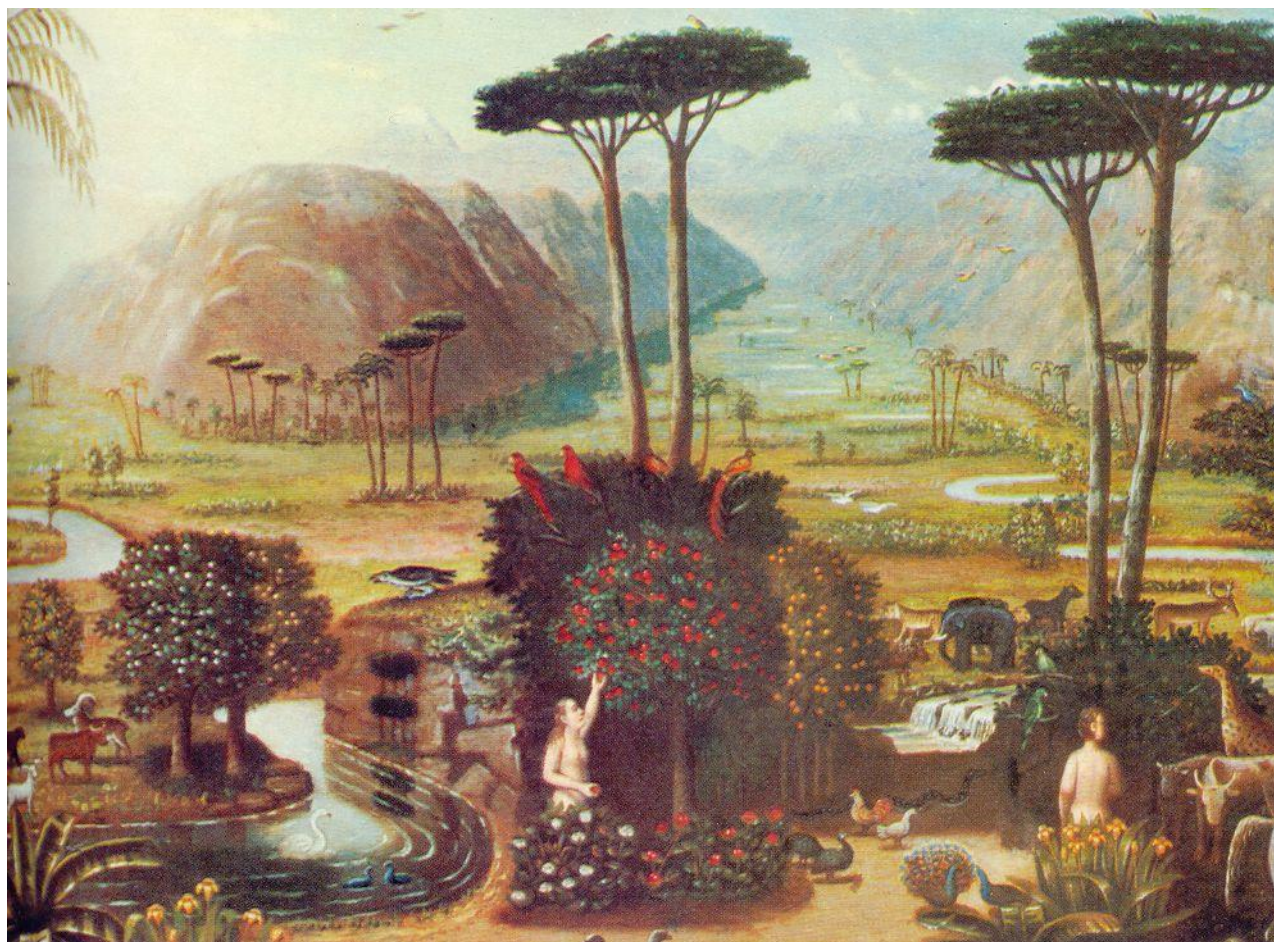




First Presbyterian Church

Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



The Garden of Eden (1860), Erastus Salisbury Field (1805-1900) | Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Allegro in D Minor

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Prelude

Listen to the Lambs

African American spiritual
Arr. Adolphus Hailstork

✠ Call to Worship

Craig Foster, Liturgist

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

One: In the beginning, before cities and kingdoms, before fear and failure,

All: God caused a river to flow.

One: The waters nourished creation. The earth burst forth with life.

All: We gather beside the waters of God's grace.

One: Come, let us worship the Creator, whose gifts never cease flowing.

All: Let us worship God!

✠ Passing of the Peace

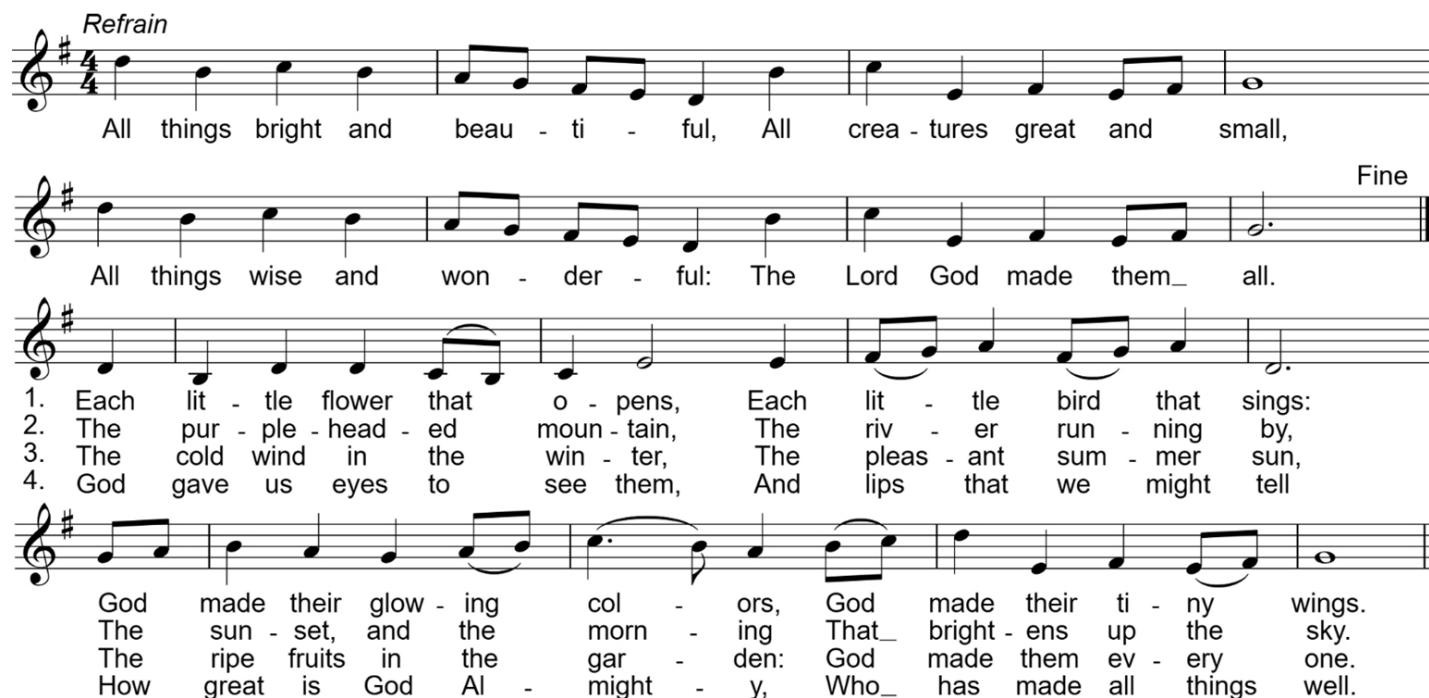
One: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

(In a way that is comfortable for you, please share the Peace of Christ with those around you.)



Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All crea - tures great and small,

Fine

All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them_ all.

1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
 2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
 3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
 The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky.
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
 How great is God Al - might - y, Who_ has made all things well.

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

The river God created was meant to nourish all life. Too often we dam God's generosity, pollute God's gifts, and forget that everything we have is grace. Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you placed us in a garden of abundance, yet we live as though there is never enough. You have given us rivers of blessing, yet we cling tightly to what was always meant to be shared. We have wounded your creation, ignored our neighbors, and forgotten that all life flows from you. Forgive us. Open our hands. Renew our hearts. Lead us again to the waters of life. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the Good News. The God who planted Eden has not abandoned creation. The river of God's grace still flows.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Listening for the Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of the Living God, As water softens dry ground, soften our hearts. May these ancient words become living water for us today. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2:4b-14

^{4b} In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches.

¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The River Begins: Life Flows from God"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

Out of Deep, Unordered Water

RUSTINGTON

1. Out of deep, un-ordered wa-ter God cre-
2. Wa-ter on the hu-man fore-head, birth of mark
3. Stand-ing round the font re-minds us of the
at-ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,
He-brews' climb a-shore. Life is the sign hal-lowed death by the
lat-er, in God's im-age, wom-an, man.
ris-ing; through the seas - there runs a be-fore.
knowl-edge God has been this way be-fore.
There is wa-ter in the riv-er bring-ing life to tree and plant.
Let cre-a-tion praise its giv-er: there is wa-ter in the font.

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

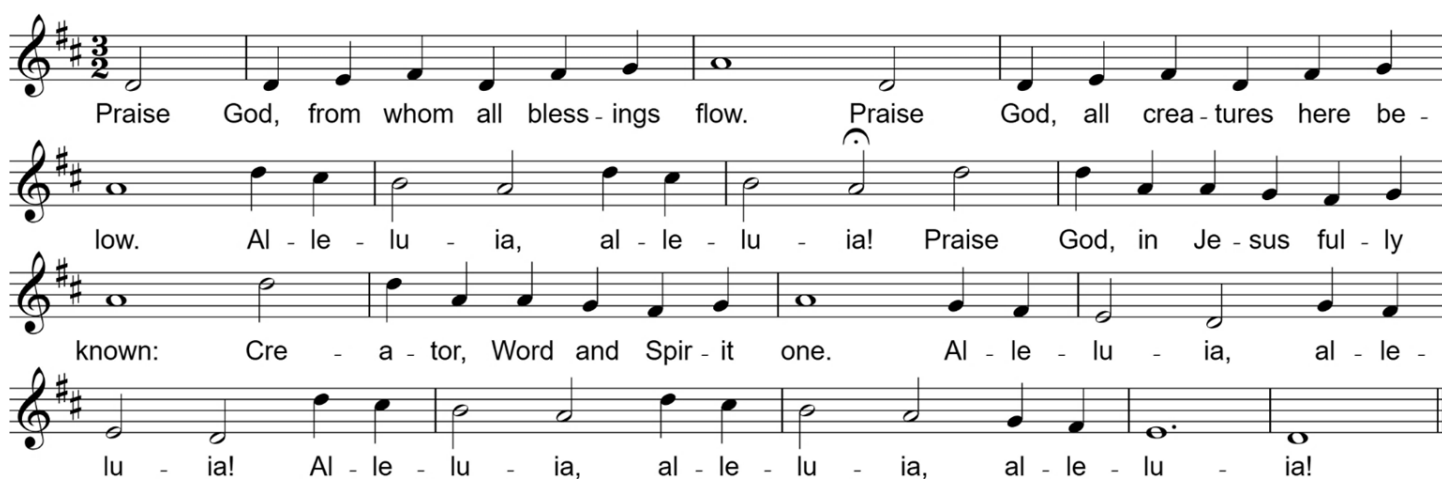
Deep River
Ted Brown - Bass

Arr. Harry T. Burleigh
(1866-1949)

✠ 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

"A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches."

♣ Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link - ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

♣ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me

Geoffrey Stanton
(b. 1956)

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JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, all who groan under oppression.

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 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, August 16

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
Musikgarten	10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

Monday, August 17

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
Worship & Music Meeting	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Parlor

Tuesday, August 18

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, August 19

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
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Thursday, August 20

Tabitha's Circle	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Fellowship 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, August 21

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Celebration of Pastor Kris - Open House	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Parlor

Saturday, August 22

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

Matt Bishop is away 8/3 - 8/16.

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.

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

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to attend the deacon sponsored **Men's Breakfast** on **Saturday, September 12 at 8:00 AM**. The Breakfast will be held at The Village Inn on the corner of Harrison and Locust streets. Attendees will order off the menu. Please **notify Steve Earp** (563-320-0398; sdearp46@gmail.com) or the church office if you plan to attend so we know how many tables to reserve. The Iowa vs Iowa State game isn't until evening so mark your calendars now to attend the breakfast.

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.

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

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.

FPC TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP



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

The Congregational Fellowship and Worship & Music Committees are excited to announce FPC's next travel fellowship destination: **Wales, February 12-20, 2027!** This unforgettable journey will explore one of the United Kingdom's most beautiful and culturally rich regions, renowned for its historic traditions of Welsh men's choirs, stunning landscapes, and welcoming communities. Travelers will enjoy sightseeing in iconic destinations including London, Cardiff, Llandudno, Snowdonia National Park, the Brecon Beacons, Conwy Castle, Stonehenge, and Bath. Highlights of the trip include attending a choral evensong service at St. Paul's Cathedral, experiencing Welsh and English choir rehearsals and performances, and fellowshiping with one of Wales' most established men's choirs. Departing from Moline, the tour begins with two nights in London before continuing through Wales and concluding with a final evening in the historic city of Bath before returning home.

To preserve the intimate fellowship experience, participation is limited to **20 travelers**. The estimated cost is **just over \$4,000 per person** (subject to change based on airfare and fuel costs) and includes flights, ground transportation, accommodations in superior tourist-class hotels, daily breakfast, two group dinners, guided sightseeing, and entrance fees. A **\$1,000 per person deposit** (non-refundable but transferable) is required to reserve a spot. Sign-ups are now open and will remain available until the tour reaches capacity. Participants must have a passport valid through **August 2027**. Travel insurance is not included but is strongly recommended. For reservations or additional information, please contact **Matt Bishop, Director of Music & Arts, at bishop@fpcdavenport.org**, or speak with Matt Bishop or Linda Meadors regarding travel insurance options.

June 2026 Financial Report

	June 2026		June 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 173,392	\$ 44,712	\$ 73,701	\$ 36,535
Custodial Accounts Income	13,433	-	3,422	-
Compensation Expenses	(52,881)	(54,277)	(52,693)	(51,846)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(24,182)	(23,964)	(18,015)	(22,557)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(13,433)	-	(3,422)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$96,329	(\$33,529)	\$2,993	(\$37,868)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$96,329	(\$33,529)	\$2,993	(\$37,868)
	2026 Year-To-Date		2025 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 543,057	\$ 399,946	\$ 463,147	\$ 406,350
Custodial Accounts Income	\$ 30,930	-	26,497	-
Compensation Expenses	\$ (323,545)	(333,780)	(308,715)	(317,507)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	\$ (136,241)	(152,046)	(118,466)	(145,832)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(30,930)	-	(26,497)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$83,271	(\$85,880)	\$35,966	(\$56,989)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	(2,396)	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$83,271	(\$85,880)	\$33,570	(\$56,989)

All numbers are rounded.

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



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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

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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		