



First Presbyterian Church

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**Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



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 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.

Second Sunday in Lent

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 My Song Is Love Unknown Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Welcome and Announcements Diana Miller-Bur

Minute for Mission Easter Baskets Cathy Pratscher-Woods

Minute for Music Musical Interludes Alex Gilson

Prelude Restore in Us, O God Kristina Langlois
(b. 1959)

✠ **Call to Worship** Julia Meyer, Liturgist

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

One: God is our refuge and strength.

All: God delivers us from the pit of despair.

One: Even when we wander into darkness—

All: God's love pursues us still.

One: Let us worship the God who never lets us go.

✠ **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. For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;
 2. Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
 4. So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,

for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.
 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
 vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!
 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.
 that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

When we turn away from God’s love, we create our own hells. Let us confess and trust God’s mercy.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we resist your love. We choose judgment over grace. We hold grudges rather than forgive, and we ignore the suffering around us. Forgive us, Lord. Draw us out of the shadows of fear and sin, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear this good news: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

All: In him, we are forgiven and free. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Kyrie Eleison
 The Sanctuary Choir

Rosephanye Powell
 (b. 1962)

Sung in Greek and Latin. English translation:
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.

Children’s Message

Prayer for Illumination

God of truth, shine your light on these words, that we may see your love and walk in your ways. Amen.

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What About Hell?"

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Matthew Slemmons

Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

Have Mercy, God, upon My Life

IRISH

1. Have mer - cy, God, up - on my life, and
2. My guilt is heav - y on my mind; I
3. Now teach me wis - dom in my soul: I
4. Cre - ate in me a faith - ful heart, a
5. Then I will praise you with my heart, my
make me clean with in: pour out your ev - er -
know what I see your face. Let a - gainst your jus - tice
long to it right and new. Sus - tain me with your
spir mind, my soul, my voice. You save the least and
faith - ful love and wash a - way my sin.
I have sinned, a - gainst you, God, a - lone.
sing with joy, and heal me by your grace.
sav - ing love and keep me close to you.
seek the lost; let all the world re - joice!

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God



To share your pledge or offering, you may place it in the offering plate as it is passed down the aisle. If it is more convenient for you, please visit the church website at www.fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now," or you may donate directly from your smartphone by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera. You may also mail your pledge or offering to the church office.

Offertory

As the Deer Runs to the River

Christopher Uehlein
(1931-2019)

♣ **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 Lord Bless You and Keep You
The Sanctuary Choir

Peter C. Lutkin
(1858-1931)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Go Down, Moses

Arr. Fela Sowande
(1905-1987)

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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 Mary François on the death of her daughter-in-law and those in need of God's healing grace; Judy Brumbaugh (mother of Julie VanPelt), 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

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, March 1

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	Gym
Musikgarten	10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Fellowship Hour	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Sanctuary
Lenten Book Study - In-person	10:40 AM - 11:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Choir Room
Quad City Youth Choir	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Choir Room
Youth Group	5:00 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, March 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	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
Personnel Committee Meeting	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Parlor
Buildings, Grounds, & Safety	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Parlor
Churches United Meal Site Serving	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Off Site
Adult Spiritual Growth Meeting	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Zoom
CEFY Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Zoom

Tuesday, March 3

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Parlor
Lenten Book Study - Zoom Only	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Zoom

Wednesday, March 4

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Zoom
Lenten Book Study - Zoom Only	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Zoom

Thursday, March 5

Sermon Talks	9:00 AM - 10:00 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
Contemplative Lenten Service	6:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Von Maur Hall
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Choir Room

Friday, March 6

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, March 7

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
SDT Retreat	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S MINISTER

Rev. Dr. Timothy Matthew Slemmons
Professor Of Homiletics and Worship; Doctor of Ministry Program Director
University of Dubuque Theological Seminary



A Presbyterian Minister of Word and Sacrament, Timothy Matthew Slemmons has pastored two congregations and preached as far afield as Jamaica, Scotland, and Malawi. In addition to distilling preaching and Reformed worship for lay leaders in his recent books (*A Short Course in Preaching* and *A Short Course in Reformed Worship*), his scholarship and creative work tend to focus in three areas: (1) bringing the whole counsel of God (including texts that lie beyond the bounds of most lectionaries) to bear on the life of the Church through preaching (see his *Year D*, *Greater Attention*, and *Waste Not the Fragments*), (2) paraphrasing and setting many neglected, often difficult ("Year D") Psalms to simple guitar arrangements (his *Revenant Psalms* series and other musical recordings are available on most streaming services); and (3) translating the works of first generation Swiss Reformers, especially Johannes Oecolampadius (B&N Press), in order to illumine the origins and emphases of the Reformed tradition at its inception.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Hymn March Madness is Back! ... A Fundraiser to Benefit the FPC General Fund

We are bringing back FPC's Favorite Hymn Tournament! To participate in the game, please contact Diana Miller-Bur (millerbur@fpcdavenport.org) OR swing by the church office to pick up a paper version of the week's bracket on Monday.

A \$25 donation is suggested, all proceeds going towards FPC's General Fund.



Manna & More on March 8

Come join us next Sunday for a meal of biscuits and gravy, a few pancakes, sausage, and fresh fruit (gluten free options will be available)! Our activity, hosted by our Deacons, is to write letters of encouragement to the students and teachers at Sudlow Intermediate School for their state testing - templates will be provided.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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.

Bible Basics for March

In February we read books of the bible that were only 1 chapter long. We have one more to go, Jude, on March 4. For the remaining Wednesdays in March, we will be discussing books with 3 chapters: Titus, II Thessalonians, and the OT book of Nahum. Here is a trivial fact. There are no books in the Bible that are 2 chapters long. All are welcome at Bible Basics. We meet on Wednesdays, 6:15 PM on Zoom.

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SAVE THE DATE: VBS Compassion Camp 2026

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

MISSION & SERVICE

Caring Closet Easter Basket Give Away / "Be Some Bunny Special"

The Caring Closet is going to host an **Easter Basket Give Away** much like the Christmas Toy Event. We need your help to make this a success. We plan to collect items to make up Easter Baskets. We need the following items to make some fantastic Easter Baskets: Kids Easter baskets, Easter grass, candy (wrapped is best), small stuffed bunnies or chicks, bright colored socks for kids, colorful markers, other small fun toys to put in an Easter Basket. Use your imagination. Please bring your items to church and place them in the Easter Basket tub at the back of the sanctuary. Once we have all our **donations in by March 23rd** we will have our own Build a Basket in the Church gym. The give away date at the Caring Closet is not set yet, but it will be either a week or a few days before Easter.

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.

MUSIC

Musical Interludes with Alex Gilson

Join us **March 4th** for a musical interlude titled "Banjo Favorites" featuring our very own Principal Organist Alex Gilson with special guest Jake Bayles. Alex and Jake will play famous banjo tunes including "The Rainbow Connection", "The Dueling Banjos", music by Pete Seeger and more!

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

FPC STAFF

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

LENT @ FIRST PRES

Churchwide Lenten Book Study: *Love Wins* by Rob Bell - Week 2

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

Our churchwide Lenten study of Rob Bell's *Love Wins* continues this week. Together we're exploring meaningful questions about God's love, justice, mercy, and how our faith shapes everyday life. This study is open to everyone—no experience needed, just a willingness to listen, reflect, and grow.

Pastor Kris is leading all sessions personally, and we invite you to join one small group for the remaining weeks of this 5-week journey.

Small Group Options:

- **Sunday mornings** during the Sunday School hour (in person)
- **Tuesday evenings** at 7:30 PM (Zoom)
- **Wednesday evenings** at 7:30 PM (Zoom—ages 50 and under)

We hope you'll make this study a meaningful part of your Lenten season.

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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>
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.