



# First Presbyterian Church

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**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
February 1, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



Anonymous 16<sup>th</sup>-century Persian manuscript illumination (Sermon on the Mount)

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



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](http://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 Šakówiŋ, 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

# **Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

## **Communion 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      Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals, Op. 101, No. 5      Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

## Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Music Alex Gilson

## ☩ Call to Worship

## FPC Scouts, Liturgist

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

One: Blessed are we who gather here,  
**All: For God meets us with mercy.**

One: Blessed are we who hunger and thirst,  
**All: For God fills us with compassion.**

One: Blessed are we, God's people,  
**All: For Christ welcomes us into the kingdom of love.**

## ⊕ Passing of the Peace

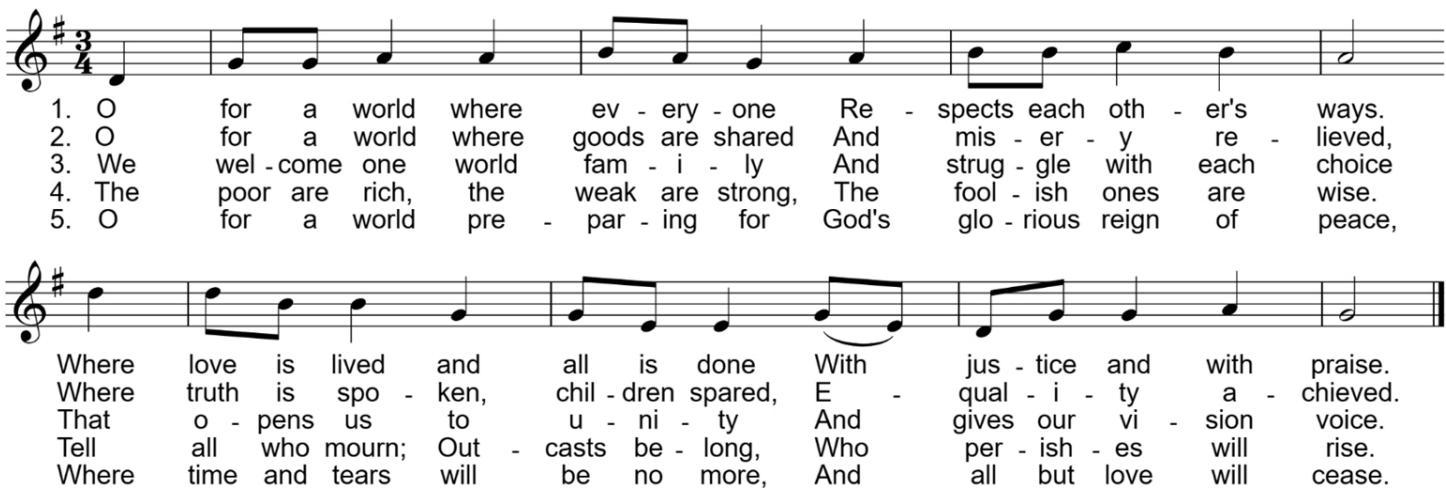
One: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!  
**All: And also with you!**

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

## ♩ Hymn

## O for a World

AZMON



1. O for a world where ev - ery - one Re - spects each oth - er's - ways.  
2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice  
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.  
5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign peace,

Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.  
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.  
Where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

## Call to Confession

Please be seated.

The Beatitudes remind us of God's upside-down grace. Let us confess where we have failed to walk in the way of compassion.

## Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you bless the poor, the meek, the peacemakers, but we chase wealth, power, and comfort. You bless those who hunger for righteousness, but we settle for half-truths and easy answers. You bless the merciful and pure in heart, but we prefer judgment and self-interest. Forgive us, Lord. By your Spirit, turn us again to the way of compassion, the way of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: Blessed are we in Christ Jesus – for in him, mercy is given, peace is made, and new life begins.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**



# Listening for the Word

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## **Children's Message**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

God of blessing, as Scripture is opened, let us hear your Word with fresh ears, and may it shape our lives in the way of compassion. Amen.

## **First Lesson**

Psalm 15

- 1** O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- 2** Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;
- 3** who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
- 4** in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
    who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
- 5** who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
    Those who do these things shall never be moved.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Lesson**

Matthew 5:1-12

- 5** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2** And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- 3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4** "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5** "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7** "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10** "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11** "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

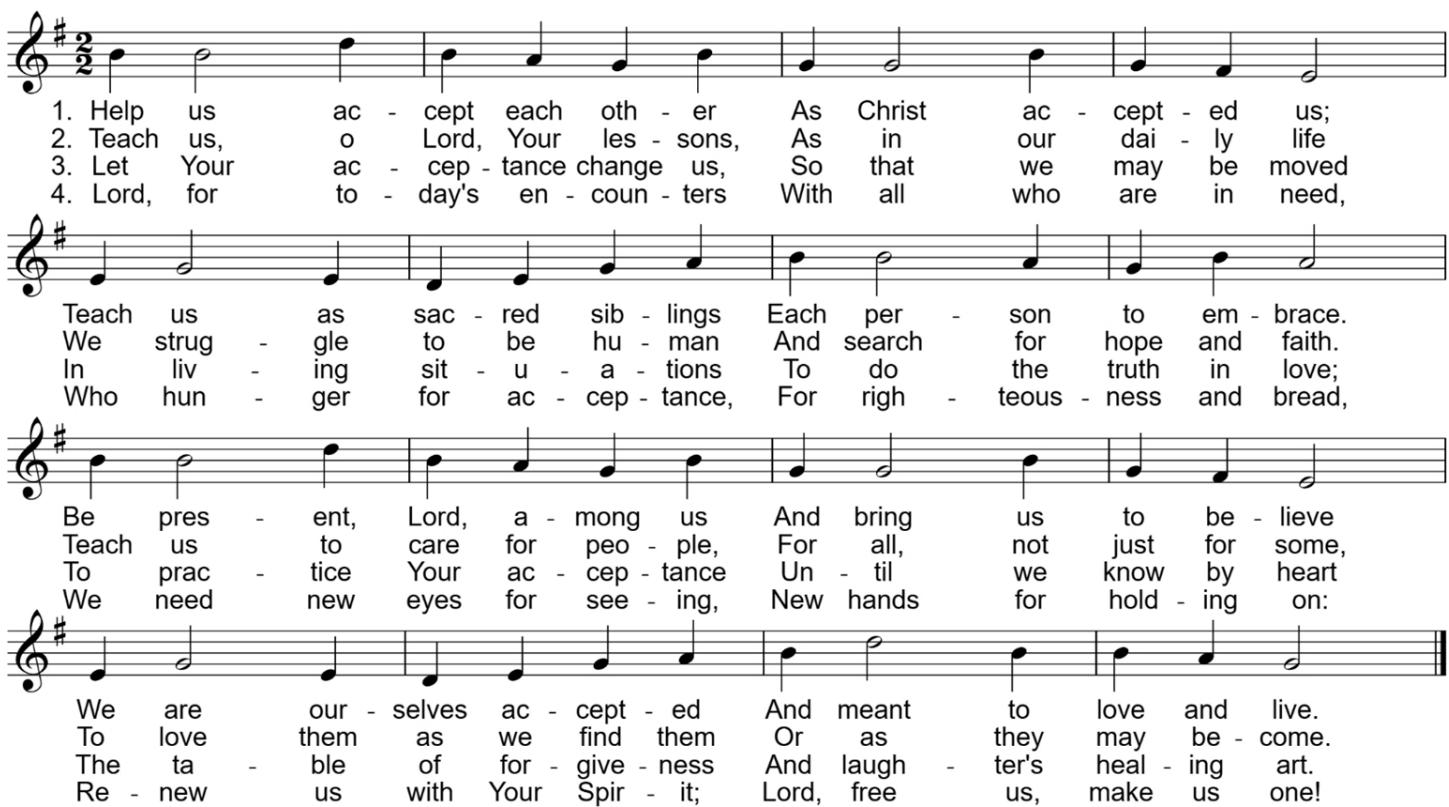
A New Year's Resolution: Practicing the Way of Engaged Compassion  
"The Way of Engaged Compassion"  
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

## Responding to the Word

### ¶ Hymn

### Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA



1. Help us accept each other  
2. Teach us, o Lord, Your sons,  
3. Let Your acceptance change us,  
4. Lord, for to day's encounters.  
As Christ in that all  
With us;  
our dai ly life  
we may be moved  
who are in need,  
Teach us as sacred sacred siblings  
Each per son to em brace.  
We strug gle to be human  
And search for the hope and faith.  
In liv ing sit u a tions  
To do in love;  
Who hun ger for ac cep tance,  
For righ teous ness and bread,  
Be pres ent, Lord, a mong us  
And bring us to be lieve  
Teach us to care for peo ple,  
For all, not just for some,  
To prac tice Your ac cep tance  
Un til we know by heart  
We need eyes for see ing,  
New hands for hold ing.  
We are our selves ac cept ed  
And meant to love.  
To love them as we find them  
Or as they may  
The ta ble of for give ness  
And laugh ter's be come.  
Re new us with Your Spir it;  
Lord, free us, make us and live.

### 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

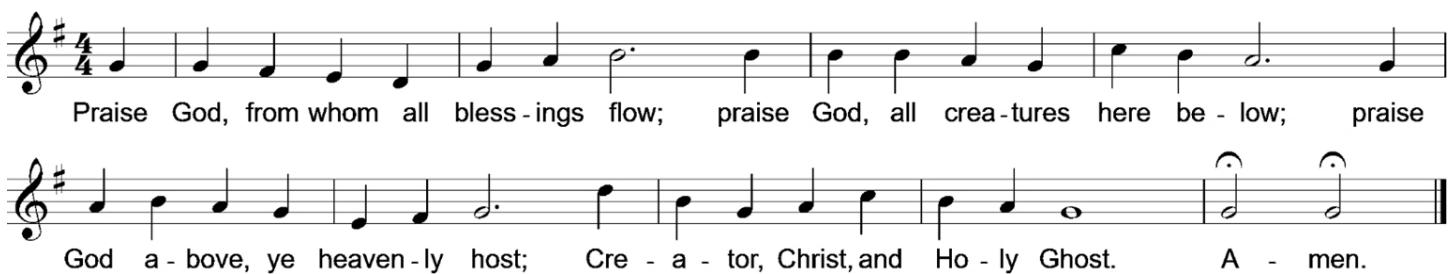
### Brother James' Air

Dale Wood  
(1934-2003)

### ¶ Doxology

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise  
God above, ye heavenly host; Cre a tor, Christ, and Ho ly Ghost. Amen.

# Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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## **Invitation to the Table**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Let us pray...

### **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.**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Distribution of the Elements**

### **Prayer After Communion**

**All: Gracious God, you have fed and nourished us with this holy meal. Now use us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to nourish your world with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Celebrating our FPC Scouts**

### **Charge and Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

Fanfare for Nottingham

Naji Hakim  
(b. 1955)

## **WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS**

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**Worship Hosts** - Pamela Paulsen (Lead Host), Judy Guenther, Marilyn Jorgenson

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**Sound/Video Technicians** - Mitch Doremus, Jim Middleton

**Acolyte** - FPC Scout

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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 Carol George and 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 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 ensure 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](http://www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar)

## **Sunday, February 1**

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
Sunday School	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Fellowship Hour	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Musikgarten	10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Youth Group	5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

## **Monday, February 2**

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Churches United Meal Site Preparation	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Kitchen
Personnel Committee Meeting	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Zoom
Buildings & Grounds Meeting	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Parlor
Churches United Meal Site Serving	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Kitchen
Adult Spiritual Growth Meeting	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Zoom
CEFY Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Zoom

## **Tuesday, February 3**

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Sanctuary

## **Wednesday, February 4**

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

## **Thursday, February 5**

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, February 6**

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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## **Saturday, February 7**

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Save the Date: Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, February 22 after the worship service**

#### Session Highlights for January 2026

- Pastor Kris led a devotion after reading John 1:39-41, 'Come and See'. Elders discussed the questions he posed. 'When people observe this Session, through communication, culture or decisions, what picture of God do you want them to see?' and 'Where might God be inviting this Session to lead with greater trust, compassion and courage?'
- Julia Meyer was elected Clerk of Session for 2026
- The Ministry Discernment Profile for the Associate Pastor position was approved by the Session and has been submitted to Presbytery.
- The date, February 22, 2026, was approved for the 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting.
- The budget deficit at the end of 2025 was \$62K. The 2026 budget, approved December 15, 2025, projects an end of year deficit of \$119k.

#### Manna & More - February 8

Join us after the worship service next Sunday for **Manna & More**, a warm and welcoming time of food and fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious meal featuring waffles, a few pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, red compote, a variety of toppings, and beverages. Gluten-free options will also be available.

Come share good food and meaningful conversation with new and old friends of all ages!

#### 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](mailto:office@fpcdavenport.org)

#### Fellowship Hour Treats Sign-up

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

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



## ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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### Bible Basics for February

Short and to the point! There are 5 books in the bible that are only 1 chapter long. We will study 3 of these in February. We have already discussed II John. Our February topics will be III John, Obadiah, and Jude. We will not meet on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. 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

### 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.

### 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.

## MISSION & SERVICE

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### 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. If you can help, please contact the church office.

## Need a Ride? Join Our Ride Team!

We're forming a small team of volunteers to help members get to Sunday worship, medical appointments, grocery runs, and other essential errands. If you can help—regularly or occasionally—please contact the church office at [office@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:office@fpcdavenport.org).

Volunteers should have a valid driver's license, no major violations, and personal auto insurance. Thank you for helping our church care for one another!

## CHILDREN & YOUTH



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, please use the **QR code**.



## Youth Super Bowl Party

All youth in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to a **Super Bowl Party** (February 8) at the **Schondelmeyer house**. It will be a night full of food, friends, and football! We'll kick things off at a **special start time of 5:30 PM** so anyone coming from **youth choir** can still make it. Enjoy food like **pizza, snacks, and drinks** while we hang out, watch the game, and have a blast together. Whether you're there for the football, the commercials, or just the food, it's going to be a great night. **The address will be shared closer to the event**, so keep an eye out!

## 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](https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=1965301)

Questions? Please contact Abby Schondelmeyer: [cefy@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:cefy@fpcdavenport.org).



## Youth Outing to Snowstar

On **Sunday, February 15**, all **6th-12th graders** are invited for an EPIC day! We'll start the morning by **leading worship**, spend time together during **Sunday programming**, then have a **pizza** lunch before heading out to **Snowstar for tubing**. Expect laughs, speed, wipeouts, and nonstop fun. The cost is **\$20 per person**, and if financial help is needed, please **talk to Abby**—we want everyone to be able to come! We will arrive back at the church between **4:30-5:00 PM**. Please **RSVP by February 10**: [abby@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:abby@fpcdavenport.org)

## 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!

## 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.



## LENT @ FIRST PRES

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

**Sign-ups are now available on the website and eNews!**

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

## FINANCE

### December 2025 General Fund Summary

	December 2025		December 2024	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 78,842	\$ 66,586	\$ 95,174	\$ 64,234
Custodial Accounts Income	13,774	-	13,058	-
Compensation Expenses	(51,732)	(53,370)	(53,553)	(53,199)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(28,236)	(24,358)	(28,130)	(25,952)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(13,774)	-	(13,058)	-
<b><i>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$1,126)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$11,142)</i></b>	<b><i>\$13,491</i></b>	<b><i>(\$14,917)</i></b>
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	50,000	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	(1,063)	-
<b><i>Net Surplus (Deficit)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$1,126)</i></b>	<b><i>\$38,858</i></b>	<b><i>\$12,428</i></b>	<b><i>(\$14,917)</i></b>
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	2025 Year-To-Date		2024 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 801,048	\$ 777,660	\$ 794,293	\$ 728,310
Custodial Accounts Income	62,021	-	80,235	-
Compensation Expenses	(614,360)	(637,375)	(618,428)	(643,411)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(246,236)	(277,466)	(244,823)	(275,605)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(62,021)	-	(80,235)	-
<b><i>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$59,548)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$137,181)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$68,958)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$190,706)</i></b>
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	50,000	50,000	50,000
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	(2,396)	-	2,396	-
<b><i>Net Surplus (Deficit)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$61,944)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$87,181)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$16,562)</i></b>	<b><i>(\$140,706)</i></b>
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All numbers are rounded.

### 2026 Per Capita - \$46.63 per member

"Per Capita provides the means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry." PC(USA)



2026 Per Capita is \$46.63 per member. A member is one who has been confirmed or has been welcomed into the congregation by confession of faith, letter of transfer from another congregation, or reaffirmation of faith. **If you wish to pay your 2026 Per Capita prior to 12/31/2025, please indicate as such with your payment.** You can submit your annual Per Capita by placing it in the offering plate, mailing it in, or you can pay online. Also, if you have not yet paid your 2025 Per Capita, it is not too late! 2025 Per Capita is \$45.34 per member.

### Important Update: Corrections to 2025 Year-End Giving Statements

We sincerely apologize for any confusion regarding year-end giving statements. Corrected 2025 giving statements will be mailed on Friday, January 30, and will be sent to all individuals who made a pledge for 2025.

If you believe your statement may be incorrect, or if you do not receive your statement within the next week, please reach out. We are happy to help ensure everything is accurate. Kristine Olson, our director of financial & business admin., can be reached at [olson@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:olson@fpcdavenport.org) or at (563) 326-1691 ext. 219.

Thank you for your understanding and for your continued generosity and support of the ministry of FPC.

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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	Nathan Kabel	
Kathy Knox	Wendy Hammen	Linda Meadors	
Cathy Pratscher-Woods	Paula Hartmann	RuthAnn Tobey-Brown	
Jed Steckel	Sharon Simmonds		
	Jay Williams		
	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		