



First Presbyterian Church

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



Rembrandt (1606-1669), *Return of the Prodigal Son* (ca. 1667)
Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg

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

Fifth 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

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Arr. Wayne L. Wold
(b. 1954)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Introit

Choral Dorian

Jehan Alain
(1911-1940)

✠ Call to Worship

Andy McNeil, Liturgist

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

One: The lost are found, the dead live again!

All: God's love makes all things new.

One: The table is set, and all are welcome.

All: God's love brings us home.

One: Come, let us rejoice in the God who embraces us with mercy!

✠ 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

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for
you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,
watch - ing for you and for me. mer - cies for you and for me?
par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!
You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

We confess that we resist God's welcome and refuse to join the celebration. Let us repent and return to the story of love.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you never stop calling us home, yet we confess that we wander. We seek fulfillment apart from you, withhold grace from others, and resist the joy of forgiveness. Forgive us when we forget how deeply we depend on your mercy. Turn our hearts back toward you, and teach us to live as people shaped by reconciliation and love. Bring us home again. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: God's love does not run out. While we are still finding our way home, grace runs toward us.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, welcomed, and made new. Thanks be to God.

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Vespers from *To Know the Path*
The Sanctuary Choir

Linda Kachelmeier
(b. 1965)

*The feet of the hungry bear the fruit of hope
The feet of the lost make trails in the wilderness
The feet of the persecuted bleed into the night
The feet of the humble grow brown as earth
The feet of the abandoned find a way through thorns
The feet of the fearful walk on petals of hope
The feet of those who are maimed or cursed or made to be alien are the feet of the holy
are the feet of the people
walking the path to know the path
(Athena Kildegaard)*

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by your Spirit, that as we hear your Word, we may recognize your love, receive your grace, and be drawn home again. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9

- 55** Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- 2** Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3** Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 4** See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 5** Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
- 6** Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
- 7** let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
- 9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Living in the Story of Love"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

There Is Now a New Creation

STUTTGART



1. There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
 2. Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
 3. Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
 4. Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
 5. There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

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

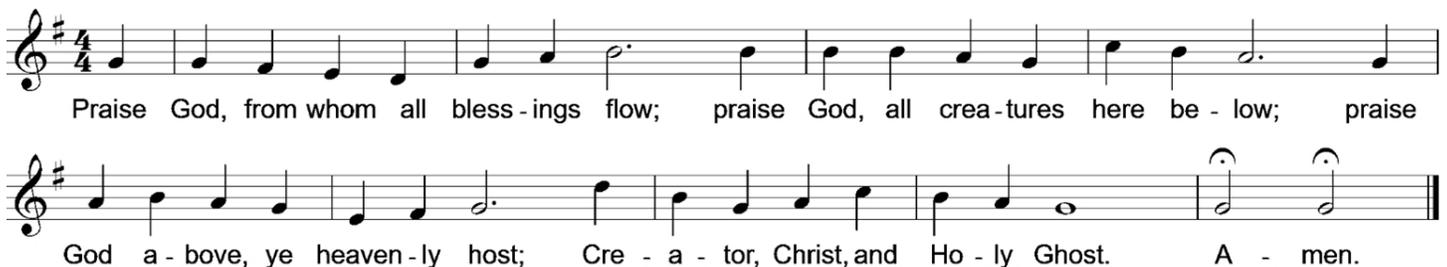
The Glory of These Forty Days

Arr. Timothy Albrecht
(b. 1950)

✦ 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

Meeting Is Over
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. James E. Clemens
(b. 1966)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Sing, My Tongue

Arr. Harold Stover
(b. 1946)

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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 Havercamp, 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 the FPC Office at 563-326-1691 x200 or office@fpcdavenport.org.

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 22

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
Scouts Donut Sunday	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
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	Fellowship Hall
Lenten Book Study - In Person	10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Choir Room
PIM Dodgeball	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Gym
Quad City Youth Choir	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Choir Room
Youth Group	5:00 PM - 7:00 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 23

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Tuesday, March 24

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
DELP Meeting	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	
Hospitality & Welcoming Committee	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Parlor
Lenten Book Study - Zoom Only	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Zoom

Wednesday, March 25

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 26

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 27

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, March 28

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Easter Basket Make & Take	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Gym
FPC Spring Clean-up	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FPC Building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Session Highlights for March

- Pastor Kris led a devotion time after quoting John 1:4 and Rob Bell's book *Love Wins*. Kris asked Session to discuss the questions, 'What does love wins mean theologically?' and 'Within our congregation, where do you see reconciling love?'
- Session approved a new Anti-Harassment Policy that is required by the Presbyterian Book of Order.
- Finance reported that January ended with a surplus of \$53K (due to the front-loading of 2026 pledges), but February ended with a deficit of \$18K. The projected 2026 year-end deficit of \$119K will likely occur, however there are long term savings that the church can draw on.

Hymn March Madness is Back! - A General Fund Fundraiser

The Final Four Hymns have been chosen by popular vote! You can still participate - we still have a champion hymn to choose! Please contact Diana Miller-Bur at 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, made payable to First Presbyterian Church, memo: Hymn March Madness.

Ladies' Tea - Saturday, April 11- 2:00-4:00 PM

Join us for a delightful Ladies' Tea to honor the women of our church. All women are invited - you can even bring a friend/daughter/mother/sister - to attend this wonderful time of fellowship. There will of course be tea along with finger foods (gluten-free and sugar-free options available), small games and crafts, music, and a short devotion. We can't wait to see you there!

Please **RSVP** with Jim at the church office **by Friday, April 3**.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Tween (3rd - 5th grade) Explore the Building

Have you ever wondered what's behind that door at church—or where those giant organ pipes are hiding? Tweens in Grades 3-5 are invited to satisfy their curiosity with a special behind-the-scenes church adventure on **March 29** from **12:00-2:00 PM**. During this fun afternoon, participants will explore some of the hidden and unique places within the church, including an up-close look at the organ pipes and other areas that most people don't usually get to see.

Pizza lunch will be served as part of the event. Please **RSVP by March 26** to Marty or Abby at cefy@fpcdavenport.org and be sure to include any dietary restrictions or food allergies so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to a great time of discovery and fellowship together!

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!

Calling All Graduates

We would like to celebrate high school and college graduates during worship on **Sunday, May 17th**. If you have a child (or grandchild) graduating from high school or college this year, please e-mail abby@fpcdavenport.org, by **Sunday, May 3rd** if you would like us to include them in our celebration. When you e-mail, please include the following:

- 4-6 pictures from various points in their life (including a senior picture if you have one)
- List where they graduated from (if it is a college graduation, list their major/minor)
- Short statement of their future plans
- Favorite Memory of Church (if applicable)
- Favorite Memory of High School or College

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
Questions? Please contact Abby Schondelmeyer: cefy@fpcdavenport.org.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

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

Caring Closet Needs Donations

The Caring Closet is currently in need of new underwear and T-shirts for women, children, and men in all sizes. Donations may be dropped off at the church during the week or on Sunday morning. All sizes are appreciated—thank you for helping us care for our community!

Kids Against Hunger Meal-Packing Event

We are once again partnering with Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit providing nutritious meals to families facing hunger around the world. Join us on **Sunday, April 19, at 4:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall for this meaningful service opportunity. Adults and children are all welcome! A \$20 donation is suggested.

To help with planning, please **let us know by April 14** if you plan to attend. You may sign up at the back of the sanctuary or contact Elizabeth Breinich or Andy Edwards.

Can't attend? Donations may be made after worship, at the church office, or online.

To date, FPC has packaged over 137,000 meals, and our **goal for April 19 is 6,000 more meals**. We hope you'll join us!

Habitat for Humanity House Build

First Presbyterian Church is participating in a **Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities** house build right here in our neighborhood!

Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities is empowered by God to bring people together to build and renovate homes, revitalize communities, and restore hope.

Founded in 1993, Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities was born after a local mission group returned from Florida, where they were introduced to Habitat's work while helping to rebuild after Hurricane Andrew. We serve Scott County in Iowa and Rock Island County in Illinois, and have completed over 140 homes in Davenport, East Moline, Milan, Moline, Rock Island, and Silvis.

Join us on **Saturday, April 18, from 8:00 AM -3:00 PM**. Volunteers may sign up for a **morning or afternoon shift**, and we will most likely be helping with **framing the house**.

Volunteers must be **at least 16 years old**. **Waivers are required**, and a brief **safety talk** will take place before work begins.

Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the sanctuary, or contact **Andy Edwards** or **Gail Yingling** at **gailiowa@gmail.com**.

Funeral Support Volunteers Needed

From time to time when funerals/memorial services are held in the church the family hosts a meal/reception in Fellowship Hall. At those times we need volunteers to help host, set-up the serving tables, help with clean-up, and to be a helping hand. If you would be willing to provide funeral support as your schedule permits please provide your name and contact information on the list at the Welcome Desk at the back of the sanctuary after church services or call the church office and add your name to the list of volunteers. Thank You!

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.

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 **by March 23rd**.

On Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, we will invite our local neighbors to Make and Take Easter baskets for their children.

FPC Spring Clean Up - Saturday, March 28

Hosted by Buildings, Grounds and Safety, we will work from **9 AM to noon**. We will be raking leaves and digging up some roots. The church has rakes but shovels, wheelbarrows and carts are needed. Gloves are recommended because we have to manually remove leaves from shrubs. All ages are welcome!

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.

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 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:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>
March 26	Gifts in us that feel stifled & Sacred Compassion that our souls need



Palm Sunday
March 29, 9:30 AM



Maundy Thursday
April 2, 6:30 PM



Good Friday Tenebrae
April 3, 7:30 PM



Easter Sunday
April 5, 9:30 AM

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