



First Presbyterian Church

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Christmas in July
Lessons and Carols
July 19, 2026 at 9:30 AM



A congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, a church where EVERYONE is welcome. On behalf of the entire First Pres family, we want you to know that we are so glad you're here. We are a proud congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), where We Choose WELCOME!

We welcome followers of Jesus who are solid in their faith, and we welcome questioning believers seeking deeper meaning in their life. We welcome those who come from different faith backgrounds, such as Methodists, Lutherans, and Catholics, and those with no faith background at all; for we are all one in Christ Jesus. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

We hope you experience the warmth and friendliness of our congregation. It is a place that long-term members have described as their spiritual home for generations. It is also a place where people newer to our community of faith have found a safe and sacred space for themselves and their families.

Nursery care is available during the worship service for children (birth through kindergarten). The nursery is staffed by trained and background-checked caregivers from 8:15 AM to 11:30 AM. The nursery is on the third floor of the Christian Education (CE) building. Ask a worship host if you need assistance locating this space.

Kirkwood Choir is offered during the service, after the Children's Message. Kirkwood Choir provides music for worship throughout the 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 Kiikaapoi, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówinj, 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.

Christmas in July Lessons and Carols 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

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

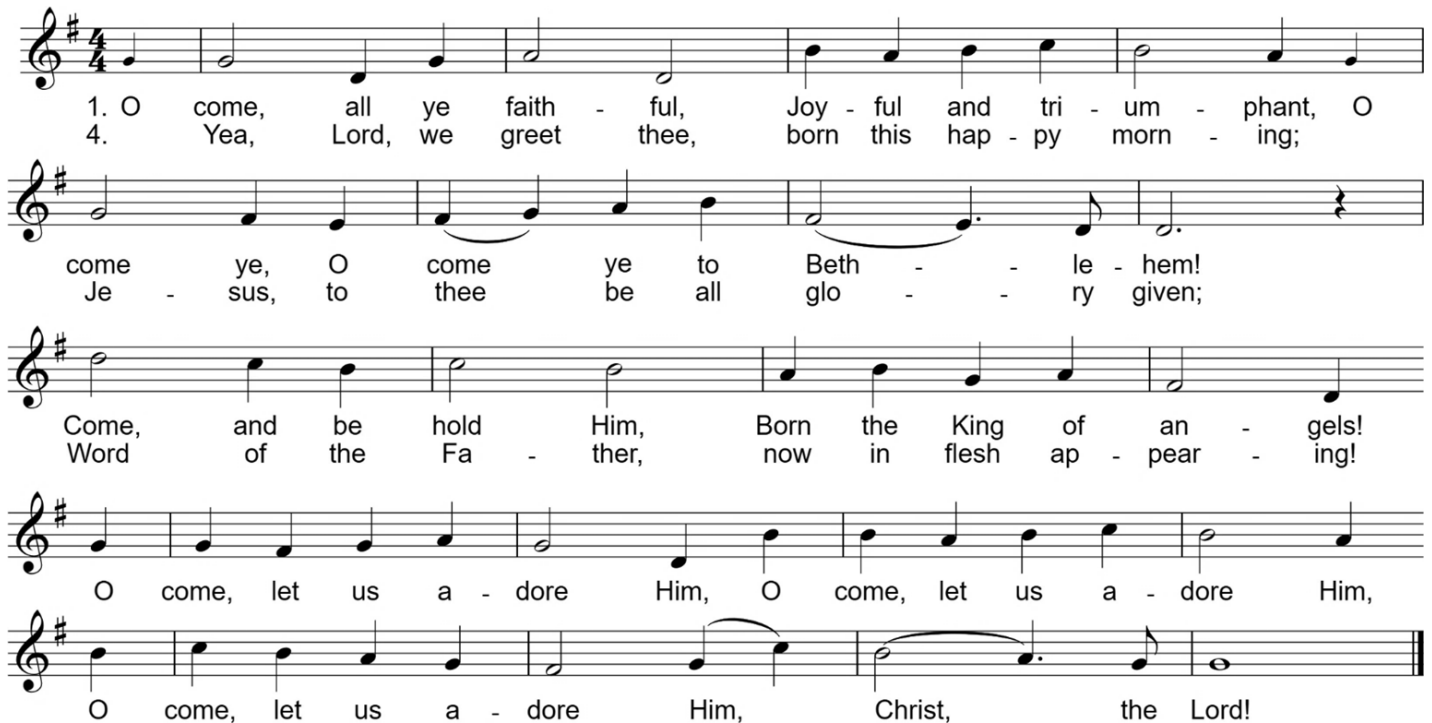
Prelude

The First Nowell
Alexander Schondelmeyer - Violin, Alex Gilson - Piano

✠ Call to Worship

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Verses 1 and 4)

ADESTE FIDELES



1. O come, all ye faithful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;
come ye, O to come thee ye to all Beth - le - hem!
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;
Come, and be hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

✠ **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.)

Call to Confession

Nancy Foster, Liturgist

We are all human and we all fall short of the glory of God, individually and as a society. But it is God's nature to forgive us. God desires reconciliation, with God and with each other. God created us to be compassionate humans with clean hearts. So, let us humble ourselves as we go to God in our prayer of confession. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

God of Joy, we come to celebrate Love Incarnate here in our very midst. Your glorious love is enough to cause the forests to sing for joy, yet we still find reasons to complain and sigh. Your light of salvation is bright enough to illuminate every corner of our lives, yet we still find ourselves shrouded in the darkness of worry and doubt. Your gift of grace is big enough for the whole world, yet we still find ourselves resentful that your grace extends to those whom we deem to be unworthy. God, you invite us into the light of the stable where the overlooked and forgotten gathered to celebrate the miracle of your birth. Give us the strength and courage to join you at the manger, to live in the light of your love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Listening for the Word

Children's Message

The Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him.

11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

♣ Hymn #31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King.
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ - teous - ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
 and we have seen his glory,
 the glory as of a father's only son,
 full of grace and truth.*

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; ⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

² In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

♣ Hymn #25

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for His bed, The lit - tle Lord
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the poor Ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -
 Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in
 down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky, And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is high.
 Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

*And she gave birth to her firstborn son
 and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger...*

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

♣ Hymn #23

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. She - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Glo - - - - - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -
- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - o.

Fourth Lesson

Isaac Downing

Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

*They went with haste and found Mary and Joseph
and the child lying in the manger.*

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

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

In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 608

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

♣ **Doxology #56**

The First Nowell (Verse 1)
Alexander Schondelmeyer - Violin

THE FIRST NOWELL

1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor
shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay a - keep - ing their
sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King_ of Is - ra - el.

♣ **Prayer of Dedication**

♣ **Hymn #40**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the
ceive her King; Let ev - every heart pre - prepare Him room,
songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
fest the ground; He comes to make of His bless - ings flow
na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,
And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, And Re - peat the sound - ing
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
sing, And heav'n and re - heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, and re - heav'n and the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, as far peat as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders won - ders of His love.

♣ **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Alex Gilson - Banjo

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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 friends and family on the passing of Judy Wereley, wife of former FPC Pastor/Head of Staff Rev. Dick Wereley.

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

(Names will be listed in the list above for 30 days unless otherwise requested.)

Mission Partners: Humility Homes and Services; Churches United; Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities; and P.U.N.C.H.

Hospital Visits: The Pastors and Deacons make hospital visits when patients give permission.

In-Touch Information: For anyone who is homebound and would enjoy contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact the FPC Office at 563-326-1691 x200 or office@fpcdavenport.org.

The Prayer Chain: Connects those who need prayer with those who commit to a ministry of prayer. Contact Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

Printed Prayer Requests: Require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin. The best way to ensure a hospital visit or a prayer is to contact the church office directly (563-326-1691).

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, July 19

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Fellowship Hour	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Musikgarten	10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Tour Choir Rehearsal	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Choir Room
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

Monday, July 20

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
FPC Book Club	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Parlor
W&M Committee Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Parlor

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
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Thursday, July 23

Clean Team	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Tour Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Choir Room

Friday, July 24

Sanctuary Choir Kansas City Tour	All Day	Off-Site
Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor

Saturday, July 24

Sanctuary Choir Kansas City Tour	All Day	Off-Site
Bix Race Concession	7:00 AM - 11:30 AM	FPC Porte Cochere
Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

"In life and in death we belong to God."

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of Judy Wereley, who went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, July 14, 2026. Judy was the wife of FPC's former Pastor/Head of Staff, Rev. Richard (Dick) Wereley. She was a cherished member of our congregation for many years, and she will be deeply missed by many.

Arrangements for services out of state are being made and we will communicate those with the congregation when they are finalized. We ask that you join us in praying for Rev. Wereley and his family during this time of grief. May they find comfort in God's promises and in the love and support of this community.

Don't Miss the Boat! Only 11 Tickets Left! - Bix Cruise

All Aboard the Mississippi River luncheon cruise dedicated to our very own church member, the famous Bix Beiderbecke. Why was he so famous? Come experience his era of music played by an all-star band with our front and center tables reserved for First Presbyterian Church members and friends.

\$55.00 pp includes cruise, luncheon and live entertainment.

Friday July 31st boarding at 10:30 am. Once these last reserved tickets are sold, this once-a-year event will be SOLD OUT! Contact Denny Jorgenson at 309-314-5995, church office or narthex table after worship Sunday July 19.

Tickets are non-refundable, but transferable. Committee members will greet you at the ship gangway and distribute tickets.



Save the Date - October 25 - Homecoming Celebration

"Taking Care of and Celebrating God's Family"

Program to start at 10:45 AM with hors-d'oeuvres and music followed by an all-church dinner at 11:30 AM. We are celebrating all our church members and especially welcoming our seniors.

Sign Up for Breeze Access - Our New Online Church Directory

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!

MISSION & SERVICE

Caring Closet Needs Donations - Hygiene Products

The Caring Closet is currently in need of **hygiene products** (baby wipes, diapers, soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, etc.). Donations may be dropped off at the church during the week or on Sunday morning. Thank you for helping us care for our community!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

NEW DATE - Summer Pool Party for incoming 6th-12th Graders

All incoming 6th through 12th graders are invited to a pool party at the home of Marty and Andy Bowles-Edwards on **Sunday, August 30**. Drop off is at 5:00 PM and pick up is at 7:00 PM. Join us for a chance to swim, relax, eat and hang out with friends as we enjoy summer. Just bring a towel, sunscreen, and whatever you need for the pool. The address will be shared with families before the event. Please RSVP by Thursday, August 27, so we can ensure we have enough food. If there are dietary restrictions, please note that as well. For questions and to RSVP, reach out to Abby Schondelmeyer: abby@fpcdavenport.org

Christmas in July Family Movie Night

Join us on **Sunday, July 26** for a **Christmas in July Family Movie Night!** We'll be showing *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in **Von Maur Hall**, with the movie beginning at **3:00 PM**. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The movie has a runtime of approximately **1 hour and 39 minutes**, so come ready to get cozy! Pajamas, pillows, blankets, and favorite stuffed animals are welcome—and encouraged. Whether it's your first time seeing the movie or you've watched it before, we hope you'll join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship, laughter, and time together with our church family. We look forward to sharing this special event with everyone! Please RSVP with the number attending by emailing cefy@fpcdavenport.org. If anyone in your group has dietary concerns or food allergies, please let us know when you RSVP.



FPC'S LIBRARY

Looking for Something to Read during the Summer?

FPC's Library has received some exciting new books from generous donations! They can be found in the "New Books" bookcase.

The Final Target, Nora Roberts
A Woman's Place, Danielle Steel
Somewhere Safe with Someone Good, Jan Karon
Freedom Lost, Freedom Won, Eugene Robinson
The Pioneers, David McCullough
Five Presidents, Clint Hill
Love Wins, Rob Bell
Great Dechurching, Jim Davis & Michael Graham

Thanks for using the library!

The Library Committee - Kirk Christie, Bev Koos, Vicki Stegall, Dan Breinich



Announcing the 2027 FPC Travel Fellowship - Wales: Land of Song

The Congregational Fellowship and Worship & Music committees have partnered to present FPC's next travel fellowship: Wales! Known for its rich tradition of men's choirs dating back to the heyday of the mining industry, this trip will include sightseeing in some of the United Kingdom's most attractive and welcoming towns such as Cardiff and Llandudno, breathtaking natural beauty including Snowdonia and the Brecon Beacons National Park, and attending rehearsals and performances of Welsh and English choirs.

The itinerary includes a flight to London (we will depart from Moline) and two nights enjoying some of the many things that city has to offer (including attending a choral evensong service at St. Paul Cathedral and possibly a show in the West End). We then depart to Northern Wales by bus, stopping for a brief time in Birmingham, England. On the northern coast we will tour Snowdonia National Park, Conwy Castle, and fellowship with one of the most established men's choirs in Wales. Our tour continues in the Welsh capital of Cardiff, a cosmopolitan city steeped in history and culture. After a few nights in Cardiff, we cross back into England to tour Stonehenge and enjoy the historic city of Bath, where we spend our final evening before traveling back to London to fly home.

Because of the nature of this trip, we are limiting the group size to 20 (same as the Scotland travel fellowship). Travel dates are **February 12-20, 2027**, and the cost for the trip is estimated at just over \$4,000/person (subject to change with fuel/flight prices). Sign-ups are now open and will be accepted until the cap of 20 people is met. You may reserve your spot on the tour with a \$1000/person deposit (non-refundable but transferable) and by contacting Director of Music & Arts Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org). You must have a passport valid through August 2027. The total cost above includes flights, ground transportation, accommodation in superior tourist class hotels with twin rooms (single rooms available at a higher cost upon request), daily breakfast, two group dinners, and guided sightseeing tours and entrance fees. Travel insurance is not included but highly recommended (contact Matt Bishop or Linda Meadors for more information).

Newly Elected Co-Moderators of the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Congratulations to the Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero and the Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer, the newly elected Co-Moderators of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)!



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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		