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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Series: One Faith, Many Voices
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026 at 9:30 AM



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
at First Pres



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

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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	Malagueña	Ernesto Lecuona (1896-1963)
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Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer
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Minute for Music	Musical Interludes with Alex Gilson	Alex Gilson
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Moment for Stewardship	This I Believe...	Video
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Introit	The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth The Sanctuary Choir	George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)
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✠ Call to Worship	Kari Swanson
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One: Please rise, in body or in spirit, for the Call to Worship.

One: Today Christ gathers disciples from every nation and every generation.

All: From every language and every land, God calls us into one body.

One: We do not gather because we are alike.

All: We gather because Jesus Christ has made us one.

One: Some worship beneath soaring cathedrals.

All: Some gather beneath trees, in homes, in storefronts, and in fields.

One: Some worship in freedom.

All: Others worship with courage amid persecution and fear.

One: Yet there is one Lord, one faith. one baptism.

All: One God and Father of all.

One: Come, let us worship Christ, the Head of the Church.

✠ Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you!

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

Call to Confession

Linda Meadors, Liturgist

The Scots Confession reminds us that the Church belongs to Christ alone. Yet too often we imagine the Church belongs to us. We divide what Christ has united and we forget that every Christian at every table around the world belongs to the same Savior. Before we gather around Christ's table, let us come honestly before God's throne of grace.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you have called one Church from every tribe and language, every nation and people. Yet we confess how easily we forget that your kingdom is larger than our congregation, our denomination, our country, or our understanding. We have mistaken uniformity for unity. We have preferred comfort over reconciliation. We have guarded traditions without always seeking your living Spirit.

Forgive us when we fail to recognize Christ in those who worship differently, pray differently, sing differently, or speak another language. Forgive us for the ways your Church has wounded rather than healed, excluded rather than welcomed, remained silent when courage was needed, or sought power instead of service. Give us courage to proclaim your gospel with humility, to celebrate your sacraments with joy, and to love your people wherever they may be found. Gather us again around the table of your mercy, where there is room for all who hunger for your grace. Through Jesus Christ, the living Head of the Church. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news. Christ did not wait for the Church to become perfect before calling it his own. Christ loved the Church, gave himself for the Church, and even now is renewing the Church by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Olam Chesed Yibaneh/il'alam bilmahabbe
The Sanctuary Choir

Creditor/Hendler

Arranged for the Jerusalem Youth Choir.

Sung in Hebrew, Arabic, and English. Translation:

I will build this world from love. You must build this world from love.

And if you build this world from love, then God will build this world from love.

Children's Message

Kari Swanson

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, across the centuries you have spoken through prophets, apostles, teachers, martyrs, and faithful witnesses. As your Word is read and proclaimed today, let your Holy Spirit gather us again into the one body of Christ. Give us ears to hear your voice above every other voice. Give us hearts that rejoice in the diversity of your people. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 2:2-5

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-16

⁴ I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Sermon

"One Kirk"

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

*There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn Two

One Bread, One Body
Refer to Page 9 for music and lyrics.

✦ Confession

The Scots Confession of Faith of 1560
Chapter 1 of 25 - Of God

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom alone we must cleave,
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth,
visible and invisible,
to have been created,
to be retained in their being,
and to be ruled and guided
by his inscrutable providence for such end
as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed,
and to the manifestation of his own glory.**

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Kari Swanson



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Text-to-Give: Text "GIVE" to (563) 724-5998 and follow the prompts.

Website: Go to fpcdavenport.org then click on "Donate Now"

Mail your gift to the church office.



Website

Offertory

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Arr. John A. Behnke
(b. 1953)

✦ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Refer to Page 10 for music and lyrics.

OLD HUNDREDTH

*"Speaking the truth in love,
we must grow up in every way into him who is the head,
into Christ."*

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray...

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

All: Gracious God, you have fed and nourished us with this holy meal. Now use us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to nourish your world with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending Anthem

Tebe Poyem
The Sanctuary Choir

Dmytro Bortnianskyi
(1751-1825)

Sung in Old Church Slavonic. Translation:
*We sing to you, we praise you, we thank you O Lord,
and we pray to you, our God.*
(St. John Chrysostom)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro con Brio from *Organ Sonata No. 2*

Albert Lister Peace
(1844-1912)

HYMNS

✦ Hymn One

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1988
 Music Arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

LET US BREAK BREAD
 10.10 with refrain

♣ Hymn Two

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of
all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless.
And we, though man-y, through-out the
earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.
1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and
free, wom-an or man, no more.
works, one in the Lord of all.
grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

to Refrain
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This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Cre-
-a-tor, Christ, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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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.

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JOYS & CONCERNS

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

We 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, October 4

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
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Chamber Corale	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
Blessing of the Animals	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	West Parking Lot
Quad City Youth Choir	3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Choir Room
Youth Group	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	CE Building
Justice Choir of the Midwest	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Choir Room
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Fellowship, Gym & Library

Monday, October 5

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Churches United Meal Site Preparation	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
Buildings, Grounds & Safety Meeting	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Parlor
Churches United Meal Site Serving	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Off-Site
Adult Spiritual Growth Meeting	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Parlor
Personnel Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Parlor
CEFY Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Zoom

Tuesday, October 6

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Meet & Greet with Kari	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Parlor
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 7

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Musical Interlude with Alex Gilson	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Von Maur Hall, Sanctuary
Meet & Greet with Kari	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Parlor

Thursday, October 8

Clean Team	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Adult Ed: ""Let's Talk: ...	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Vesper Bells	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Chapel
Sanctuary Choir	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Choir Room

Friday, October 9

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, October 10

Men's Breakfast	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Blessing of the Animals - TODAY - 2:00 PM - on the west lawn

Come join us for a special blessing service today, Sunday, **October 4 at 2:00 PM**, with your furry and feathered friends!

The Blessing of the Animals is an ancient custom associated with St. Francis of Assisi. Always at home in the company of the disadvantaged and the dispossessed, Francis recognized the Divine Spark in the beauty of creation, in the love and companionship of animals, and in the poor. Francis became known as the Patron Saint of Animals and is one of the most admired monks and mystics in the history of the church. Bring your pet, large or small, to be blessed and celebrated. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Musical Interludes with Alex Gilson

Join us **October 7** for a Bach themed musical interlude from our very own Principal Organist Alex Gilson. Alex will play two of Bach's **Trio Sonatas for Organ**. Bach wrote these pieces as teaching vehicles for his children to learn to play the organ. They represent a significant challenge with three different independent voices playing at the same time!

Join us in **Von Maur Hall at 11:30 AM** with your own lunch and then enjoy a brief musical performance in the sanctuary at **Noon**.

Men's Breakfast - October 10

All men are invited to join us for breakfast on **Saturday, October 10 at 8:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy breakfast pizza, homemade muffins, juice, and coffee for just \$5. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 8 to Steve Earp (563-320-0398, sdearp46@gmail.com) or the church office so we can prepare enough food.

Manna and More - October 11

The menu for the next **Manna & More** will be pancakes and sausage, fresh fruit, and drinks. There will be a gluten free option. Adults \$4.00, children 12 and under \$1.00.

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!

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 family and especially honoring our seniors.

September Session Highlights

- Pastor Kris shared that September 22 is the day recognized by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. as Native American Day. He read Psalm 24:1-2 and the Clerk read the Land Acknowledgment, all to emphasize that the earth is the Lord's and we are its stewards. He asked Session to think about how the Land Acknowledgment could shape what we do.
- Finance reported that for the month of August there is a \$6K surplus and we have \$30K more than this time last year. The ending deficit might be closer to \$65K than the projected \$119K.
- Session approved an expense of about \$13K to repair one of the two Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall AC units.

FPC Grounds Fall Clean-up - Saturday, October 24, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Join us for a refreshing day outdoors as we prepare the FPC grounds for winter. All ages are welcome. There will be plenty to do - raking leaves and spreading mulch. Please bring work gloves, garden rakes, and small wagons/wheelbarrows if you have them - FPC has more than enough leaf rakes available!

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Adult Sunday School Book Study Starts TODAY

This fall, leading up to David LaMotte's visit November 7 & 8, there will be a book study during the regular Adult Sunday School hour (10:45 AM - 11:30 AM) in Von Maur Hall.

Sessions:

- Oct. 4 - Section 1: The Language of Change (Chapters 1-3)
- Oct. 18 - Section 2: Narratives of Change (Chapters 4-12)
- Nov. 1 - Section 3: What is Yours To Do (Chapters 13-19)
- Nov. 8 - Section 4: Pick One (Led by David LaMotte)

The church has 4 copies available for purchase (\$14) if you are unable to order on your own. Please contact Diana Miller-Bur if you are interested - millerbur@fpcdavenport.org

NEW Evening Program - "Let's Talk: Engaging in Difficult Conversations"

On **Thursday, October 8**, a new evening program begins. From **5:30 PM - 6:00 PM** there will be a "bring your own dinner" fellowship time, followed by the **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM** program and discussion.

This program will start out as in-person in Von Maur Hall.

A few of the upcoming topics are:

- Oct. 8 - *Let's Talk: Let's talk...about how to have difficult conversations*
- Oct. 15 - *Shut Up and Play? Let's talk...about professional athletes and social activism*
- Oct. 22 - *Do I Really Have to Care for Everyone? Let's talk...about the power of compassion*

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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Fall Family Fellowship

All families with children and youth (birth-12th grade) are invited to join us on **Sunday, October 18**, from **5:30 PM - 8:30 PM** (come and go as needed) for a family fellowship opportunity. We will meet at **Pride of the Wapsi Farm** (14600 305th St., Long Grove, IA 52756) and enjoy a hayride, corn maze, pumpkin patch, and campfire to roast hot dogs and s'mores. The **hayride** will begin at **6:00 PM**. **Youth Choir will not meet that evening**, so we hope you can join us!

Youth (6th-12th grade) may be dropped off but a grown-up must arrive by **7:30 PM** to ensure they are picked up before all leave. If a youth will be dropped off, please note that when RSVPing.

The cost is **\$10 per person age 3 and up**, with a **\$40 maximum per family**. If this would be a financial difficulty for your family, please speak with Marty or Abby. We want everyone to be able to participate in CEFY events. Payment can be given to Abby or Marty on Sunday morning, at Wapsi Farm, or online:

RSVP by October 12: cefy@fpcdavenport.org



Youth Elevate Outing

All youth in 6th-12th grade are invited to join us at **Elevate Trampoline Park** on **Saturday, October 24**, from **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**! Afterward, join us at Trunk-or-Treat that afternoon. The cost is **\$15 per youth**. If you already have trampoline park socks, please share that when RSVPing. Payment can be given to Abby on Sunday morning, at Elevate, or online:



RSVP to Abby at abby@fpcdavenport.org by October 22. All participants must complete a waiver before the event. The waiver link will be sent in advance to those planning to attend. If cost is a concern, please speak with Abby. **We want every youth to be able to participate!**

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT



Our annual **Trunk-or-Treat** family and community event will be held on **Saturday, October 24**, from **3:00-5:00 AM** in the **Iowa Street Parking Lot**. Set-up begins at **2:15 AM**.

Church members are encouraged to decorate their vehicle trunks and join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and outreach to our surrounding community!

We will also participate in the **Teal Pumpkin Project**, offering non-candy options for children with food allergies or dietary restrictions.

Interested in decorating a trunk? Contact **Marty or Abby at cefy@fpcdavenport.org**. Even if you decide Saturday morning that you'd like to participate, we'd love to have you join us!

Youth Group

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 5 PM - 7 PM with dinner included. Questions? Please contact Abby Schondelmeyer: abby@fpcdavenport.org.

Sunday Morning Children's and Youth Programming

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.

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.



Register here
for Children's
and Youth

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.



***The Hunchback of Notre Dame* at the Spotlight Theatre, Oct. 9-11 & 16-18**

The FPC Sanctuary Choir has partnered with the Spotlight Theatre in Moline to present the largescale musical *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* on the second and third weekends of October. The beloved musical, based partly on the Disney adaptation of the Victor Hugo novel while remaining truer to the original storyline, involves a cast of 30 immensely talented actors and dancers from the Quad Cities community on stage and a choir of 50 singers (mostly from First Pres) in the balcony. Matt Bishop has been hard at work serving as music director of this production the past few months.

The choir is excited about the opportunities this partnership has created and is eager for YOU to experience the beautiful, challenging music and the moving drama of this story. Centering themes of racism, ableism, power, love, and safety, this musical challenges the notions of "sanctuary" and the wide reach of God's grace and the Church's protection.

Tickets are \$24 for stadium seats and \$30 for floor seats at a table. Purchase yours today at <https://www.simplivetix.com/e/the-hunchback-of-notre-dame-tickets-239071#smtx-click>.



PAS: Stundom - October 13, 7:30 PM

The 35th season of the Performing Arts Series kicks off on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 PM as we welcome internationally acclaimed Danish folk ensemble **Stundom**.

The music of Stundom is Nordic in its essence: Inspired by the traditional dance music from their ancestors, the trio invites you into their wondrous world, blending folk traditions with classical chamber music and symphonic elements. Stundom is among the most acclaimed groups within New Nordic folk music in Denmark today. The trio has received widespread praise from both audiences and critics for their seamless fusion of traditional and contemporary expressions. Their latest album, 'Hvis ikke de er døde, lever de endnu' received 'Album of the Year' at the Danish Music Awards Roots 2025.



Stundom has performed at major festivals such as Roskilde Festival in Denmark and Celtic Connections in the UK. They have appeared on BBC Scotland and performed live on BBC Radio 3. In 2024, they were invited to the United States by the Danish String Quartet to perform at the Strings Music Festival, bringing their Nordic sound across the Atlantic for the first time.

Tickets are \$10/student, \$15/adult and are on sale now. You may purchase at the concert or in advance online at <https://bit.ly/47nPIXZ>.



FINANCE

July Financial Summary

	July 2026		July 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 27,766	\$ 40,915	\$ 23,575	\$ 39,025
Custodial Accounts Income	4,272	-	5,010	-
Compensation Expenses	(53,071)	(54,287)	(51,341)	(51,846)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(21,318)	(20,641)	(14,760)	(18,570)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(4,272)	-	(5,010)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$46,623)	(\$34,013)	(\$42,526)	(\$31,391)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$46,623)	(\$34,013)	(\$42,526)	(\$31,391)
	2026 Year-To-Date		2025 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 570,824	\$ 441,408	\$ 486,722	\$ 445,375
Custodial Accounts Income	35,202	-	31,507	-
Compensation Expenses	(376,614)	(388,067)	(360,056)	(369,353)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(157,563)	(172,687)	(133,225)	(164,402)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(35,202)	-	(31,507)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$36,647	(\$119,346)	(\$6,559)	(\$88,380)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	(2,396)	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$36,647	(\$119,346)	(\$8,955)	(\$88,380)

All numbers are rounded.

August Financial Summary

	August 2026		August 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 45,999	\$ 43,094	\$ 25,661	\$ 41,405
Custodial Accounts Income	6,104	-	2,329	-
Compensation Expenses	(52,493)	(54,279)	(49,937)	(51,846)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(24,292)	(23,621)	(20,775)	(21,474)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(6,104)	-	(2,329)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$30,786)	(\$34,806)	(\$45,051)	(\$31,915)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$30,786)	(\$34,806)	(\$45,051)	(\$31,915)
	2026 Year-To-Date		2025 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 616,823	\$ 484,002	\$ 512,383	\$ 486,780
Custodial Accounts Income	41,306	-	33,836	-
Compensation Expenses	(429,105)	(442,346)	(409,991)	(421,199)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(181,857)	(196,308)	(154,002)	(185,876)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(41,306)	-	(33,836)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$5,861	(\$154,652)	(\$51,610)	(\$120,295)
Restricted Fund Grant Income	-	-	-	-
Net Insurance Claim Inc/(Exp)	-	-	(2,396)	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$5,861	(\$154,652)	(\$54,006)	(\$120,295)

All numbers are rounded.

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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 Lehnher	Doug Wells	Bill Yingling
Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams	Gail Yingling
Sarah Soenksen		
Katrina Williams		