



First Presbyterian Church

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Called as Partners: A Festival of Hymns
Volunteer Recognition
May 17, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



Sandra Seitamaa

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 September to April program year. Check today's bulletin for current 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

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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 Praeludium et Fuga in C, BWV 531 J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Prelude Aidez-moi à glorifier le bonté de Dieu Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

Call to Worship Diana Miller-Bur

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

One: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

One: Remember the promise of the Lord:

All: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

One: Let us worship 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.)

☩ Anthem All Creatures of Our God and King Arr. Donald Busarow
The Sanctuary Choir (1934-2011)

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

We know what God requires of us...that we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Yet, we know we fall short and fail to live up to our calling. As a first step in walking with God toward new life in Christ, let us join together in our corporate prayer of confession. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we forget that we are your beloved children. We wander from your ways and resist the call to embody your compassion. Forgive us, O Lord. Immerse us once more in your grace. Renew us in your Spirit, that we may live as your people of love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: In Christ, the heavens are opened, and the Spirit descends upon us.

All: We are God's beloved children - forgiven, renewed, and sent to serve. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Children's Message

Abby Schondelmeyer

Words on Hymnody from the Director of Music & Arts

First Lessons - Heeding God's Call

Theresa Jacobsmeier

1 Peter 4:8-11

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To them belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Galatians 5:22-25

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

♣ Hymn

Called as Partners

BEECHER

Descant: Jeff Whitmill



1. Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice, Called to min - is - tries of grace,
 2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3. Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, In a small or glob - al sense,
 4. So God grant us for to - mor - row Ways to or - der hu - man life.



We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol - low, nev - er fal - tering, Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth - er's bur - dens, Break - ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur - round each per - son's sor - row With a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar - ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er, All God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, Words of chal - lenge, said with care,
 Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



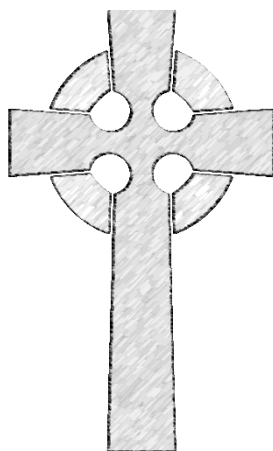
E - qual part - ners in our car - ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, Make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

Hymn Meditation

How Clear Is My Vocation, Lord
The Vesper Bells

REPTON

Arr. Lee J. Afdahl



♣ Hymn

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This, my bod - y;
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise, life a -
 this, my blood" Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing, may we



gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to Your
 bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,
 lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the world a -
 you so free - ly give. May your care and the mer - cy
 serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that



pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.



Romans 12:4-18

⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

♣ Hymn

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

Descant: Richard Kenneth Fitzgerald

1. Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
 2. Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3. Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y doubts and faith - less fear!
 4. Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

While all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 To young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the time; its
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here; Though fee - ble a - gents,
 Till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, And a glad sound comes

does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
 with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

♣ Hymn

What Does the Lord Require of You

MOON

1.
 What does the Lord re - quire of you?
 2.
 Jus - - tice, kind - - ness,
 3.
 To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

What does the Lord re - quire of you?
 walk hum - bly with your God.
 and walk hum - bly with your God.

♣ Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1. I'm gon - na live so God can use me an - y -
 2. I'm gon - na work so God can use me an - y -
 3. I'm gon - na pray so God can use me an - y -
 4. I'm gon - na sing so God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time! I'm gon - na
 where, Lord, an - y - time! I'm gon - na
 where, Lord, an - y - time! I'm gon - na
 where, Lord, an - y - time! I'm gon - na

live so God can use me an - y -
 work so God can use me an - y -
 pray so God can use me an - y -
 sing so God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 where, Lord, an - y - time!
 where, Lord, an - y - time!
 where, Lord, an - y - time!

James 2:14-24

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith apart from works, and I by my works will show you faith. ¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is worthless? ²¹Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and by works faith was brought to completion. ²³Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God. ²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

♠ Hymn

Lift High the Cross
The Vesper Bells

CRUCIFER
Arr. Cathy and David Moglebust

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1. Come, Chris - tians fol - low where our Sav - ior trod.
2. All new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:
5. From north and south, from east and west they raise

Refrain

The Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Bears on death the brow the seal of Christ who died.
your praise to the has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
in grow - ing un - is - son their song of praise. *(Interlude after refrain)*

♣ Hymn

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN
Descant: Alex Gilson

1. All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3. For all days are shall days yet of judg - ment, and the
 4. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the

bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our

peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

♣ Hymn

More Waters Rising

Saro Lynch-Thomason

(Verse 1, sung by a soloist)
*There are more waters rising,
 this I know, this I know.
 There are more waters rising,
 this I know.
 There are more waters rising,
 they will find their way to me.
 There are more waters rising,
 this I know, this I know.
 There are more waters rising,
 this I know.*

(Verse 2, sung by sopranos and altos)
*There are more fires burning,
 this I know, this I know.
 There are more fires burning,
 this I know.
 There are more fires burning,
 they will find their way to me.
 There are more fires burning,
 this I know, this I know.
 There are more fires burning,
 this I know.*

(Verse 3, sung by all)
*There are more mountains falling,
 this I know, this I know.
 There are more mountains falling,
 this I know.
 There are more mountains falling,
 they will find their way to me.
 There are more mountains falling,
 this I know, this I know.
 There are more mountains falling,
 this I know.*

(Verse 4, sung by all)
*I will wade through the waters,
 this I know, this I know.
 I will wade through the waters,
 this I know.
 I will wade through the waters,
 they will find their way to me.
 I will wade through the waters,
 this I know, this I know.
 I will wade through the waters,
 this I know.*

(Verse 5, sung by all)
*I will walk through the fires,
 this I know, this I know.
 I will walk through the fires,
 this I know.
 I will walk through the fires,
 they will find their way to me.
 I will walk through the fires,
 this I know, this I know.
 I will walk through the fires,
 this I know.*

(Verse 6, sung by all)
*I will rebuild the mountains,
 this I know, this I know.
 I will rebuild the mountains,
 this I know.
 I will rebuild the mountains,
 they will find their way to me.
 I will rebuild the mountains,
 this I know, this I know.
 I will rebuild the mountains,
 this I know.*

Responding to the Word

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

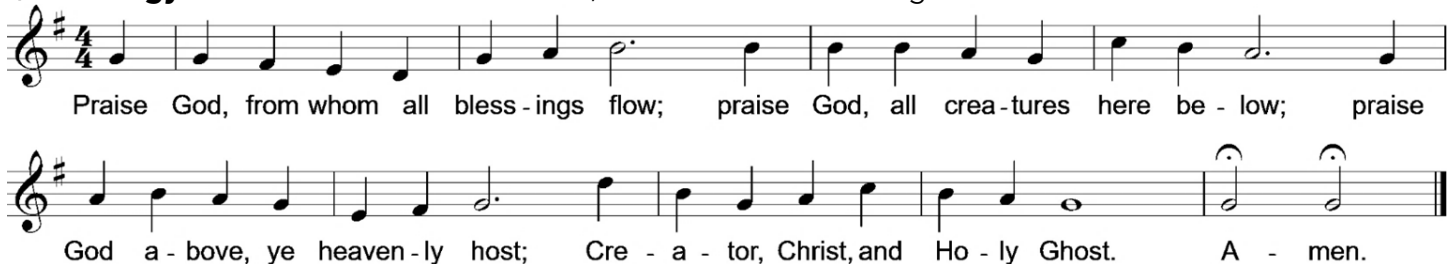
Improvisation on "OLD 100TH"

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

✦ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH



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

✦ Litany of Thanks for Church Volunteers

One: Today, we give thanks to God for the hands and hearts that serve in quiet corners and busy hallways, in committee meetings and classrooms, in the sanctuary and beyond these walls.

All: We give thanks for the volunteers of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport—faithful servants of Christ.

One: For elders and deacons, teachers and musicians, ushers and greeters, for the ones who serve in leadership and those who serve behind the scenes—we thank you.

All: You offer your time, your wisdom, your creativity, your compassion. You reflect the love of Christ in every act of service.

One: For those who teach our children and youth, who share the stories of faith and model the way of Jesus—we bless you.

All: Your witness shapes hearts and plants seeds of faith that will grow for generations.

One: For the choir and musicians, the worship leaders and tech team, who help us lift our voices in praise and proclaim the Good News in word and song—we praise God for you.

All: Through your gifts, our spirits are lifted, and our worship deepened.

One: For the volunteers who sort clothes, prepare meals, write cards, and visit the lonely—your compassion makes God's love visible.

All: You are the hands and feet of Christ, bringing comfort and hope.

One: For those who serve on committees, commissions, and teams—those who plan, dream, and discern our way forward together—we honor your dedication.

All: Your faithful work builds the future of this church in grace and hope.

One: For every act of kindness, every moment of service, every prayer lifted in love—we give thanks.

All: We are the Body of Christ, many members, one purpose: To glorify God and serve our neighbors in love. Amen.

Sending Anthem

The Lord Bless and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin
(1858-1931)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!

Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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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.

We pray for God's mercy and grace to touch the family and friends on the passing of FPC member: Jim Tucker and Dennis Johns.

We also pray for those in need of God's healing grace; Pat Cresap, Frances Keller, Judy Brumbaugh (mother of Julie VanPelt), Sandra and Dave Millage, Alan Havercamp, Jim Woods, Carol Phoenix, Julie Pedigo (sister of Carol Phoenix), and Wayne Hean.

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, May 17

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service - Hymn Festival	9:30 AM	Sanctuary
Manna & More	10:40 AM - 11:40 AM	Fellowship Hall
Tuck Everlasting Rehearsal	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
Quad City Youth Choir - Dress Rehearsal	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sanctuary
Quad City Youth Choir Concert	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Youth Choir Reception	4:30 PM - 5:15 PM	Fellowship Hall
Youth Group	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Gym, Von Maur Hall, 3rd Floor CE Building
Pride Pop Up Choir	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Choir Room
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Fellowship, Gym & Library

Monday, May 18

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
FPC Book Club	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Parlor
Session	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Tuesday, May 19

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Wednesday, May 20

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
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Thursday, May 21

Sermon Talks	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Von Maur Hall
Clean Team	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FPC Building
PUNCH Meeting	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Friday, May 22

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, May 23

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Ardell Hawley Memorial Service	11:30 PM - 1:00 PM	Sanctuary

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.

First Night Out - River Bandits Game

The First Night Out May event is a **River Bandits Game** at John O'Donnell Stadium on **Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.** General admission that night is \$2 and hot dogs and soda can also be purchased for that price. You will buy your own ticket(s) and we will meet at the third baseline bleacher area. Please let Abby & Chris Pitcher know if you plan to attend - cpitcher13@yahoo.com or abbypitch76@yahoo.com

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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

Youth Group Update

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

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.

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.

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!

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!

PUNCH Celebrates Foster Care Students

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of foster care students in our community at the Graduation Celebration on Sunday, June 7, 2026, from 1:00-2:00 PM at The Center, 1411 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa.

This special event honors the resilience, determination, and success of students reaching this important milestone. Hosted by My G.E.A.R. Outreach and Wellpoint in partnership with PUNCH, the celebration will include food, music, decorations, and encouragement from the community.

Guests are invited to bring congratulatory cards or gift cards to support and inspire these deserving graduates as they begin their next chapter. Cards may also be left at the back of the church.

MUSIC

Quad City Youth Choir Spring Concert, TODAY, 4pm

All are invited to the spring concert of the Quad City Youth Choir on Sunday, May 17 at 4pm in the Sanctuary. The choir, hosted and sponsored by First Pres, features middle and high school students from all over the Quad Cities. This short concert will include spirituals, contemporary choral works, and songs from Broadway musicals. Free admission, reception to follow. Come support these talented young singers!

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Gathering (50-ish and Under) - Bowling Night @ TBK

Join us on Wednesday, June 10 from 6:00-8:00 PM for a fun evening of bowling and fellowship at TBK Entertainment Center in Bettendorf.

Pastor Kris will reserve and cover the cost of the bowling lanes – each person will rent their own bowling shoes and purchase their own food and beverages.

Please RSVP by Sunday, May 31.

Childcare will be on your own. However, if there is enough interest, we are open to exploring providing childcare at the church (movie night and pizza perhaps?). Please indicate your interest in shared childcare when you RSVP.

RSVP to Diana Miller-Bur: millerbur@fpcdavenport.org



UPCOMING

A poster for a Pride service. The top half features a grid of colorful, stylized letters that form the words "WORLD" and "DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE". The letters are in various colors (pink, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) and have a thick outline. Below the grid, the text "Pride Service 2026: Draw the Circle Wide" is written in a white, cursive font. Underneath that, "Sunday, May 31 | 9:30 AM" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The bottom section contains the text "First Presbyterian Church, Davenport | 1702 Iowa St." in a white, cursive font, followed by "fpcdavenport.org" in a white, sans-serif font, and "All are welcome!" in a white, cursive font. In the bottom left corner, there is a colorful cross symbol.

FINANCE



Summer is almost here – bringing vacations, weekend getaways, family adventures, and a little extra time to relax and recharge. While many of us may be traveling more often, the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport continue all summer long!

Your faithful giving helps keep worship, outreach, music, youth programs, missions, and daily church operations going strong – even when you're away soaking up the sunshine. We encourage you to keep your pledge active and current throughout the summer months. Staying connected through giving is easy! You can:

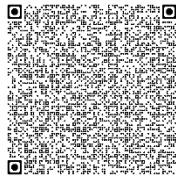
Traditional Giving: Give by cash or check during worship, mail your gift to the church, or stop by the Finance Office, M-F, 9am-5pm.



Online Giving:

Give securely through our church website—anytime, anywhere! Scan the QR code or visit us at www.fpcdavenport.org/donate.

PayPal: Give directly through PayPal using your account or card by simply scanning the QR code.



Text-to-Give: It's quick and easy! Text "GIVE" to (563) 724-5998 and follow the prompts to make a one-time or recurring donation.

Venmo: Prefer using your phone? For quick, easy giving, log into your Venmo account & search for @FPCDav or scan the QR code.



***Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) & RMDs:** If you're age 70½ or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from your IRA. These gifts can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and may offer tax benefits.

***Gifts of Stock:** You can also give by donating appreciated stock or securities. This is a great way to support FPC and may help reduce capital gains taxes.

*For help with QCD, RMD, or stock gifts, please contact the church office

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Your gifts truly make a difference in the life and ministry of FPC – all year long!

Birdies for Charity

Support Birdies for Charity and make your gift go even farther! When you donate through Birdies for Charity and designate First Presbyterian Church of Davenport (#2196), every \$1 you give is guaranteed to receive at least a 5% match – and up to 10%! In 2025, FPC received over \$413,000 in designated donations AND a 9% Birdies match of over \$37,000! To donate online directly through Birdies, please visit <https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate> or contact Kristine Olson in the Finance Office at 563-326-1691 x219 or olson@fpcdavenport.org on how to give through FPC.



GRADUATES



Rachel Frohlich

Rachel Frohlich is the daughter of Wendy and Al Frohlich. She will graduate from Bettendorf High School and plans to attend The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Both parents attended there and they can't wait to visit. She plans to major in a natural resource field and minor in arts with emphasis on ceramics.

Her favorite memories of high school were traveling to France in 2024, being with her friends and playing on the tennis team. Her favorite church memories were being in the Christmas pageants and Christmas eve service with her parents.

Ethan Peterson

Ethan Peterson is the grandson of Kathy and Jim Middleton and son of Kerri and Andy Peterson. He will graduate from Davenport Central High School and will be attending Michigan State University with a double major in Trumpet Performance and Computer Engineering.

Ethan remembers singing "Happy Birthday Jesus" as part of a Son/Dad ensemble for our Christmas Concert when he was 6 years old. Since then, music has been an important part of his life. There are many moments that stand out during high school. Travelling to London and marching with the Central High School Marching Blue Devils in the London New Year's Day Parade was a thrill.



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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		