entire congregation into a shared spiritual journey through Rob Bell's powerful and provocative book, *Love Wins*. Lent is not meant to be a season we walk through alone. It is a time for deep reflection, honest questions, faithful wrestling, and renewed hope—and we do that best together.

Love Wins invites us to engage some of the biggest questions of faith:

- What do we believe about God's love, justice, mercy, and redemption?
- How do our beliefs shape the way we live, love, forgive, and follow Jesus today?

This is not a book study for "experts" or for people who already have all the answers. It is a study for people who are willing to listen, reflect, and grow. I truly believe this is an essential Lenten experience for our entire congregation, and I strongly encourage every member and regular attender to commit to one of the following small group opportunities.

Pastor Kris will be leading all of the groups personally. Please choose one that you will commit to and make this 5-week Lenten Book Study a priority for the season of Lent.

Lenten Small Group Options:

- **Sunday mornings** during the Sunday School hour (in-person only)
- **Tuesday at 9:00 AM** (in-person only)
- **Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM** (Zoom only)
- **Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM** (For those age 50 and under / Zoom only)

Lent is a season for turning our hearts again toward God. This shared study is one of the primary ways we will do that as a church this year. Pastor Kris hopes that each person will make this short 5-week commitment to focus on spiritual growth this Lent.

Contemplative Lenten Services

Encourage God's spirit to work within you this Lenten season by participating in one or all of our Thursday Night Contemplative Services. All too frequently, prayer gets crowded out by the busyness of our days. This Lent we will offer a quiet, calm place to contemplate what Lent means--to us and for us. Each Thursday Night Contemplative Service will take place at the church in Von Maur Hall at 6:15 PM. The Contemplative Services will include prayer, scriptural reflection, silent contemplation, music, and participation in a spiritual discipline or practice. Each week, our contemplation will focus on the FLAGS at the center of our souls: our Fears, Longings, Aching Wounds, Gifts, and our need for Sacred Compassion.

Contemplative Lenten Service Schedule:

Date	Theme
February 26	Fears that quietly shape how we live
March 5	Longings in our hearts
March 12	Aching Wounds that still seek tenderness and healing
March 19	Gifts in us that feel stifled
March 26	Sacred Compassion that our souls need

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ELDERS AND DEACONS

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		