



First Presbyterian Church

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**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



St. Peter Walking on the Water (1590)
Alessandro Allori (1535-1607) | Le Gallerie Degli Uffizi

**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

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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	As the Deer	arr. Douglas E. Warner (b. 1952)
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Welcome and Announcements		Diana Miller-Bur
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Prelude	You Are My All in All	Dennis Jernigan (b. 1959)
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✠ Call to Worship		Ted Brown, Liturgist
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One: Please rise, in body or in spirit, for the Call to Worship.

One: Give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: With hosannas and praise, we greet the One who calls us.

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Most High!

One: This is day that God has made.

All: Let us be glad and rejoice in it!

✠ **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.)

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring! *Fine*

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One. *to Refrain*
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Call to Confession

One: Please be seated.

One: As we welcomed Christ with joy and praise, we also acknowledge that, like the disciples, we often fall short in our faithfulness. We become distracted by our busyness, remain silent when we should speak, and minimize the seriousness of our sin. Yet our Lord is rich in mercy and steadfast in love. Trusting in God's grace and forgiveness, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Redeemer, King and Servant: You entered Jerusalem and were treated like royalty. We, too, would have lain down our coats for you and waved palms in joyful praise. But, in honesty we also would be like those who betrayed you later in the week. Too often we keep silent or maybe even deny knowing you. We distance ourselves from you in our busyness. We mock your death on the cross when we think our sins are trivial. Forgive us, and infuse us with your loving grace. We ask humbly, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

May the face of the Lord shine upon us. He saves us with steadfast love. In him we have forgiveness.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

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

First Lesson

Psalms 31:9-16

⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹² I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Faith Focus”
The Rev. Pat Halverson

Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God! when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der and hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I from
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, when I look down from
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in

hear the roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through - out the u - ni - verse dis -
loft - y moun - tain gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle
bur - den glad - ly bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my
hum - ble a - do - ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou

Refrain

played;
breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee,
sin:
art! How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Charles C. Converse
(1832-1918)

✦ 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!

✦ Prayer of Dedication

✦ Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Olivet

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a - round me spread,
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream
Sav - ior di - vine: Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -
guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

✠ Charge and Benediction

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

One: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

All: Blessed are we who leave to live in the name of the Lord.

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

arr. John Carter
b. 1930

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.

For God's mercy and grace to touch friends and family on the passing of FPC member, Joyce Bawden.

We also pray for those in need of God's healing grace; Paul Hartmann, Gloria Osborne, 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 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, August 9

Nursery Open	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Fellowship Hour	10:35 AM – 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 10

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Gym
Congregational Fellowship	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Parlor
Foundation BoT Meeting	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Deacon's Outreach Meeting	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Parlor
Member Care Meeting	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Library
Mission Connection Meeting	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Board of Deacons	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Von Maur Hall/Zoom

Tuesday, August 11

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Finance Meeting	7:00 PM – 8:45 PM	Zoom

Wednesday, August 12

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Gym
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Thursday, August 13

Clean Team	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Friday, August 14

Caring Closet	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, August 15

Caring Closet	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Staff Time Away - August 2026

Pastor Kris, Abby, and kids will be away 7/24 – 8/15.

Matt Bishop is away 8/3 – 8/16.

Alex Gilson is away 8/2 – 8/9.

Marty Bowles Edwards is away 8/13 – 8/20.

Kristine Olson & Tammy Versluis are away 8/13 – 8/23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Celebrating Pastor Kris and his election to Co-Moderator of the PC(USA) General Assembly

FPC is hosting an Open House on Friday, **August 21, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** in the Parlor to celebrate Pastor Kris's election to Co-Moderator of the PC(USA) General Assembly. All are invited! Please stop by to show your support of Pastor Kris.

There will be light snacks provided.

Young-ish Adult Pool Party - Saturday, August 29

All young adults (50-ish and younger) are invited to an end of summer pool party - Saturday, **August 29, 3:00 - 5:00 PM**.

Please **RSVP** to Diana Miller-Bur (millerbur@fpcdavenport.org) by **Friday, August 21** - the address of the pool party will be shared with you then.

Feel free to bring non-alcoholic beverages and snacks to share. And if you are not up to swimming - that's ok - come for the fellowship!

Kick-Off Sunday - September 13th



Mark your calendars now! Plan to join us on **September 13th** for our **Kick-Off Sunday** as we kick off a new season of ministry here at First Presbyterian Church. We will begin with inspiring worship at our regularly scheduled time of 9:30 AM.

Immediately following worship will be a **Congregational Conversation** in the Sanctuary. It will be a time for sharing with the congregation information and highlights on ministry initiatives and programs at FPC.

Then we will move on to the **Community-Wide Picnic** sponsored by our Deacons in the West Parking Lot. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with the congregation. During the picnic there will be yard games, activities for all ages and a bounce house for children.

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, November 7

FPC's **BRAND NEW** *Kirkwood Seminars on Faith and Life* is hosting award-winning speaker, songwriter, and writer David LaMotte on Saturday, November 7. There will be a 10:00 AM program for children and their families, followed by an evening presentation at 6:30 PM titled "You Are Changing the World Whether You Like It or Not" and at 7:45 PM - David LaMotte in Concert. Then on Sunday, David LaMotte will be leading us in worship, followed by an Adult Sunday School program.

Member Inquiry Class

Are you excited about the new things that are happening here at FPC? Are you a new visitor or long-time attendee who is not yet a member? Would you like to transfer your membership from another church to First Pres.? Please speak with Andy Bowles Edwards or Pastor Kris about the process for making a commitment to the FPC community. This is a wonderful church, and we are blessed as we welcome new members like you. Our next new member inquiry class will be held on **September 27**.

For more information: volunteer@fpcdavenport.org

MISSION & SERVICE

Urgent Call for Donations - Help Stock The Caring Closet!

The Caring Closet is in urgent need of donations to help meet the needs of our community. We are currently seeking children's underwear in all sizes, adult underwear (T-shirts, boxers, socks), and hygiene products such as deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other personal care items. Donations can be dropped off at the church during the week or on Sunday mornings. If you don't have time to shop, monetary donations are always appreciated, and we will gladly purchase the needed items on your behalf. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us provide care, dignity, and support to those in need in our community.

The Session Highlights for August 2026

Using Isaiah 43:18 -19, Pastor Kris led a discussion asking Session to focus on the future of FPC and reviewing the past without nostalgia. He asked what new things God is calling us to do and bringing to life in our church that we should notice? Also, what would the church look like in 10 years based on decisions made today?

Finance reported that expenses through June are under budget for the year. As of June 30, FPC had received over 70% of pledged income. An unexpected donation of \$50K will help to reduce the end of year budgeted deficit of \$119K. The Birdies for Charity bonus is estimated to be \$42K to \$75K.

The Session approved the calling of a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 23, 2026 to act on a nomination from the APNC for the position of Associate Pastor of Adult Education.

A new part-time custodian was hired and will start work in August.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Christian Ed Needs You!

Do you enjoy working with children and helping them grow in faith?

We're looking for caring volunteers to teach Sunday School one Sunday a month—or more if you're able. The Sunday School hour happens after church so you will still be able to attend worship. The lessons will already be planned, we just need you to teach the lesson and come with excitement and joy! We have different age groups so you can choose your preference. If you don't feel called to lead the lesson, we also need a helper in each classroom. Questions? Want to volunteer? Please reach out to Marty Bowles-Edwards or Abby Schondelmeyer: cefy@fpcdavenport.org

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

FPC TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP



Announcing the 2027 FPC Travel Fellowship - Wales: Land of Song - 7 SPOTS LEFT!!!

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).

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 23, 2026, following morning worship for the purpose of acting on the unanimous recommendation from the APNC that Kari Swanson be approved as our Associate Pastor for Adult Ministries. She will lead in worship on that Sunday.

WORDS FROM THE APNC

The APNC began its work in November 2025 – meeting weekly, receiving training from the Presbytery, creating the necessary position-related documents, and preparing for interviews. In February, the APNC began reviewing candidates – first round interviews led to second round interviews and two candidates came for in-person interviews in June. The call was extended to Kari Swanson in late June and accepted shortly thereafter.

Kari (pronounced, CAR-E) has provided you with a brief introduction which can be found on the next page.

As you will read, although a recent seminary graduate, Kari brings excellent experience with her – experience in developing and conducting church programs, preaching, and pastoral care. She has worked with families and people of all ages.

Kari was attracted to our position because of our aspirations for being a welcoming community as shown in being a Matthew 25 church and a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. Central to her approach to ministry is personal relationships alongside a warm, outgoing personality. Kari is someone you will enjoy getting to know as much as she will enjoy getting to know you.

We thank you for your prayers and support during this search process. Feel free to ask us any questions you might have prior to the congregational meeting.

THE APNC



BRUCE BUFE

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MARK JONES

DIANA MILLER-BUR

ABBY PITCHER

SHARON SIMMONDS

RUTHANN TOBEY-BROWN

MEET OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR CANDIDATE

KARI SWANSON



I am a proud Iowan, cat mother, owner of too many books, doer of meditative spiritual practices, amateur crafter, singer, daughter, sister, and soon to be wife. Born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa, I've relished magical Midwest summers with my family at Lake Okoboji, eating carrots and rhubarb out of my grandparent's garden, and participating in every form of music I could. I attended Wheaton College for my Bachelor's of Music in Voice with a Minor in Bible and Theology. It was there that I discovered my love of the Bible, seeking God's presence in daily life, and "weeping with those who weep, and rejoicing with those who rejoice" in community.

I graduated with my Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2025 while interning at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City and Penn Medicine Princeton Health as a hospital chaplain. After a summer pastoral residency with Park Ridge Presbyterian Church in Chicagoland, I moved to Central Texas to complete a year-long hospital chaplaincy residency at a Level 1 Trauma Center. This experience continues to shape me into a better listener, a better pastor, and a better advocate for those who are suffering and at the margins.

I love the church and believe in the power of eating bread and drinking wine with friends – that is where Jesus is known. Yet even more, I see God at work in gyms with folding chairs, holding the hands of cancer patients in the infusion center, singing songs with friends, hiking the Sawtooth Mountains, dancing out of pews in Kenya, and hearing the stories of God from immigrant and refugee neighbors. I am inspired by theologians like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Dirk Smit, Julian of Norwich, James Cone, Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail, my dad, and old church ladies.

AUGUST 23 IS CANDIDACY SUNDAY



CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE

TO VOTE ON THE APNC'S RECOMMENDATION FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR
OF ADULT MINISTRIES AND APPROVE THE TERMS OF CALL

FPC STAFF

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* Part-time employee

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

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Al Frohlich	Mason Pedersen	Kris Woodard
Bob Lehnerr	Doug Wells	Bill Yingling
Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams	Gail Yingling
Sarah Soenksen		
Katrina Williams		