



First Presbyterian Church

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**Service of Dedication and Covenant of the
Co-Moderators of the 227th General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
September 20, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



Be the Leaves

...and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Co-Moderator Candidate Theme for Marta & Kris / Digital Art

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 pre-school). 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 pre-school), 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

Service of Dedication and Covenant of the Co-Moderators of the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 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	Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54, No. 6	Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
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Processional	Be Thou My Vision Derek Grant - Bagpipes	SLANE
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Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer
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Prelude	Highland Cathedral Derek Grant - Bagpipes	Ulrich Roever & Michael Korb
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✠ Call to Worship	Kari Swanson
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One: Come to the river of life.

All: We come thirsty for God's grace.

One: Come beneath the Tree whose leaves are for healing.

All: We come longing to become instruments of God's peace.

One: Come as one body with many gifts.

All: We come to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

One: Come, 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.)

✠ Hymn One	El Cielo Canta Alegría Refer to HYMNS Section for music and lyrics.	Pablo Sosa, arr. Ed Henderson
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Call to Confession

Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero

We are all human and we all fall short of the glory of God, individually and as a society. But 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

Gracious and merciful God, You call us to follow Jesus, who always saw the person before the problem, the neighbor before the disagreement, and the wounded before the crowd. Yet we confess that we have not always shared Christ's heart. We have been slow to listen, reluctant to repent, and hesitant to trust one another when the way forward has been difficult.

Forgive us. Renew your Church in this new season. Give us courage to tell the truth in love, humility to learn from one another, and compassion that always places your people at the center of our common life. Make us the leaves of the tree of life...a healing and hope-filled presence in your broken and hurting world. By your Spirit, shape us to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Time of Silence

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.)

Assurance

One: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us, knows us, and loves us as we are.

All: We give thanks and choose to be changed by God's amazing grace.

Listening for the Word

Anthem

O Be Joyful
The Sanctuary Choir

Philip Stopford
(b. 1977)

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his children and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

(Jubilate Deo - Psalm 100)

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Kari Swanson

Loving God, open our ears to hear your Word, our minds to understand it, our hearts to receive it, and our hands to live it. May your Holy Spirit help us hear what you want each of us to know today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Philippians 2:1-5

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Revelation 22:1-5

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Sermon on Rev. 22"
The Rev. Jihyun Oh

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn Two

Be The Leaves

SLANE

Refer to HYMNS Section for music and lyrics.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

The Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer



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.

(Dr. Christopher Grundy lives with his family in St. Louis, where he serves as Professor of Worship and Preaching and Associate Dean for the Chapel at Eden Theological Seminary. He continues to write and perform for churches throughout the country.)

A Covenant of Constitutional Service

Opening Words

Stated Clerk: Siblings in Christ, today we give thanks that God has called new Co-Moderators to serve the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). As we begin this shared ministry, we enter into a covenant with one another, trusting that the Holy Spirit will bind us together in Christ's service.

Covenant Between the Local Context and the Co-Moderators

Stated Clerk: This community has nurtured, encouraged, and called one of your own into this ministry. In sharing your leader with the wider Church, you also share in this calling. Knowing that this ministry will sometimes take our Co-Moderators away from home, will you continue to support them with your love, encourage them in their calling, extend grace when they are traveling in service to the Church, and pray faithfully for Kris and for Marta?

Congregation: We will, with God's help.

Stated Clerk: Will you remember that even as they serve the wider Church, your leader remains rooted in this community, and do you promise to receive them with joy each time they return home, as they share the stories of the Church with you?

Congregation: We will and we do.

Stated Clerk: Kris and Marta, do you promise to remain rooted in the life of your local ministry contexts, continuing to love and serve the people who have called you, even as you accept this call to serve the wider Church, trusting that God will use both ministries to strengthen one another?

Co-Moderators: We do, with God's help.

Covenant Between the Co-Moderators

Stated Clerk: Marta and Kris, will you receive one another as partners in this ministry? Will you encourage one another's gifts, tell one another the truth in love, pray for one another, and seek together the mind of Christ?

Co-Moderators: I will.

Stated Clerk: Will you covenant to honor each other's wisdom, to trust each other's heart, to strengthen each other when the work is heavy, to rejoice with each other in hope, and to walk beside each other with faithfulness and joy. Together, will you lead Christ's Church with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Co-Moderators: I will.

Covenant Between the Stated Clerk and Co-Moderators

- Stated Clerk: The Constitution of our Church entrusts each of us with distinct responsibilities, yet calls us into one ministry.
- I covenant to work beside you in a spirit of mutual trust and respect, to listen with humility, and to speak truth with grace. I will honor your ministry as Co-Moderators of the General Assembly, partnering with you as ambassadors of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, as we tell the story of the Church's life and bear witness to the hope we have in Jesus Christ.
- I will honor and respect your ministry as Co-Moderators, calling upon you to encourage the Church as you lead with humility, compassion, and courage at home and abroad.
- Co-Moderators: We covenant to work beside you in a spirit of mutual trust and respect, to listen with humility, and to speak truth with grace. We will honor your ministry as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, partnering with you as ambassadors of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, as we tell the story of the Church's life and bear witness to the hope we have in Jesus Christ.
- We will honor and respect your ministry as Stated Clerk, calling upon you to encourage the Church as you lead with humility, compassion, and courage at home and abroad.

Confirming the Covenant

All: Today, we confirm this covenant with humility and joy. Where God leads, we will follow. Where Christ heals, we will serve. Together, we will strive to be the leaves of the tree of life...a healing and hope-filled presence in God's beautiful world.

The Romero Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything. This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future that is not our own.

As workers, ministers, and prophets, let us join our voices to pray the prayer that the master builder and messiah taught us, using the inclusive interpretation printed in our bulletins, or the words that are dear to your heart...

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.

✠ Hymn Three

For Everyone Born
Refer to HYMNS Section for music and lyrics.

FOR EVERYONE BORN

✠ Charge and Benediction

The Rev. Jihyun Oh

Recessional

Scotland the Brave
Derek Grant - Bagpipes

HYMNS

✠ Hymn One

El Cielo Canta Alegría (Heaven Is Singing for Joy)

ALEGRÍA

Refrain / Estribillo

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the first four measures of the refrain, and the second staff contains the next four measures. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: (G7) Bb7, (C) Eb, (G7) Bb7, (C) Eb on the first staff; and (G7) Bb7, (C) Eb, (F) Ab, (Em7) Gm7, (Am) Cm on the second staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!

Translation of verses:

1. Heaven is singing for joy, Alleluia!
Because in your life and in mine shines the glory of God.
2. Heaven is singing for joy, Alleluia!
Because your life and mine are one in the love of God.
3. Heaven is singing for joy, Alleluia!
For your life and mine will always proclaim the Lord.

♣ Hymn Two

Be The Leaves

SLANE

Text: Kris Schondelmeyer

Revelation 22:1-5

1. Ri - ver of life flow - ing out from God's throne,
 2. Great tree of life stand - ing on ei - ther side,
 3. Na - tions find heal - ing through leaves of the tree,
 4. We have been called by the God of us all,

Through the great ci - ty where God makes a home.
 Bridg - ing our bord - ers where fear still di - vides.
 Re - deem - ing all things in love and mer - cy.
 Gift - ed by God's grace to an - swer the call,

Life - giv - ing wa - ters for end - ing all strife.
 Bear - ing good fruit whose a - bun - dance won't cease.
 World where all peo - ple may find dig - ni - ty.
 Heal - ing and hope - filled where wea - ry hearts grieve,

Bap - tized in God's grace in the ri - ver of life.
 Nour - ish - ing God's world with com - pas - sion and peace.
 Af - firm - ing God's love in our di - ver - si - ty.
 An - swer - ing God's call: child - ren, go be the leaves.

♣ Hymn Three

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter in and bread,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.

and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus - tice and joy!

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Today's liturgical elements are from numerous sources, including the Book of Common Worship, and used as a spirit of gratitude in the worship of God.

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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 Martha Kubajak (mother of member Abby Pitcher).

We also pray for those in need of God's healing grace; Paul Hartmann, Gloria Osborne, Col. Thomas Boyd, Pat Cresap, Frances Keller, 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.

Officers of the General Assembly



The Rev. Jihyun Oh serves as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Executive Director of our national agency, Presbyterian Life and Witness. Her election marked a historic moment in the life of the denomination: she is the first Korean American, only the second woman, and the first woman of color elected Stated Clerk in the PC(USA)'s more than 300-year history in the United States. Before her election as Stated Clerk, Jihyun served for five years as director of Mid Council Ministries in the former Office of the General Assembly, supporting and strengthening the work of presbyteries and synods across the denomination, and previously served as manager of call process support. Her ministry has also included service

in a variety of pastoral roles and as a hospital chaplain, experiences that have shaped her commitment to accompanying people and communities through seasons of discernment, transition, challenge, and change. Jihyun brings to her leadership a distinctive combination of theological formation, pastoral experience, organizational leadership, and analytical expertise. She earned undergraduate degrees in Biology and German Studies from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a Master of Science in Finance from Florida International University, and a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. Through her service as Stated Clerk and Executive Director, she helps provide ecclesial, constitutional, and organizational leadership for the PC(USA) during a significant season of transformation in the life and witness of the denomination.



The Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero is Co-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She brings to her ministry a deep commitment to justice, hope, welcome, and service, with a vision for the PC(USA) as a place where people experience God's love and are equipped to love their neighbors. Raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in a family shaped by Puerto Rican and Midwestern roots, Marta earned a degree in education from Central College and spent 19 years teaching Spanish, French, and World Languages while becoming increasingly active in the church as a youth leader, Ruling Elder, and commissioner to the 223rd General Assembly (2018). Her service as Co-Moderator of the General Assembly Special

Committee on Racism Truth and Reconciliation became a significant period of personal and denominational transformation and eventually led her to Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where she graduated in 2024. Following seminary, Marta was called to serve as Border Ministry Coordinator for Tres Rios Presbytery in El Paso, where ministry alongside border communities continues to deepen her commitment to compassion, justice, and faithful action.



The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer is Co-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Pastor and Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa. Kris has devoted his ministry to helping the church become a healing presence within its walls and throughout the world. He holds a Doctorate in Contextual Leadership with a concentration in Religion and Public Policy from Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University, where his dissertation developed a compassion-based framework for civil discourse, as well as a Master of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary and undergraduate degrees in Speech Communication and Political Science from the University of Central Missouri. His additional studies include Graduate Certificates in Executive Leadership, Engaged

Compassion, and Public Management. With deep family roots in the Presbyterian and Reformed traditions, he has served congregations in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri and has committed his life to serving God through the PC(USA).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Memorial to the Lost

Throughout September, the Memorial to the Lost will be displayed along Kirkwood Boulevard. This memorial features T-shirts bearing the names of individuals from our community whose lives have been lost to gun violence. Each shirt represents a life, a story, a family, and a community that continues to grieve.

The memorial is sponsored by PUNCH (People Uniting Neighbors and Churches), an ecumenical partnership of Hilltop Neighborhood churches in Davenport committed to strengthening the neighborhood, building relationships, and addressing issues that impact our community. Each PUNCH congregation is displaying several memorial shirts. Signs located at each display site include a QR code that allows family members and loved ones to locate the shirt honoring the person they have lost.

The memorial was dedicated during an opening prayer service held here at FPC on August 29. As you pass by the display this month, we invite you to pause and reflect on the lives represented, pray for those who mourn, and renew our shared commitment to fostering peace and ending gun violence in our community.

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 member inquiry class will be held on **September 27** following the service.

For more information: volunteer@fpcdavenport.org

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 meal at 11:30 AM. We are celebrating all our church members and especially honoring our seniors.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 7 - BRAND NEW Kirkwood Seminars on Faith and Life

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.

First Night Out - Planning

First Night Out is an adult fellowship program providing monthly opportunities for connection. **Planning** for the **2026-27 First Night Out** group will take place following worship on **September 27**. Adults of any age category are invited. Bagels and beverages will be provided. Come with your ideas/suggestions for activities for the year. Sign up will be available at the back of the sanctuary September 13th and 20th to verify your contact information and take your ideas/suggestions if you will be attending Adult Sunday School on the 27th. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Jorgenson dmjorgenson@hotmail.com.

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, once in a while—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

Sunday Morning Children's and Youth Programming - Starts this week!

→ Musikgarten

A joyful early childhood music and movement program for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with their caregivers. Meets at 10:35 AM most mornings.

→ Kirkwood Choir

A vibrant choir for children in Kindergarten - 5th grade. Rehearsing weekly during the program year, the choir provides children with a fun and nurturing space to grow in faith through music. Meets after the children's sermon most Sundays.

→ Sunday School

A fun, faith-filled space where children **explore Bible stories, ask questions, and grow in faith** through stories, crafts, music, and activities. Our groups are **K-2nd Grade:** Room 311 and **3rd-5th Grade (Tween):** Room 312.



Register here for
Children's and
Youth Programs

→ Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class begins this fall for 6th grade and up! Youth who have already been confirmed are invited to join us. Confirmation is a time to ask questions, grow in faith, and explore what it means to follow Jesus within the Presbyterian tradition. Youth will have the opportunity to profess their faith and become full members of the church. We meet most Sundays 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM in the Youth Room.

Youth Group - Starts this week!

The Youth Group is a welcoming and vibrant community for middle and high school students to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and serve others. Meeting regularly throughout the year, youth participate in fun activities, Bible study, mission projects, worship, and fellowship events. Guided by caring Adult Mentors, the group creates a safe and scared space where young people can ask questions, explore their beliefs, and develop a deeper relationship with God while making a positive impact in their church and community. Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings 5pm - 7pm with dinner included. Questions? Please contact Abby Schondelmeyer: abby@fpcdavenport.org.

Youth Group Meal Sponsor



The Youth Group is looking for families or individuals to **sponsor** a dinner(s) for us on Sunday nights at 5:00 PM. If you would like to donate money (suggested donation: \$50) for our Youth Group to buy pizza or would be willing to provide a meal (for approximately 15-20 youth and mentors) please contact Abby Schondelmeyer: abby@fpcdavenport.org.

Donations can be placed in the offering plate, given to Abby, or using the QR code.

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.

Refugee Housing Dedication

Join us tomorrow, September 21 at 9:00 AM as we dedicate two homes adjacent to First Presbyterian Church for use as affordable housing for refugee families. Through a partnership between the FPC Foundation and Tapestry Farms (a local nonprofit committed to refugee resettlement), these homes will offer a place of welcome, stability, and new beginnings for families building new lives in our community. Come celebrate this ministry of hospitality and help us bless these homes and all who will call them home.

World Communion Offering (thru 10/4/2026)



The World Communion Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or using the QR code.

STAFF UPDATE

Interested in a Meet & Greet with our NEW Associate Pastor?

The APNC is pleased to host a series of Meet & Greet sessions, providing the congregation an opportunity to get to know our new Associate Pastor, **Kari Swanson**, in a relaxed and informal setting.

Four sessions will be held in the **Parlor**, with attendance limited to **15 participants per session**:

- **Tuesday, October 6 at 1:00 PM**
- **Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 PM**
- **Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 PM**
- **Thursday, October 15 at 10:00 AM**

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to **Diana Miller-Bur** at millerbur@fpcdavenport.org. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until each session reaches capacity.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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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		