



First Presbyterian Church

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**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Series: One Faith, Many Voices
October 11, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



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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 11:45 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

Twentieth 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 from <i>Organ Sonata No. 3</i>	Albert Lister Peace (1844-1912)
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Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer
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Moment for Stewardship	This I Believe...	Video
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Prelude	Somos del Señor	Arr. Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)
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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: Come, all who long to know where you belong.

All: We come seeking the One who has called us by name.

One: Before we chose God...

All: God chose us in love.

One: Before we found our way...

All: Christ came seeking us.

One: The Holy Spirit gathers us into one family.

All: Body and soul, in life and in death, we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

One: Come, let us worship the God who claims us in grace.

✠ 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	I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art <i>Refer to Page 8 for music and lyrics.</i>	TOULON
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The Heidelberg Catechism reminds us that our only comfort is that we belong to Jesus Christ. Yet we often live as though we belong to fear. We belong to our schedules. Our achievements. Our failures. Our anxieties. Our possessions. Our reputations. The God who has claimed us in love invites us to lay down every false identity and return to the grace that has always held us. Let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you have called us your own, yet we have forgotten whose we are. We have searched for identity in success and failure, in approval and accomplishment, in politics and possessions, rather than in your steadfast love. We have lived as though everything depends upon us, forgetting that Christ has already accomplished what we never could. When fear has ruled us, we have forgotten your promises. When shame has defined us, we have forgotten our baptism. When pride has tempted us, we have forgotten that every good gift comes from you.

Forgive us, gracious God. By your Holy Spirit, teach us again to trust that we are not our own. Shape us into grateful disciples whose lives reflect the joy of belonging to Jesus Christ, our faithful Savior, who has fully paid for all our sins, set us free from the power of evil, and holds us securely in your everlasting love. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news. The gospel does not begin with what we have done for God. It begins with what God has done for us. In Jesus Christ, God has redeemed us, claimed us, and called us by name.

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

Listening for the Word

Children's Message**Prayer for Illumination**

God of truth, through your holy Word you call your people by name and reveal your Son, the Good Shepherd who gathers his flock in love. As the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, silence every voice that tells us we are defined by fear, failure, or success. Instead, let us hear again the voice of Christ, who calls each of us beloved. Amen.

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.*

- 43** But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name; you are mine.
- 2** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
- 3** For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
 I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
- 4** Because you are precious in my sight
 and honored and I love you,
 I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
- 5** Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
- 6** I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;
 bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- 7** everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-9

- 14** Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. **2** Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. **3** Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. **4** Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
- 5** Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. **6** Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.
- 7** For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. **8** If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. **9** For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Sermon

"You Belong"
 The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn Two

When We Are Living
Refer to Page 9 for music and lyrics.

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

✦ Confession

Heidelberg Catechism & Second Helvetic Confession

**What is your only comfort
in life and in death?**

**That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ...
...Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

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

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

✦ Prayer of Dedication

✠ **Hymn Three**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Refer to Page 11 for music and lyrics.

SOLID ROCK

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Vivace from *Trio Sonata No. 6*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

HYMNS

✦ Hymn One

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

TEXT: *Psalms*, Strasbourg, 1545; trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

TOULON
 10.10.10.10



1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,
 2 En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar
 3 En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,
 4 En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
 y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
 en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
 gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
 sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
 Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.
 so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7–8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.

TEXT: Stanza 1, anon.; English trans. Elise S. Eslinger, 1983;

stanzas 2–4, Roberto Escamilla, 1983; English trans. George Lockwood, 1987

MUSIC: Spanish melody; arr. Barbara C. Mink, 1988

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SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

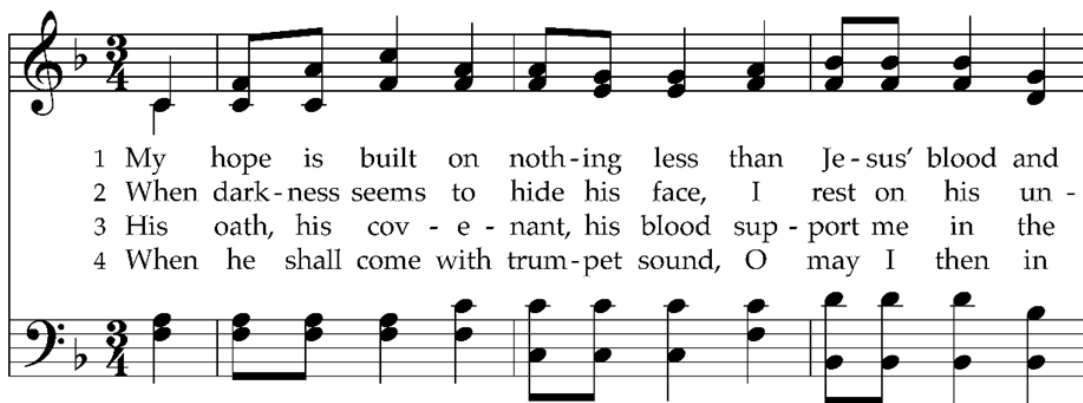
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The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily composed of half notes and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into three systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line and concludes with a double bar line.

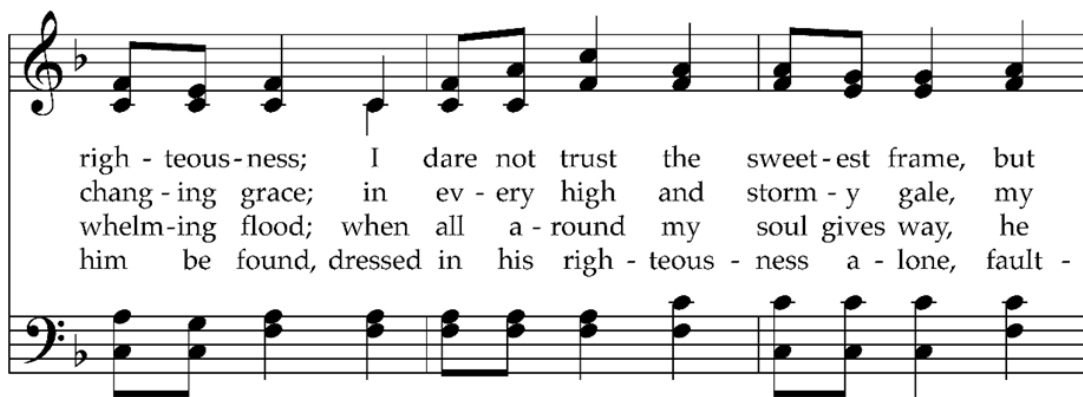
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures
here be-low; praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; Cre-
-a-tor, Christ, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

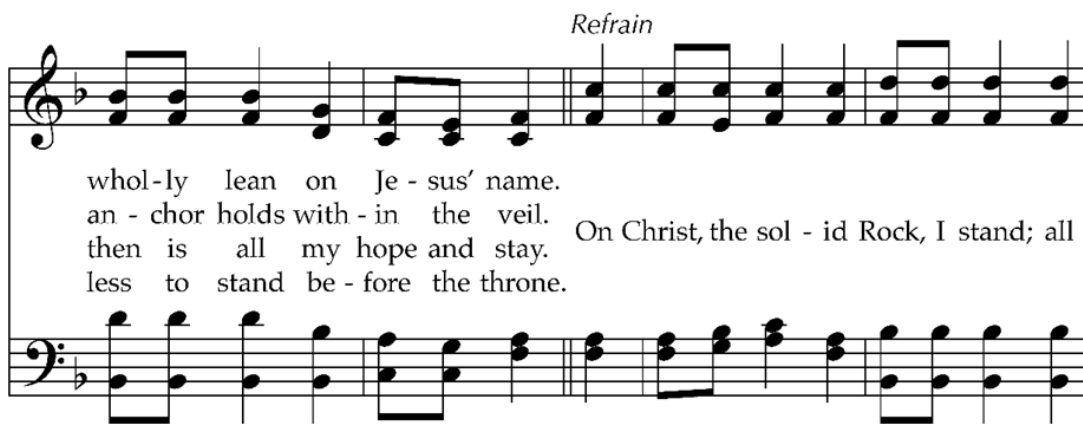


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

TEXT: Edward Mote, c. 1834, alt.
 MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863, alt.

SOLID ROCK
 LM with refrain

WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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JOYS & CONCERNS

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

We also pray for those in need of God's healing grace; Paul Hartmann, Gloria Osborne, Col. Thomas Boyd, Frances Keller, Sandra Millage, 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 11

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:45 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Manna & More	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Hunchback of Notre Dame Performance	2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Spotlight Theater, Moline
Meet & Greet with Kari	2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Parlor
Chamber Corale	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
Youth Group	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	CE Building
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Fellowship, Gym & Library

Monday, October 12

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Congregational Fellowship Meeting	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Parlor
Deacons' Outreach Meeting	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Parlor
Member Care Meeting	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Mission Connection Meeting	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Board of Deacons	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Von Maur Hall/Zoom

Tuesday, October 13

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Piano Tuning	11:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Sanctuary
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
PAS: Stundom	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 14

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Women of Hope Bible Study	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Parlor
Finance Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:45 PM	Zoom
Vesper Bells	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Sanctuary

Thursday, October 15

Clean Team	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FPC Building
Meet & Greet with Kari	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Parlor
PUNCH Meeting	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Adult Ed: "Let's Talk: ..."	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Friday, October 16

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
First Night Out	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Hunchback of Notre Dame Performance	7:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spotlight Theater, Moline

Saturday, October 17

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Hunchback of Notre Dame Performance	7:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Spotlight Theater, Moline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Manna and More - Today!

Today's program will be an introduction to the Breeze application, FPC's new congregational membership management software. Breeze provides membership and group management, our events calendar, the eNews, volunteer coordination, and giving management in one integrated package. Jim Middleton will demonstrate the software and answer questions.

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.

The two final sessions, held in the **Parlor** are:

- **Sunday, October 11** at **2:00 PM**
- **Thursday, October 15** at **10:00 AM**

We look forward to seeing you there!

First Night Out Halloween/Crazy Bridge Party October 16 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Come wearing a costume (not a requirement) and to play crazy bridge. You don't have to be able to know how to play bridge and it's a fun way to get to know your fellow church members better. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and the elevator will be open. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage.

Come join the fun!

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.

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

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

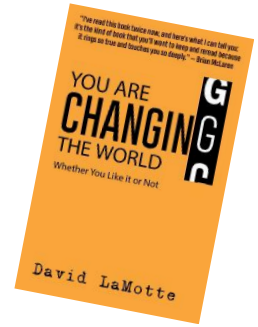
families, followed by an evening presentation at **6:30 PM** titled "You Are Changing the World Whether You Like It or Not" and at **7:45 PM** – David LaMotte in Concert. Then on Sunday, David LaMotte will be leading us in worship, followed by an Adult Sunday School program.

Adult Sunday School Book Study

This fall, leading up to David LaMotte's visit November 7 & 8, we are doing a book study of David's book, *You are Changing the World: Whether You Like It or Not*, during the regular Adult Sunday School hour (10:45 AM - 11:30 AM) in Von Maur Hall.

Sessions:

- 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)



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

The Thursday Evening Program meets in Von Maur Hall and starts with a "bring your own dinner" fellowship time at **5:30 PM - 6:00 PM** followed by the **6:00 PM - 7:00 PM** program and discussion.

A few of the upcoming topics are:

- 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*

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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 you RSVP. 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!**

Pride of the Wapsi - 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 (grades 6-12) are welcome to be dropped off; however, a parent or guardian must be on site by **7:30 p.m.** to pick them up before the event concludes. If a youth will be dropped off, please note that when you RSVP.

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 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 sacred 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.



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!

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 by 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.

MUSIC



The Hunchback of Notre Dame at the Spotlight Theatre, Oct. 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 Church's protection.

Tickets are \$24 for stadium seats and \$30 for floor seats at a table. Purchase yours today at <https://www.simplenetix.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>.

Birdies for Charity: FPC Davenport receives its largest Bonus Fund match ever!



The 2026 Birdies for Charity program has set a new record. Through the John Deere Classic's charitable programs, Birdies for Charity raised a record-breaking \$20.1 million for charity in 2026, supporting 492 local and regional charities. The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund is a partnership between John Deere, the John Deere Classic, and a passionate network of donors, partners, and supporters committed to helping every charitable gift go further. This year, the Bonus Fund distributed an additional 8.85% match, totaling \$1.56 million in unrestricted funding—the largest Bonus Fund distribution in program history.

First Presbyterian Church of Davenport had a record-breaking year, too. **Our congregation designated a total of \$844,325.36**, either directly to Birdies or directly to FPC, with the church forwarding gifts on donors' request. Because of these generous gifts, **FPC received an additional \$74,722.79 from the Bonus Fund match**—more than \$45,000 above what was budgeted for 2026. We didn't just hit a birdie or an eagle, this was a hole in one!



Once again, the congregation of FPC has demonstrated their love and faith in our purpose: To help all people in the Quad Cities to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our strength, and our neighbor as ourselves. Your generosity allows FPC to do so by funding mission projects such as the Caring Closet and Churches United Meal Service, education programs such as Sunday School and Adult Education, our talented choirs and bells ensembles, and the many fellowship opportunities throughout the year. None of these would be

possible without your time, talents, and treasures. **Thank you for all that you do and for believing in the missions, programs, and staff of FPC Davenport!**

WHERE IN THE WORLD



Where has he been?

Where is he headed?



Pastor Kris hit the road and the skies Sunday afternoon, September 13, right after the picnic, for a noteworthy week of events!

His first stop was Nevada, where he spent a few days at the Presbyterian Life & Witness Board Meeting at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center on Lake Tahoe.

From there, he traveled to El Paso, Texas, to stand alongside Rev. Marta as she celebrated her Co-Moderator Covenant Service.



The journey continued with the East Iowa Presbytery Meeting at Camp Bear Creek on Saturday, September 19.



Then, on Sunday, September 20, Pastor Kris returned to FPC with Rev. Marta and Rev. Jihyun Oh, Stated Clerk of the Gnereal Assembly, for a special occasion of his own: his own Co-Moderator Covenant Service. Our Stated Clerk, Rev. Jihyun Oh preached for the service.

After worship today, Sunday, Pastor Kris will be heading to Louisville, Kentucky, for the Mid Council Leaders Gathering (October 11-13). During this gathering, Pastor Kris and his fellow Co-Moderator, Rev. Marta Pumroy Cordero, will welcome presbytery and synod leaders

from across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to the national offices. Together, they will lead a workshop inviting these leaders to reflect on where healing is needed in the church and where they are already witnessing signs of hope. It will be an opportunity to listen, learn, and imagine together how God is calling the church toward healing and hope.

Later this month, October 21–24, Pastor Kris will travel to Georgia, where he will bring greetings and preach at a meeting of Cherokee Presbytery, northwest of Atlanta. From there, he will head to Columbia Seminary in Decatur to meet with members of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and representatives of the seminary. He will also engage with young adults who are passionate about the church's public witness as he helps provide leadership at the Young Adult Advocacy Conference with the PCUSA Office of Public Witness.

Pastor Kris is grateful for these opportunities to represent the denomination. He is especially grateful for the support of the First Presbyterian Church family, which makes it possible for him to serve the wider church while continuing to call Davenport home!

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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	Craig Foster	Nancy Chapman	Julia Meyer
Denny Jorgenson	Wendy Hammen	Colleen Dueñas	
Kathy Knox	Paula Hartmann	Nathan Kabel	
Cathy Pratscher-Woods	Sharon Simmonds	Linda Meadors	
Jed Steckel	Jay Williams	RuthAnn Tobey-Brown	
	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
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Sarah Soenksen		
Katrina Williams		