



# First Presbyterian Church

*Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love*

**Transfiguration of the Lord  
Youth Sunday  
February 15, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



Jesus MAFA, *Transfiguration* (1973)

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 Kiiikaapoi, 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

# Transfiguration of the Lord Youth 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

The Dancing Pipes

Jonathan Dove  
(b. 1959)

### Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

### Prelude

God Is Gone up with a Shout  
The Sanctuary Choir

Eric Thiman  
(1900-1975)

### Call to Worship

FPC Youth, Liturgist

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

One: Come to the mountaintop!

**All: We are called to see Christ in glory.**

One: Come with open hearts!

**All: We are called to be changed by compassion.**

One: Come, let us worship the living God!

### ✠ 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.)*

1. We are March - ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
 2. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
 3. We are pray - ing in the light of God; we are pray - ing in the  
 4. We are sing - ing in the light of God; we are sing - ing in the

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
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 we are sing - ing in the light of God.

We are march-ing, oo we are march-ing in the light of God.  
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**Call to Confession**

Please be seated.

Too often we cling to mountaintop moments and resist the valleys of compassion. Let us confess our reluctance and seek God’s mercy.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Radiant God, you reveal Christ in glory, yet we confess we struggle to see him in the ordinary. We want to stay on the mountaintop, but you call us into the valleys of need. Forgive us, Lord. Transform us by your compassion, that we may shine with Christ’s love in every place and season. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Hear the good news: The light of Christ shines in us and through us. In him we are forgiven, renewed, and sent to reflect God’s compassion.

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

# Listening for the Word

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## Anthem

His face shone like the sun  
The Sanctuary Choir

Jonathan Dove  
(b. 1959)

Commissioned and premiered by the FPC Sanctuary Choir in February 2021

*He was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. A bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*  
(Matthew 17:2, 5)

## Children's Message

## Prayer for Illumination

God of glory, shine your light upon us now, that as your Word is read, we may be transfigured by your compassion. Amen.

## First Lesson

Psalm 99

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- <sup>2</sup> The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!
- <sup>4</sup> Mighty King,[\[a\]](#) lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.
- <sup>5</sup> Extol the Lord our God;  
worship at his footstool.  
Holy is he!
- <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.  
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.
- <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;  
they kept his decrees  
and the statutes that he gave them.
- <sup>8</sup> O Lord our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- <sup>9</sup> Extol the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain,  
for the Lord our God is holy.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**17** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. **3** Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." **8** And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

**9** As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

"Transfigured by Compassion"

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

**Responding to the Word**

♠ **Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,  
 In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes.  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;  
 Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see  
 Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God



*To share your pledge or offering, you may place it in the offering plate as it is passed down the aisle. If it is more convenient for you, please visit the church website at [www.fpcdavenport.org](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

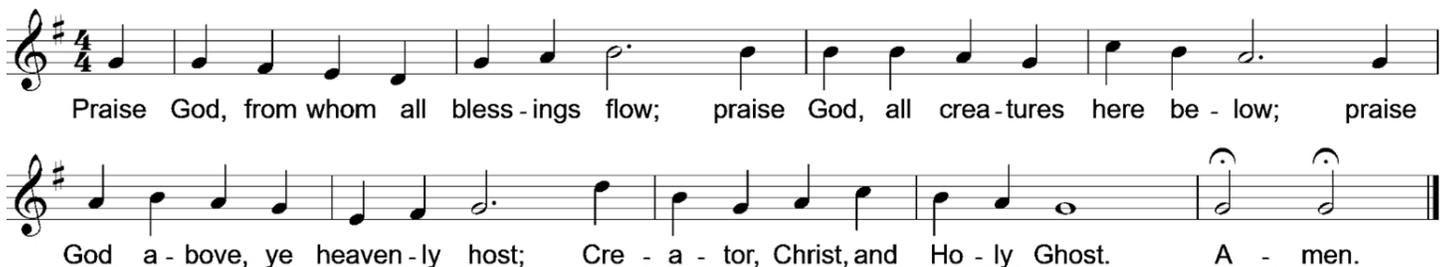
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Wayne L. Wold  
(b. 1954)

### ✠ 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

A Gaelic Blessing  
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

### Charge and Benediction

### Postlude

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Robert Buckley Farlee  
(b. 1950)

## WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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**Worship Hosts** - Andy Edwards (Lead Host), Tim Nelson, Cathy Weik-Nelson, Luann Field

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**Acolyte** - Hazel Romaniello

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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; Sandra and Dave Millage, Alan Haverkamp, Linda Bengfort, 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

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Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

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

## Sunday, February 15

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
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Choir Room
New Member Inquiry Class	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Parlor
Youth Group - TBK Bowling	12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Off-site
Quad City Youth Choir	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Choir Room
Justice Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Choir Room
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

## Monday, February 16

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
FPC Book Club (Between the Covers)	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Parlor
Session Devotions	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Session Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Von Maur Hall/Zoom

## Tuesday, February 17

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

## Wednesday, February 18

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Zoom
Ash Wednesday Worship Service	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Parlor

## Thursday, February 19

Sermon Talks	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Von Maur Hall
Clean Team	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FPC Building
Tabitha's Circle	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
PUNCH Meeting	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
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 20

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
PAS: Alex Gilson's organ soundtrack to The General	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Sanctuary

## Saturday, February 21

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Quad Cities Area Ukrainians	12:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Iowa Street Parking Lot

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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### Youth Outing Update - Today

Due to the warm weather, today's planned Snowstar trip has been changed to bowling **at TBK**. After the worship service, youth will first gather in the youth room for Sunday School. At 12:30 PM, we will depart for TBK for bowling and pizza.

Youth who did not attend worship but would still like to participate may **meet us directly at TBK at 12:30 PM. Pick-up time is 3:00 PM at TBK.**

### 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 Art Exhibition 2026

You are cordially invited to a juried art exhibition featuring works by students at the Creative Arts Academy on **Tuesday, February 17, from 6-7pm** in the Fellowship Hall. This is the second year of our partnership and the theme this year ("Healing of the Nations") has been included in the curriculum of the 40 art students who participated in this year's exhibition. Come enjoy the extraordinary talent from our community.

### Save the Date: Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, February 22 after the Worship Service

### Update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC)

In our last update from December, we hoped to have our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) approved by Session at their January meeting and approved by the Commission on Ministry and Vitality of the Presbytery (COMV) in February.

We are happy to tell you that both have happened! We thank the Session and COMV for their feedback and timely review. This means the job is posted. We have already received computer matches with those open to calls. The APNC has begun the process of reviewing them. Keep us in your prayers and remain patient - this will take some time.

## Souper Bowl of Caring - A Wonderful Success

We are pleased to share that our congregation collected \$1,071.14 for Tapestry Farms during this year's Souper Bowl of Caring.

Thank you for your generous support and faithful participation. Your gifts will make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families in our community by helping provide nourishment and care where it is needed most. We are grateful for the compassionate spirit of this congregation and the many ways you continue to live out your faith through generosity and service.

Thank you for helping us make this year's Souper Bowl of Caring such a success.



## New Member Inquiry Class - Today



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. We will be meeting in the Parlor.

## 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.



## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### 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 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).

## **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!

## **ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

### **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**

### **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.

## Thank-You Notes from Sudlow Students

Please take a moment to stop by Fellowship Hall or the Sanctuary to view the wonderful thank-you notes we received from the students of Sudlow Middle School. These notes were sent in appreciation for our **Snowflakes for Sudlow** donations, and the students were truly grateful for your generosity.

## 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!

## LENT @ FIRST PRES

### 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

### 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. 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.

### 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>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,126)</b>	<b>(\$11,142)</b>	<b>\$13,491</b>	<b>(\$14,917)</b>
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	50,000	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	(1,063)	-
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$1,126)</b>	<b>\$38,858</b>	<b>\$12,428</b>	<b>(\$14,917)</b>
	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>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$59,548)</b>	<b>(\$137,181)</b>	<b>(\$68,958)</b>	<b>(\$190,706)</b>
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	50,000	50,000	50,000
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	(2,396)	-	2,396	-
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$61,944)</b>	<b>(\$87,181)</b>	<b>(\$16,562)</b>	<b>(\$140,706)</b>

All numbers are rounded.

### 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 (Moderator)	Elizabeth Breinich (Vice Moderator)	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 Lehnerr	Doug Wells	Bill Yingling
Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams	Gail Yingling
Sarah Soenksen		
Katrina Williams		