



First Presbyterian Church

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



Jesus on the Road to Emmaus, FPC stained glass window

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

A Wizard of Oz Medley

Harold Arlen
Setting, Alex Gilson

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Introit

Tumefurahi
Kirkwood Choir Ensemble

Dave and Jean Perry

Sung in Swahili and English. Translation of Swahili:
We rejoice, we bring joy every day. Sing!

Call to Worship

Ted Brown, Liturgist

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

One: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

All: God is doing a new thing among us.

One: In the wilderness, God makes a way.

All: On uncertain roads, Christ walks beside us.

One: When the journey feels confusing or unfamiliar,

All: the risen Christ meets us on the road.

One: Come, let us worship the God who leads us forward.

All: We will follow where the Spirit leads.

✠ 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. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal of foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious
 bar - ren land; I am the weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,
 Hold me with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en
 Lead me all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es
 Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

The journey of faith is not always clear. Sometimes we resist the road God sets before us. We cling to what is familiar, even when God is creating something new. But the good news is this: Christ meets us even when we walk the wrong direction. Let us bring our hearts honestly before God. Please join me in the Prayer of Confession.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and patient God, You call us to trust you and step onto new roads, yet we often hesitate. We prefer certainty to faith, comfort to courage, and familiar paths to new beginnings. Too often we fail to recognize that you are already walking beside us. Forgive us when fear keeps us from moving forward. Forgive us when we overlook the companions you place on our journey. Open our eyes to your presence. Give us courage to follow where your Spirit leads. Renew us in the grace of the risen Christ, who meets us on the road and leads us home. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: The risen Christ walked beside the disciples on the road to Emmaus even when they did not recognize him. In the same way, Christ walks beside us...in our questions, in our uncertainty, and in every step of our journey.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and invited forward. Thanks be to God.

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
The Sanctuary Choir
Kristena Downing, clarinet

Howard Helvey
(b. 1968)

(Commissioned for the FPC Sanctuary Choir in 2010 by RuthAnn Tobey-Brown and Sarah Greim)

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see,
and in Thy presence rest.*

*But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is,
none but who love Him know.*

*No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the memory find,
a sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
the Savior of mankind.*

*Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
as Thou our prize wilt be;
in Thee be all our glory now,
and through eternity.*

*O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind Thou art:
how good to those who seek!*

(Bernard of Clairvaux, 1090-1153 | translated by Edward Caswall, 1814-1878)

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of God, descend upon us now. Open the scriptures, open our hearts, and immerse us in your living Word. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:18-21

- ¹⁸Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

*When he was at the table with them,
he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him...*

Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No
2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near And seek where You are found.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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 Wind Song

Arr. Marilyn Biery
(b. 1959)

♣ **Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be -
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

♣ **Prayer of Dedication**

Sending Anthem

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Arr. Kristina Langlois
(b. 1956)

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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, and those in need of God's healing grace; Dennis Johns, Dick Koos, Pat Cresap, Frances Keller, 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 assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to contact the church office directly (563-326-1691).

Prayer Shawls: Prayer shawls are available for you to give to those you know who are experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coat rack near the main office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, April 26

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
Adult Sunday School	11:40 AM - 11:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
Tuck Everlasting Rehearsal	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Choir Room
APNC Meeting	3:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Parlor
Quad City Youth Choir	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Youth Group	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Justice Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Choir Room
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

Monday, April 27

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Worship & Music Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Parlor

Tuesday, April 28

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Contemplative Prayer Group	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Hospitality & Welcoming Committee	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Parlor

Wednesday, April 29

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

Thursday, April 30

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 - 7:00 PM	Chapel
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Choir Room

Friday, May 1

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

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sermon Series Starts Today: Follow the Yellow Brick Road



Starting today and continuing through Pentecost on May 24, we invite you into a creative and meaningful worship journey inspired by *The Wizard of Oz*. Throughout this five-week series, our sanctuary will be transformed, and each week we will engage clips from the film as a way to reflect on God's love, grace, and presence in our lives.

Like Dorothy and her companions, we are all on a journey—seeking courage, wisdom, heart, and ultimately, a place called home. Along the way, we'll discover that God meets us not just at the destination, but in every step of the journey.

Join us as we **Follow the Yellow Brick Road** together.

Series Schedule:

- **April 26** **Follow the Yellow Brick Road**
- May 3 If I Only Had...
- May 10 Pay No Attention to the Man Behind the Curtain
- May 17 Hymn Fest Sunday
- May 24 (Pentecost) - You Had the Power All Along

Come be part of this imaginative and Spirit-filled series as we explore the ways God's grace has been with us all along.

Justice Choir of the Midwest, Spring Concert - Tonight!

Tonight at 7:00PM, the Justice Choir of the Midwest, a community choir based at and sponsored by First Pres, holds its spring concert. Titled "Easy on the Earth," this concert focuses on Environmental and Climate Justice with a variety of choral music by composers including Jake Runestad, Katerina Gimon, Jennifer Lucy Cook, Cedrick Howoseb, Joni Mitchell, and others. The ensemble is partnering with Living Lands & Waters, a non-profit organization based in East Moline that does tremendous work to "aid in the protection, preservation, and restoration of the natural environment of the nation's major rivers and their watersheds." Donations will be accepted to help further the mission of LL&W.

**JUSTICE CHOIR
OF THE MIDWEST**

PRESENTS

EASY ON THE EARTH
A CONCERT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Benefitting

SUNDAY
APRIL 26 | 7:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church
1702 Iowa St., Davenport

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Adult Sunday School - Nooma w/ Pastor Kris

Join Pastor Kris for Adult Sunday School as we return to 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 each week or just drop in for one. Grab some coffee, bring your questions, and be part of the conversation.

Nooma Schedule:

April 26 Sunday: We're tired of all the empty rituals and routines. And so is God.

May 3 Dust: Believing in God is important. But what about God believing in us?

May 10 Rhythm: What does it mean to have a relationship with God? What does it look like?

Bible Basics for April

For the remaining weeks in April, we will continue our discussion of some of the shorter, and maybe less often read, books of the bible. Next on our list are four OT prophets - Nahum, Habakkuk, Joel, and Malachi. 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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Group Update

It's hard to believe our youth group season is coming to a close. Here is our upcoming schedule.

April 26: Regular Youth Group 5pm - 7pm

May 3: Regular Youth Group 5pm - 7pm

This is our last youth group for the season. It will include a short yoga lesson with FPC Member, Elizabeth Breinich. We will also show our appreciation for our youth mentors that have given their time over this year.

May 10: Enjoy time with your mom and mother-like figures

May 17: QC Youth Choir Concert

All are invited to the final QC Youth Choir Concert at 4pm.

May 24: Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

Come celebrate our 2 confirmation students as they take the next step in their faith journey.

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

VBS Compassion Camp: Little Lights, Big Faith

VBS Compassion Camp: Little Lights, Big Faith will take place **June 15-19 from 8:45am - 12:15pm**. Join us for a week of fun, fellowship, and mission! We're going to spend the week learning what it means to lead with kindness, courage, and compassion. We'll explore how small actions—like helping a friend, standing up for someone, or showing love—can make a really big difference in the world.

*****Donations needed: cardboard, especially big boxes. Thank you!**

VBS Compassion Camp is for ages 3 (potty trained) - Rising 6th graders. Older youth are invited to volunteer. Snack and free lunch will be provided each day. Forms are available in the playground or at the welcome desk in the back of the sanctuary.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Marty Bowles Edwards or Abby Schondelmeyer: cefy@fpcdavenport.org

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) to 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 at cefy@fpcdavenport.org.



MISSION & SERVICE

Mulch Spreading Day - Volunteers Needed!

This **Saturday, May 2 at 9:00AM**, we will be spreading mulch around the church property. Please bring your own pair of gloves and a garden rake for spreading the mulch, if you have them. Thank you for helping us to beautify our campus!

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!

Session Highlights for April 2026

- Pastor Kris led a devotional starting with a reading of Isaiah 11:1-10, but specifically the words, 'and a child will lead them'. Pastor Kris then asked Session the questions that the confirmands answered to write their Confirmation Statements of Faith.
- Two confirmands, Brighton Greim and Liam Yingling, were introduced to Session during which they read their Confirmation Statements of Faith and answered questions. Session approved their full membership of FPC. Their public profession of faith is scheduled for May 24 during Sunday morning service.
- No finance report was made for March, it will be included next month with the April report.

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!

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!

Sign Up for Breeze Access

We're excited to invite FPC members to sign up for Breeze, our church management software designed to help you stay connected and informed.

With Breeze, you'll be able to:

- View and manage your volunteer commitments
- Access the online church directory
- Track and manage your donations



Getting started is easy. Visit the Request Access page and submit your name and email address. Once your request is received, you'll be sent an email invitation with instructions to set up your access.

We look forward to connecting with you through Breeze!

<https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/form/bac8c183>

MUSIC

Musical Interludes with Alex Gilson

Join us **May 6th** for a musical interlude titled "Haydn in Plain Sight" featuring Alex Gilson on Cello and Matt Bishop on piano. This interlude will showcase a famous cello concerto from Joseph Haydn which was only discovered in 1961 and other works for cello and piano. Join us for an afternoon of fun music!

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**.

A Festival of Hymns - Sunday May 17th, 9:30AM

Join us on **Sunday, May 17th at 9:30AM** as the Sanctuary Choir and Vesper Bells lead the congregation in a Festival of Hymn celebrating sacred volunteerism and the many volunteers that support the varied ministries of FPC. Sing old favorites and learn new hymns as we joyously proclaim our calling of holy works.



SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES

Synod School - July 25-31 Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa



Summer is just around the corner, and we are excited for Synod School 2026 . There is a full schedule of great programming for all ages, including training for Commissioned Ruling Elders as well as classes for continuing education for pastors, church educators, and other church professionals (particularly Church Treasurers this year).

The intergenerational atmosphere offers excellent programs for children and youth in mission, study, and fellowship. High-quality childcare for infants and toddlers is offered as well.

Last year the participants ranged from six months old to 102 years of age. A great time was had by all! Swing by our church office to peruse the catalog or scan the QR code.



Scan for Classes

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Kathy Knox	Wendy Hammen	Nathan Kabel	
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Jed Steckel	Sharon Simmonds	RuthAnn Tobey-Brown	
	Jay Williams		
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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
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Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams	Gail Yingling
Sarah Soenksen		
Katrina Williams		