



First Presbyterian Church

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**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Series: One Faith, Many Voices
October 18, 2026 at 9:30 AM**



John Rogers Herbert (1810-1890), *Assertion of Liberty of Conscience by the Independents of the Westminster Assembly of Divines, 1644 (1847)* | Palace of Westminster, London

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

Twenty-first 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. 2</i>	Albert Lister Peace (1844-1912)
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Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer
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Minute for Service	Fall Clean-up	Julia Meyer
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Minute for Stewardship	This I Believe...	Video
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Introit	Bwana Asifiwe! The Vesper Bells	Arr. Cathy Moglebust (b. 1958)
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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, people of God, created in love and called by grace.

All: We gather to glorify God and to rejoice in God's presence.

One: God teaches us through the Scriptures.

All: God nourishes us through worship and prayer.

One: God strengthens us through the fellowship of Christ's body.

All: God sends us into the world to bear Christ's likeness.

One: Come, let us offer our whole lives in praise.

All: Let us worship God.

✠ Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you!

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

Call to Confession

Craig Foster, Liturgist

The Westminster Catechisms remind us that we were created to glorify God and enjoy God forever. Yet we confess that we often seek our joy elsewhere. We chase success more than holiness. We pursue comfort more than compassion. We seek knowledge without wisdom, achievement without gratitude, and religion without love. Still, God invites us into the lifelong work of grace, shaping us into the image of Christ. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, you created us for your glory and for the joy of living in communion with you. Yet we confess that our lives are often shaped more by the voices of our culture than by the voice of Christ. We have been impatient when you called us to perseverance. We have chosen convenience instead of compassion. We have settled for shallow faith rather than seeking the depth of your wisdom. Too often we have wanted the comfort of discipleship without the cost of following Jesus.

Forgive us. By your Holy Spirit, form our hearts, renew our minds, and direct our lives. Teach us through your Word. Strengthen us through your Church. Feed us at your table. Send us into the world as joyful disciples whose lives bear witness to your goodness and grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news. The God who calls us into discipleship does not abandon us to our own strength. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. In the Holy Spirit, our lives are continually being renewed. God is not finished with us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

Listening for the Word

AnthemThe Glory of the Father
The Sanctuary ChoirEgil Hovland
(1924-2013)

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.
In him was life; and the life was the light of all.
He came to his own, and his own received him not.
(Adapted from John 1)

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

God of wisdom, by your Holy Spirit, open the Scriptures before us and open our hearts within us. Let your Word dwell richly among us, correcting what is false, strengthening what is weak, and encouraging what is faithful. Form us not merely to know your truth, but to love it, to live it, and to share it. Amen.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of +Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Sermon

"The Goal of Life"

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Refer to Page 8 for music and lyrics.

✠ Creed/Confession

Westminster Standards

One: What is the chief end of man?

All: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

One: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

All: The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

One: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

All: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

One: What is God?

All: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
The Vesper Bells

Arr. Jason Krug
(b. 1978)

✠ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Refer to Page 9 for music and lyrics.

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠ Prayer of Dedication

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

Toccata on DUKE STREET

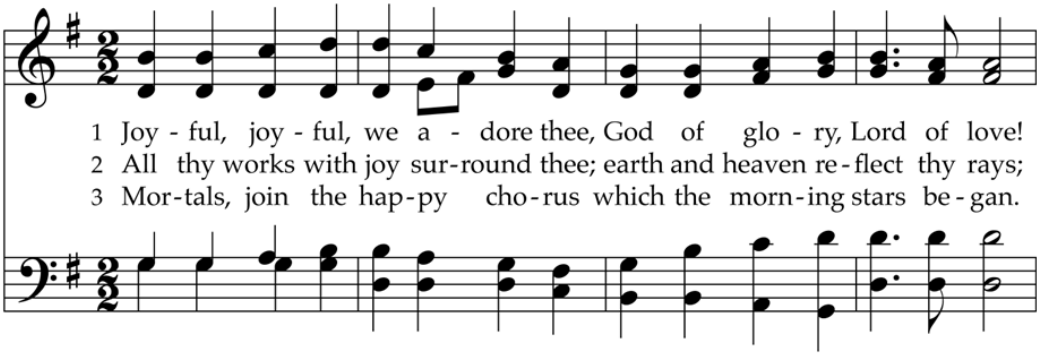
Arr. Joel Raney
(b. 1956)

HYMNS

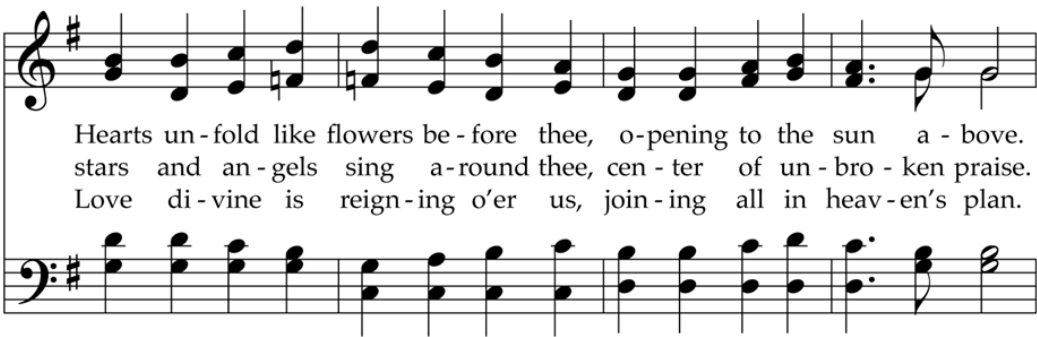
✦ Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

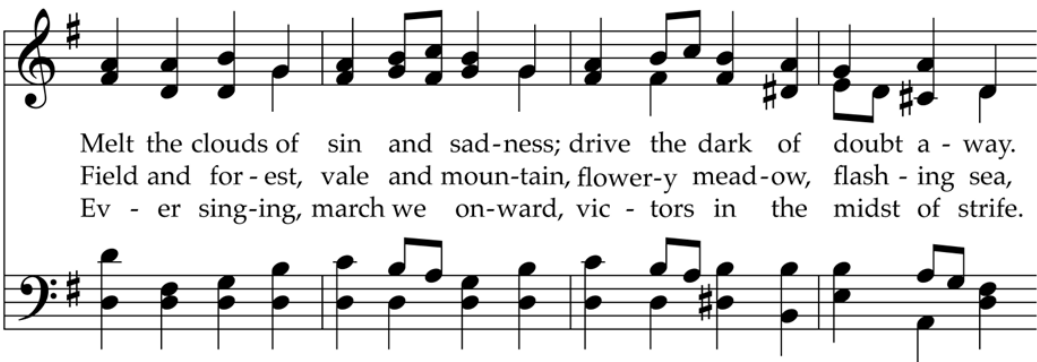
HYMN TO JOY



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY
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Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



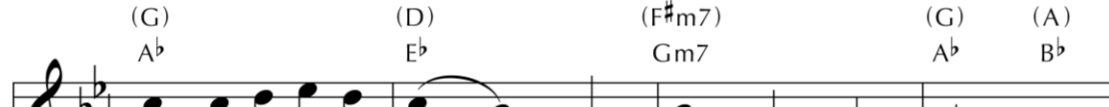
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.' The score is divided into three systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The final system ends 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
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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 ensure a hospital visit or a prayer is to contact the church office directly (563-326-1691).

Prayer Shawls: Prayer shawls are available for you to give to those you know who are experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coat rack near the main office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, October 18

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:45 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
CEFY Sunday School	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Scout Donut Sunday	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
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
Congregational Nominating Committee	11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Parlor
Hunchback of Notre Dame Performance	2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Off-Site
Pride of the Wapsi	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Off-Site

Monday, October 19

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
FPC Book Club	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Parlor
Session Meeting	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Tuesday, October 20

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 21

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
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Thursday, October 22

Clean Team	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Parlor
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 23

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, October 24

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
FPC Fall Clean Up	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FPC Campus
Trunk or Treat Set Up	2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Iowa Street Parking Lot
Trunk or Treat	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Iowa Street Parking Lot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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!

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:



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.

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.



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

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

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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

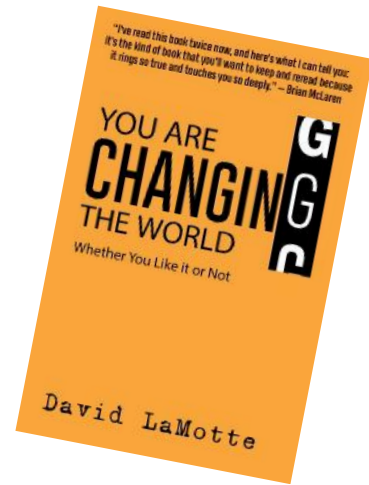
FPC's **BRAND NEW** Kirkwood Seminars on Faith and Life is hosting award-winning speaker, songwriter, and writer David LaMotte on **Saturday, November 7**. There will be a **10:00 AM** program for children and their families, followed by an evening presentation at **6:30 PM** titled "You Are Changing 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.

The upcoming topic is:

Oct. 22 - *Do I Really Have to Care for Everyone? Let's talk...about the power of compassion*

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.

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!**

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