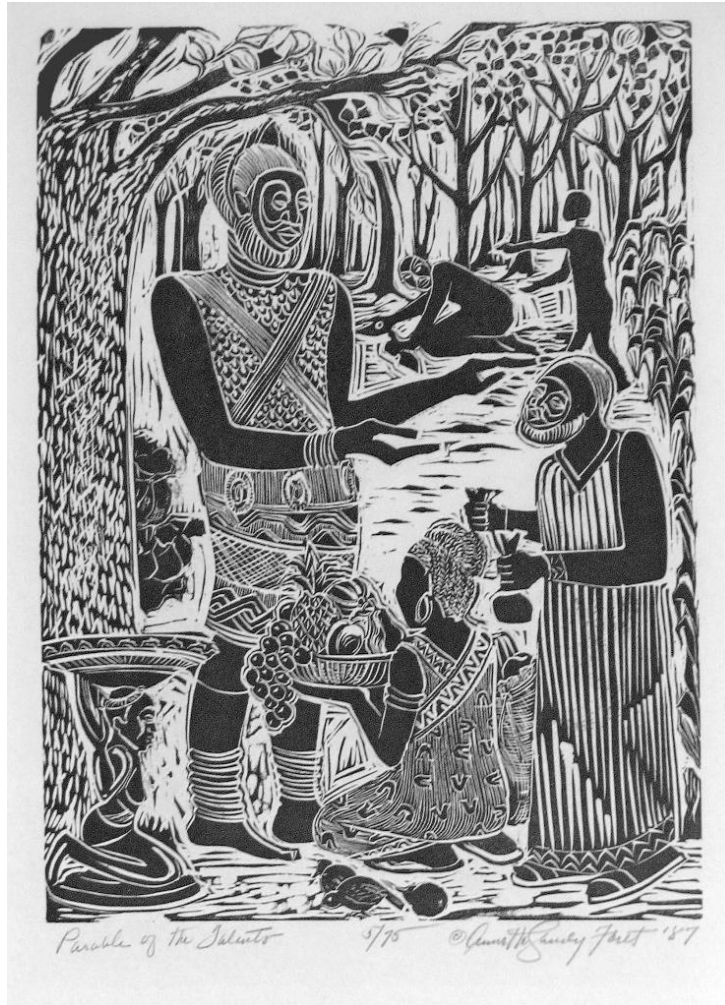




First Presbyterian Church

Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



Annette Fortt, "Parable of the Talents" (annettefortt.com)

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. Check today's bulletin for schedule.

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 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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Aaron David Miller
(b. 1972)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Minute for Stewardship

Birdies for Charity

Kristine Olson

Introit

God Is Gone Up
The Sanctuary Choir

Eric Thiman
(1900-1975)

Call to Worship

Abby Pitcher, Liturgist

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

One: There are many gifts, but the same Spirit.

All: Many kinds of service, but the same Lord.

One: Some are given wisdom, some compassion, some courage.

All: Each gift is given for the good of all.

One: We gather as one body, each part essential.

All: God has already placed gifts among us.

One: Come, let us worship the One who calls forth the gifts within us.

All: We bring our whole selves before 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.)

♣ Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My peo - ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save. I who
I have wept for love of them, They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save. Fin - est

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak My word to them.
I will give My life to them.

Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord, I have heard You
call - ing in the night I will go, Lord, if You
lead me. I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

Sometimes we believe we are not enough. We compare ourselves to others, doubt our abilities, or hide the gifts God has given us. Yet scripture reminds us that every person carries gifts meant to bless the community. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess the ways we have doubted our calling or buried what God has entrusted to us.

Prayer of Confession

Generous and gracious God, you have entrusted each of us with gifts for the good of your world, yet we often fail to see them. We doubt our worth. We compare ourselves with others. We hide the gifts you have given us. Forgive us when fear or insecurity keeps us from serving. Forgive us when we overlook the gifts present in those around us. Open our eyes to the grace you have already placed within us. Give us courage to use our gifts with humility, joy, and love. Through Christ, renew us as your people, that together we may become a living body of compassion and hope. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: God does not measure us by what we lack, but by the grace already placed within us. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and called again to serve with the gifts God has given.

All: In Christ we are set free to live fully and faithfully. Thanks be to God.

Listening for the Word

Anthem

The Road Home
The Sanctuary Choir
Heidi Pedersen, soloist

Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)

*Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
that I left, that I lost
so long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
oh, when will I know
there's a way, there's a road
that will lead me home?*

*After wind, after rain,
when the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
in the gold of day,
through the air there's a calling
from far away,
there's a voice I can hear
that will lead me home.*

*Rise up, follow me,
come away, is the call,
with the love in your heart
as the only song;
there is no such beauty
as where you belong:
rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.*

(Michael Dennis Browne, 1940-2026)

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

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

First Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:4-27

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once ¹⁶ the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"If I Only Had..."
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
3. As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
4. We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
Who will light the flame of care?
might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
each a love song to be sung.
res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney
now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

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

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

Robert J. Powell

♣ **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**

Celebration of Linda Bengfort

Sending Anthem

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

If I Only Had a Brain

Harold Arlen
Arr. Alex Gilson

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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 the family and friends on the death of Dennis Johns and those in need of God's healing grace; Pat Cresap, Frances Keller, 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 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, May 3

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
Retirement Celebration for Linda Bengfort	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
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	10:40 AM - 11:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
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
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Wednesday, May 6

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Musical Interlude with Alex Gilson	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Von Maur Hall/Sanctuary
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Zoom

Thursday, May 7

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 8

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Alex Gilson's Piano Studio Recital	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Sanctuary

Saturday, May 9

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Retirement Celebration for Linda Bengfort, Today at 10:30 AM

Linda Bengfort has announced her retirement following 17 faithful and phenomenal years as Assistant Choral Director at First Presbyterian Church. Linda's patient tutelage and keen musical abilities have impacted so many singers who were under her direction in Kirkwood and youth choirs. All are invited to a cake reception following worship today in the Fellowship Hall to thank Linda for her extraordinary service.

Showcasing the Most Popular Hymn

Today, we are showcasing **Here I Am, Lord**, the champion hymn from the Hymn March Madness tournament.

Sermon Series: 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.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Bible Basics

After meeting year-round since January 2018 (376 lessons), Bible Basics is going on hiatus starting in May. It is a good time to reimagine Bible Basics for the fall.

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

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?

MISSION & SERVICE

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.

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!

Funeral Support Volunteers Needed

When a funeral or memorial service is held at the church, families often host a meal in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, serving, cleanup, and general assistance. If you're willing to help as your schedule allows, please add your name and contact information at the Welcome Desk after services or call the church office to be added to the volunteer list. 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!

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**

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 Hymns 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



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Youth Group Update

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

May 3: Regular Youth Group 5pm - 7pm

It will include a short yoga lesson with FPC Member, Elizabeth Breinich.

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.

Then after the concert the youth group will meet from 5pm - 7pm to show our appreciation for our youth mentors that have given their time over this year. The evening will include games and fun!

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

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

The graphic features a dark blue background with five rows of colorful, outlined geometric shapes. The first row consists of six 'W' shapes in pink, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The second row consists of six 'D' shapes in the same color sequence. The third row consists of six horizontal bars in the same color sequence. The fourth row consists of six 'R' shapes in the same color sequence. The fifth row consists of six 'E' shapes in the same color sequence.

Pride Service 2026: Draw the Circle Wide

Sunday, May 31 | 9:30 AM

First Presbyterian Church, Davenport | 1702 Iowa St.

fpcdavenport.org

All are welcome!

A purple cross logo with four small circles at the intersections of the arms, each circle containing a different color from the rainbow spectrum.

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Elders

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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

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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
Bob Lehnerr	Doug Wells	Bill Yingling
Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams	Gail Yingling
Sarah Soenksen		
Katrina Williams		