First Presbyterian Church

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Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 2026 at 9:30 AM



Greek Icon, ca. 1600

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.

AN LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE COVENANT NETWORK OF PRESBYTERIANS

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.

MATTHEW 25

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 Šakówiŋ, 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

Reign of Christ Sunday
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 — La cathédrale engloutie — Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Welcome and Announcements — The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Minute for Mission — Angel Tree — Andy Bowles Edwards

Introit — God Is Gone Up with a Shout, The Sanctuary Choir — Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

✞ Call to Worship — The Rev. Kari Swanson

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

One Let all that I am praise the Lord;
All: With my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.
One: Let all that I am praise the Lord;
All: May I never forget the good things he does for me.
One: Come, let us worship God with thanksgiving and praise!

✞ 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 — Rejoice, the Lord is King! — DARWALL'S 148TH
Refer to Page 8 for music and lyrics.

Call to Confession Andy McNeil, Liturgist

We gather to give thanks to God, who is Lord of all creation. Yet too often, we live as though God's reign extends only to our own lives, our own concerns, and our own blessings. Trusting in the mercy of Christ, our King and Good Shepherd, let us confess the ways we have failed to love God and our neighbors.

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, Your love extends into every area of our lives. Your goodness surpasses all expectations. You deserve our most joyous, sincere, and reverent daily worship. But instead we are lackluster disciples of Jesus. Our attention to You and Your Word has lost its focus. Our devotion to You and Your Kingdom has lost its intensity. Our commitment to You and Your mission has lost its sincerity. We are halfhearted creatures, too often going through the motions. Forgive us and set us free from the sin that entangles us. Create within us new hearts filled with Your joy and purpose. Enable our lives to overflow with Your grace and mercy. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us, knows us, and loves us as we are.
All: We give thanks, and choose to be changed by God's amazing grace.

Recognition of New Members

Presentation

Scripture

Profession of Faith

Questions for New Members

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
New Members: I Do

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ, and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
New Members: I Do.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
New Members: I Will.

Pastor: You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry, through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?
New Members: I Will.

Welcome

Listening for the Word

Anthem Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round — Libby Larsen
The Sanctuary Choir — (b. 1950)

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way,
guide of the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day;
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
guided, and strengthened, and upheld by Thee.

We are of Thee, the people of Thy love,
Thy children, O Thou well-beloved One;
Descend, O Holy Radiance, as a dove
into our hearts, that we may be as one;
as one with Thee, to whom we ever tend;
as one with Thee, our brother and our friend.

We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things sweet and fair;
one with the joy that breaketh into song,
one with the grief that trembles into prayer,
one with the power that makes Thy children free
to follow truth, and thus to follow Thee.
(John White Chadwick, adap. – 1840-1904)

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

First Lesson Colossians 1:15-20

15 [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, **16** for in him all things in heaven
and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
powers—all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He himself is before all things, and in
him all things hold together. **18** He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn
from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. **19** For in him all the fullness of
God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson Psalm 95:1-7

1O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! **2**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! **3**For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. **4**In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. **5**The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. **6**O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! **7**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Thanksgiving: It's Communal"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

✞ Hymn Two Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! MARION
(VERSES 1, 2, 3 & 5)
Refer to Page 9 for music and lyrics.

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.

Other Ways to Give

Venmo

Venmo: @FPCDav
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 Ubi Caritas Norah Duncan IV (b. 1952)

✞ **Doxology**	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Refer to Page 10 for music and lyrics.*	OLD HUNDREDTH

✞ **Prayer of Dedication**

Sending Anthem	Go Forth into the World in Peace The Sanctuary Choir	John Rutter (b. 1945)
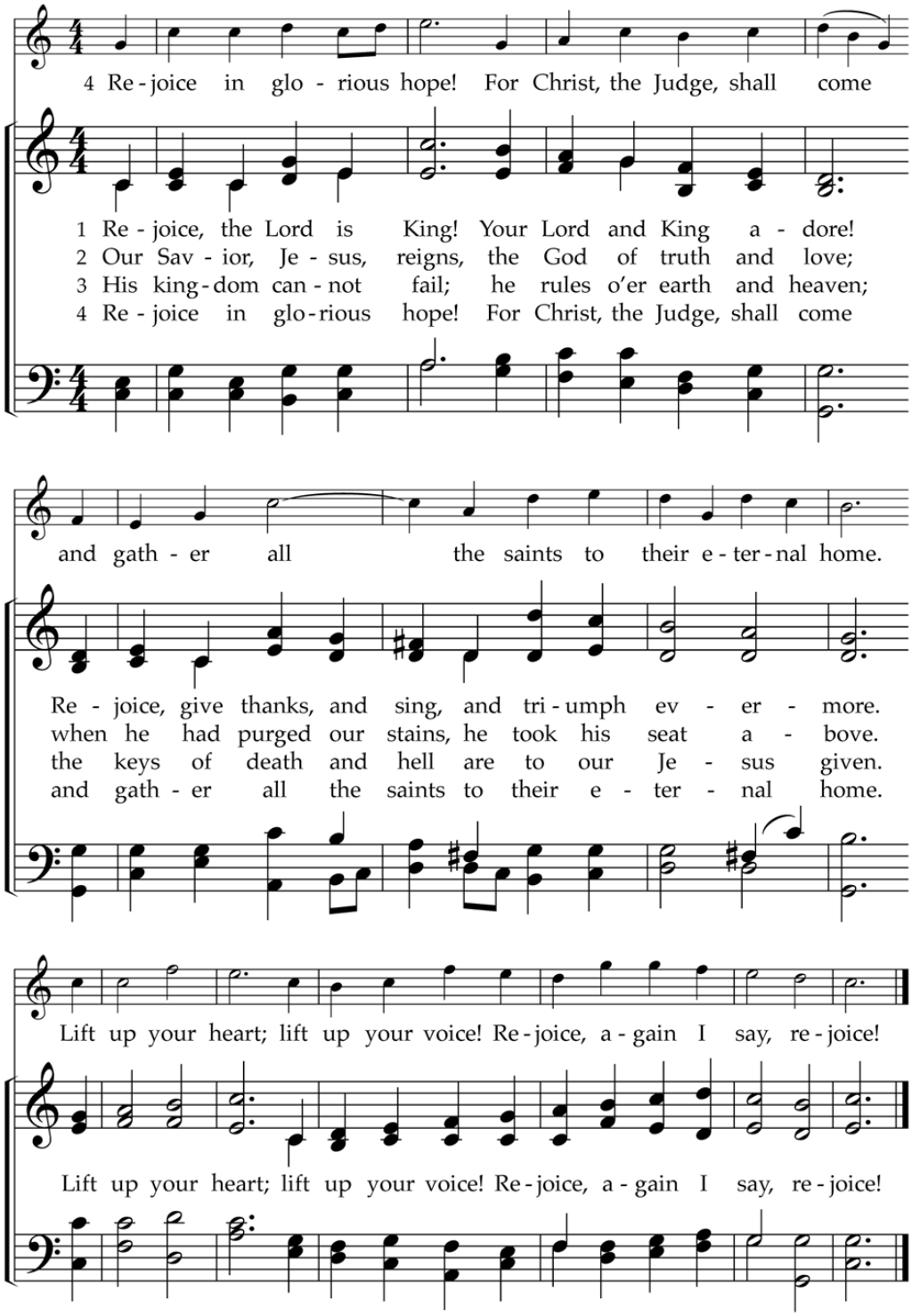
Charge and Benediction

Postlude	Fanfare on DARWALL'S 148TH	Arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953)

Called Congregational Meeting Begins Momentarily

HYMNS

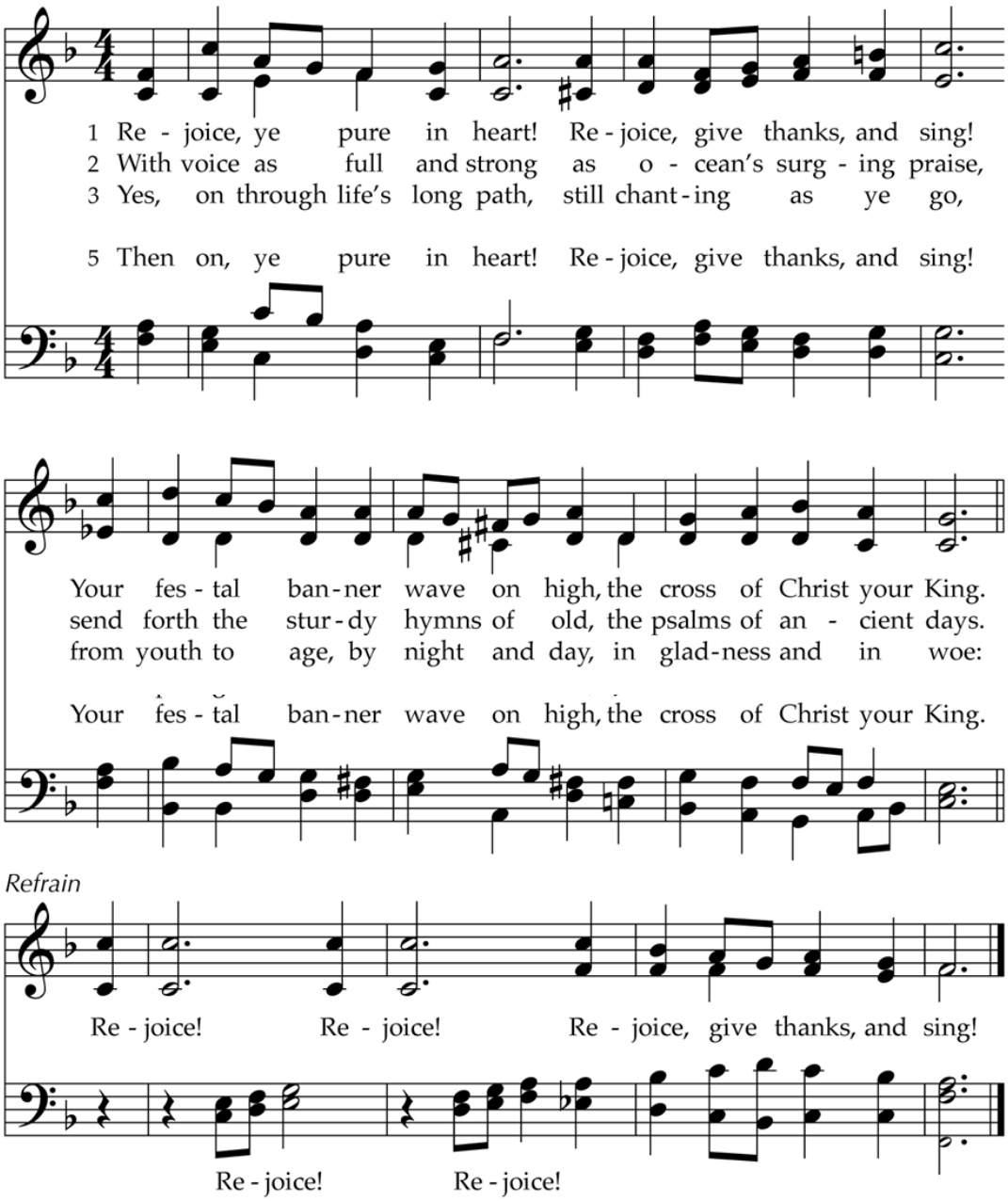
✞ Hymn One Rejoice, the Lord Is King! DARWALL'S 148TH



Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt. DARWALL'S 148TH
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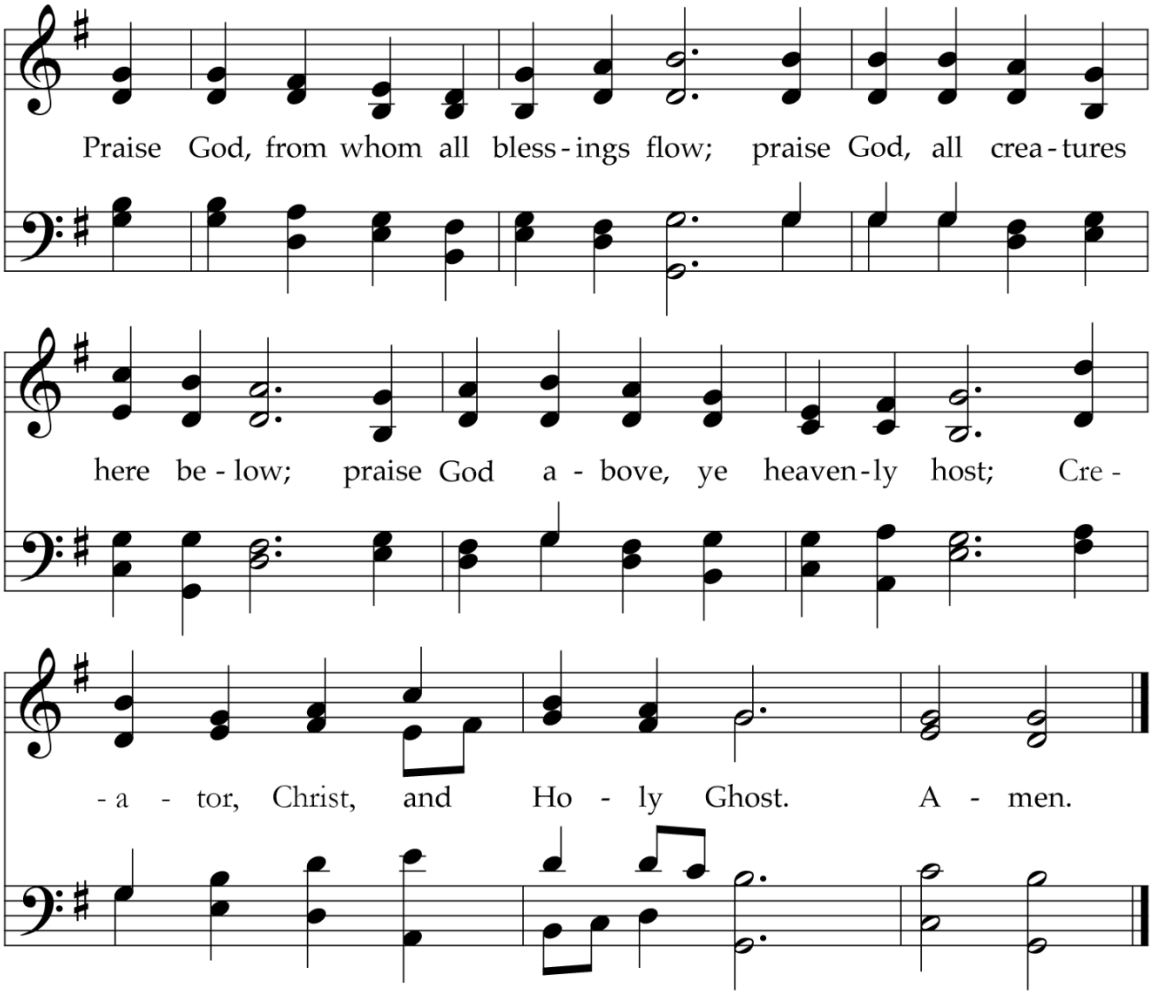
(VERSES 1, 2, 3 & 5)



These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

TEXT: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865
MUSIC: Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

MARION
SM with refrain



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

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

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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; Pat Hagedorn (sister of Sherry Williams), Tim Nelson, 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, November 22

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:45 AM	CE Building 3rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Kirkwood Choir	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3rd Floor
CEFY Sunday School	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3rd Floor
Congregational Meeting	10:35 AM - 11:15 AM	Sanctuary
Musikgarten	10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3rd Floor
Fellowship Hour	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Pie Fellowship Hour	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Adult Sunday School	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Chamber Chorale	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Sanctuary
Quad City Youth Choir	3:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Choir Room
Youth Group	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	3rd Floor, Von Maur Hall & Gym
Justice Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Sanctuary
Justice Choir of the Midwest Concert	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Sanctuary
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym & Library

Monday, November 23

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Gym
Strategic Discernment Team Meeting	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Tuesday, November 24

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	CE Building 1st Floor
Organ Rehearsal	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sanctuary
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Hospitality & Welcoming Committee	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Parlor

Wednesday, November 25

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Gym

Thursday, November 26

Office Closed - Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

Office Closed – Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 28

Office Closed - Thanksgiving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

--- Called Congregational Meeting ---
Today

Session has approved a **Called Congregational Meeting** for **November 22, 2026**, to occur immediately after Sunday Service. **The called meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and congregational members** to the Congregational Nominating Committee as well as to approve recommended changes to the FPC Bylaws.

Pie Fellowship - Today

Please join the FPC family for our Pie Fellowship in **Fellowship Hall** following the **Called Congregational Meeting** after the worship service. We ask that each family provide a pie (flavor of your choice) to share. We recommend donating your pie in a disposable pan. Vanilla ice cream, coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided. We look forward to sharing pie and ice cream with you!

Christmas Poinsettias 2026



In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, we will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be part of this wonderful tradition, please complete the Christmas Poinsettias form and drop it in the offering plate. You can also participate by going to FPC's website and clicking the "Donate Online" link or by contacting Kristine Olson in the church office.

The deadline for making a donation is **Monday, December 14 by noon**.

Let's Fill the Travel Fellowship Bus!



Our neighbors in Muscatine have been putting on a great Ragtime Concert for the last 33 years featuring top guest pianists, including familiar faces at First Presbyterian, Jeff and Anne Barnhart!

Now you can see them in concert and leave getting there to your First Pres Congregational Fellowship Committee which will provide a bus on **Saturday, January 16th.**

Departing at **3:00 PM**, your afternoon and evening will include a visit to the National Pearl Button Museum, a stop at Skinny's Barbeque for a sandwich, side, and drink for a fixed price, and transportation to Wesley United Methodist Church for dessert and coffee (free will donation) before the Ragtime concert in their sanctuary with The Saint Louis Stompers Classic Jazz Band and Jeff Barnhart's Sweet & Hot Quartet featuring selections from Ragtime through Swing eras.

The bus & concert package is $49 per person (non-refundable, yet transferable). Reservations with cash or check payment will be accepted in our Narthex after worship from November 29 and every Sunday until sold out. Contact church office for credit card payments.

November Session Highlights

- Pastor Kris led a devotion centered on the ordination vows of Ruling Elders. Some of these are to be governed by the church's polity; to be friends among colleagues in ministry; to serve with intelligence, energy, imagination and love.
- Session examined and approved the membership of six individuals. Marj and Mike Mead, Becky and Mike Comp, Lisa Arnold and Pat Devine.
- Finance reported that September ended with a $49K deficit but October ended with a surplus of $61K. This was due to direct donations and the FPC donation to Birdies for Charities which resulted in a return of $17K and $75K. The end of year deficit looks better than the projected $119K.

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Adult Sunday School – November 22 - Gratefulness

Grab a piece of pie from the Fellowship Hall, then join Rev. Kari in Von Maur to participate in a traditional spiritual practice of gratitude. We will be learning about and writing "collect prayers." Start your Thanksgiving week with an intentional gratitude practice!

The Heart that Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch

Our Advent Sunday School Series will coincide with the Advent Sermon Series, using themes from *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* to explore aspects of faith. How might Christ speak to the Church through this classic children's story? You are invited to reflect on the themes of Christmas, your own life, and a tale of cold hearts growing in love this Advent Season.

Nov. 29: When Everything is Wrong
Dec. 6: When Christmas Isn't Christmas
Dec. 20: When Joy is our Song

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CEFY Family Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange – December 4

We invite families with children birth – 5th grade (older siblings are welcome to attend) to join us on **Friday, December 4, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM** in Von Maur Hall for an evening of Christmas celebration and fellowship. The evening will include Gingerbread House making, games, a White Elephant Gift Exchange, and pizza.

For the gift exchange, each participant (even grown-ups) is asked to bring one wrapped, gently used, church-appropriate item from home (please don't buy something just for this event), valued between $5 and $10. Humorous gifts are especially welcome and add to the fun of the evening.

Please **RSVP by Monday, November 30**, by emailing cefy@fpcdavenport.org or speak to Marty or Abby.

MISSION & SERVICE

Angel Tree Season Has Arrived!

It's time once again to support our friends at **Bethany for Children & Families** through the Angel Tree ministry.

Beginning **November 22, following worship**, you are invited to select one or more angel tags from the tree located at the front of the sanctuary. When taking a tag, please sign your name and include your phone number so we can keep track of the gifts and contact you if needed.

Please return your gift:

- **Unwrapped**
- Placed in a **gift bag**
- With the **angel tag securely attached to the outside of the bag**

All gifts should be returned to the church **no later than December 10**.

Thank you for helping brighten a child's Christmas and for sharing the spirit of generosity and hope with children and families in our community.

Punch Thanksgiving – *Volunteer Opportunities*



The **PUNCH Thanksgiving Dinner** will once again be held at **First Baptist Church** on **Thursday, November 26**. Dinner will be served from **11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, with both dine-in and take-out meals available. Guests will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal and warm community fellowship.

This annual event is one of PUNCH's largest outreach ministries, serving many individuals and families in our community. The support of our member churches is essential to making this event a success, and there are many opportunities for volunteers to help.

Volunteers Needed

Servers are needed at First Baptist Church for the following shifts:

10:30 AM to Noon – 2 volunteers

Noon to 1:30 PM – 2 volunteers

Food Donations Needed from Our Church

Hot Food (fully prepared/ready to serve):

10 pounds mashed potatoes

A sign-up sheet and food preparation instructions are available in the back of the church. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute your time, talents, or food donations to help provide a memorable Thanksgiving meal for our neighbors.

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 **blankets** and **coats** along with 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.

Caring Closet Toy Giveaway

The Caring Closet will host its annual Toy Giveaway on **December 7 and 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**. Donations of gently used toys are now being accepted. If you have toys that are clean, functional, and in good condition, please consider donating them to help bring joy to children and families in our community.

Cocoa & Caring: Warm Hands and Warm Hearts

Join us as we once again reach out to our First Church neighborhood on **Tuesday, December 8, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.** We will be sharing **hot cocoa, candy canes, warm mittens, gloves, hats, and plenty of Christmas spirit** with our neighbors. A table will be set up outside the sanctuary doors along Kirkwood Boulevard.

We are seeking donations of:

- Men's and women's hats and gloves (both dress and winter/ski gloves are welcome)
- Boys' and girls' hats and gloves
- Infant and toddler-sized hats and gloves

A collection container for clothing donations will be available at the back of the sanctuary. For more information, please call or text **Cathy Pratcher Woods** at **563-349-2288**.
Together, let's share warmth, hospitality, and the joy of Christmas with our community.

Caring Closet Thanksgiving Schedule

The Caring Closet will be open on Tuesday November 24 and closed on Friday November 27 and Saturday November 28.

ADVENT



Advent @ First Pres I: Community Organ Recital
– November 29, 4 PM

We are pleased to once again launch our celebration of Advent at First Pres three-week concert series with a free afternoon recital on the Magnusson Memorial Organ. We are pleased to welcome four exciting guest organists (Michael Elsbernd, Colleen Darland, Chris Nelson, and Riley Sindt) alongside our Principal Organist Alex Gilson. This concert will not only showcase the great musical talents of these four artists and bring together our four congregations but will also illustrate the great diversity of Advent organ repertoire across several centuries of music history.

MUSIC AT FPC

Justice Choir of the Midwest's Fall Concert



The Justice Choir of the Midwest's Fall Concert is **November 22** at **7:00 PM**. The concert is free, and a free-will offering will be collected for the Friends of MLK in Davenport. The concert is on the theme of Racial Justice and features, among other pieces, Joel Thompson's landmark 2016 choral work, *Seven Last Words of the Unarmed*.

Musical Interludes with Alex Gilson

Join us Wednesday, **December 2nd** for our final musical interlude of 2026 featuring Beethoven's Second Piano Trio in G Major. Matt Bishop will be leading the ensemble from the piano with Alex Gilson on cello and Brandon Head on violin. Experience the amazing compositional brilliance of Beethoven performed here at First Pres! This is sure to be a joyful and amazing event at First Pres!

Join us in **Von Maur Hall at 11:30 AM** with your own lunch and then enjoy the live music performance in the sanctuary at **12:00 PM**.

GIVING

Giving Tuesday



What Is #GivingTuesday? After the rush of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday invites us to pause, give thanks, and give back. It's a global day of generosity – a reminder that the truest gifts aren't bought or sold, but shared in love.

Why give an extra gift to FPC on #GivingTuesday? At First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, your generosity fuels ministries that embody Christ's compassion – feeding neighbors, nurturing children and youth, inspiring through music and art, and building a community grounded in grace.

How to Give? This #GivingTuesday, let's give where love grows. Join us in living out our call to Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love.



Through our Website: fpcdavenport.org/donate
Through our Paypal: First Presbyterian Church of Davenport
Paypal Merchant ID: XRF54TLLSMFZL
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Advent at First Pres

Community Organ Recital
November 29 at 4:00PM

Lessons and Carol Service
December 6 at 9:30AM

Blue Christmas Service
December 9 at 7:30PM

Christmas Concert
December 20 at 4:00PM

Christmas Eve
Family Service at 4:00PM
Candlelight Service at 9:00PM



NEW MEMBERS

New Members

Michael and Marjorie Mead



Michael - Michael R. "Mike" Mead is a lifelong Presbyterian having served in several roles in several locations, including as a Member of the Winnebago (WI) Presbytery Board of Supervisors and Chair of it's Finance Commission in which role he attended a General Assembly. He is an Ordained Ruling Elder and an active vocalist. He has a loving wife who is also joining, four children, 13 grandchildren and one great grandson. He worked in the insurance industry for over 50 years, serving as an underwriter, broker and agency owner.
After God, family and church he loves golf and reading.

Marjorie -I Grew up in IL, moved to WI and transplanted closer to family in Iowa. I am the mother of 4, grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of 1. Enjoying my choir /pickle ball connection in this beautiful church .

Lisa Arnold



Lisa is joining the church through reaffirmation of faith and is married to Joel Arnold. She has a passion for working with youth and enjoys spending time snorkeling and caring for her yard. Lisa has built a successful career as a hairdresser, a profession she has dedicated herself to for more than 40 years. Her commitment to serving others, both professionally and within the church community, reflects her caring spirit and love for connecting with people.

Pat Devine-Cummings



Pat is joining us from California, where she was an active member of her Presbyterian church. Deeply committed to environmental stewardship, she played a significant role in the congregation's work on environmental issues and advocacy. Throughout her years of service, Pat held leadership positions as both a deacon and an elder, contributing her faith, experience, and dedication to the life and mission of the church.

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