



First Presbyterian Church

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**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Bix Jazz Sunday
August 3, 2025 at 9:30 AM**



Bix Beiderbecke (by Tom Vaccaro)

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 age 4). The nursery is staffed by trained and background-checked caregivers from 9 AM to 11 AM (summer). The nursery is on the third floor of the Christian Education (CE) building. Ask a worship host if you need assistance locating this space.

MusikGarten, a program for parents/caregivers and young children (birth through age 4), 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.



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 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.

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Order of Worship

To help you get to know the people sitting in your pew/row,
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbors.

*As we begin worship, please silence your cell phones.
Take a quiet moment to center yourself in the presence of God.
We invite you to meditate silently on art, music, and Scripture.*

Preparing for the Word

Prelude

Just a Little While to Stay Here

*Jeff Barnhart (piano/vocals)
Dave Kosmyna (trumpet/clarinet)
Brandon Au (trombone)
Mikiya Matsuda (string bass)
Gina DeGregorio (drums/vocals)*

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Prelude

'Tain't So, Honey, 'Tain't So

Call to Worship

Craig Foster, Liturgist

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

One: God whispers to each of us:

All: You are my beloved.

One: God whispers to each of us:

All: I have a plan for your life.

One: God whispers to each of us:

All: Come, and follow me.

One: Together we answer:

All: Speak, Lord, for we are listening.

✠ 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

Amazing Grace

1. A - maz - ing that grace, how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has promised good to me, His
5. When we've been there ten thousand times a day, But

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved, How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear The hour grace will lead me home.
safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

O God our King and our Maker, forgive us when we try to make you in our image; forgive us when we turn to earthly rulers for the wisdom and strength you have already shown us. Fulfill your purpose in us, that we may be your people, your temples upon this earth, your siblings in love and mercy. In trust and hope, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever. Hallelujah! Amen.

Listening for the Word

Anthem

Agnus Dei from *A Little Jazz Mass*
The Sanctuary Choir

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

Sung in Latin. Translation:

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Children's Message

God Loves Everyone

Prayer for Illumination

O God, open our understanding of the Scriptures. Help us to see the possibilities you set before us as your children when we turn from our ways and live by your truth. Strengthen our faith and our love for one another. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

1 Samuel 8:1-9

8 When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. **2** The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second was Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. **3** Yet his sons did not follow in his ways but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah **5** and said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." **6** But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, **7** and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. **8** Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. **9** Now then, listen to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

1 Samuel 8:10-22

10 So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. **11** He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, **12** and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. **13** He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. **14** He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. **15** He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. **16** He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. **17** He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. **18** And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you on that day."

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! We are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰ so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." ²¹ When Samuel heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. ²² The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them." Samuel then said to the Israelites, "Each of you return home."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God is Our King"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

✦ Hymn

In the Sweet By and By

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| 1. There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there. <i>(Refrain)</i> | <i>(Refrain)</i>
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore. |
| 2. We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blessed;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest. <i>(Refrain)</i> | 3. To our bountiful Father above,
We will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days. <i>(Refrain)</i> |

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.

***God is king over the nations; God sits on God's holy throne.
The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; God is highly exalted.***

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

By and By

(Refrain)

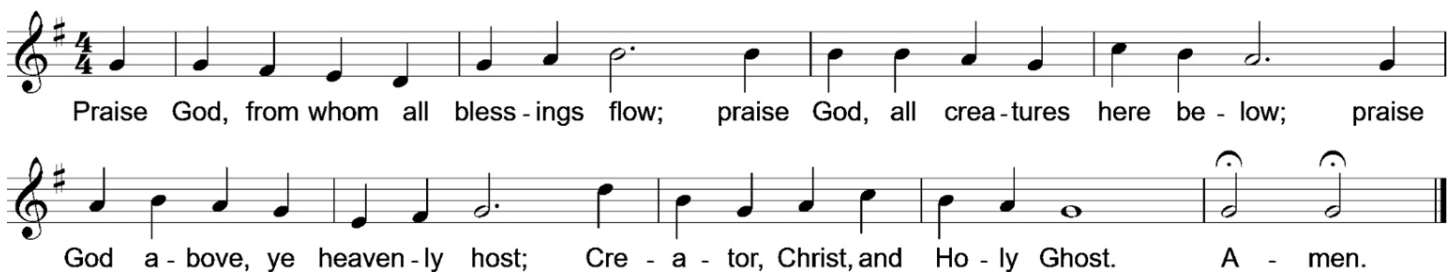
By and by, when the morning comes,
All the saints of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we've overcome,
We will understand it better by and by.

1. We are often tossed and driv'n on the restless sea of time;
Somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine;
In that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away
We will understand it better by and by. *(Refrain)*
2. We are often destitute of the things that life demands;
Want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands;
We are trusting in the Lord, and according to his Word,
We will understand it better by and by. *(Refrain)*
3. Trials dark on ev'ry hand and we cannot understand
All the ways that God would lead us to that Blessed Promised Land,
But He guides us with His eye, and we'll follow till we die,
For we'll understand it better by and by. *(Refrain)*
4. Temptations, hidden snares often take us unaware,
And our hearts are made to bleed for a tho'tless word or deed,
And we wonder why the test when we try to do our best,
But we'll understand it better by and by. *(Refrain)*

✠ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



✠ Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

We Will Walk Through the Streets of the City

(Refrain)

We Will Walk Through the Streets of the City
Where our Loved Ones Have Gone Before
We Shall Meet by the Banks of the River
We shall meet by that beautiful shore

1. We now Walk thru the valley and shadow
Thru a world full of labor and strife
But some Day we shall walk with our Savior
Robed in everlasting life *(Refrain)*
2. There'll be No more pain, sin, sickness nor sorrow
In that city where nights never come;
Where the angel of death never enters
In our blest eternal home. *(Refrain)*
3. From the North, East and West they shall enter;
From the South, too, a host shall arise;
Then will children of Abraham gather
To hold a reunion in the skies. *(Refrain)*
4. Then we'll wade thru God's eternal glory,
Thru the fields of His unending love;
Viewing scenes ever rising before us
Eternity alone can prove, *(Refrain)*
5. Let us then be kind, true and faithful,
To our Savior, Redeemer and King;
Doing all He gives us to do gladly,
And His praises ever sing. *(Refrain)*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Over in the Gloryland

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Today's liturgical elements are from sources unknown and used in a spirit of gratitude in the worship of God.

Bob Chilcott, Agnus Dei from *A Little Jazz Mass* (©2004/2006 Oxford University Press)

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and all who groan under oppression, and those in need of God's healing grace; Brenda Boyd, Bill Hawthorne, Bill Weckerley (friend of Sue Ervin), Shawn Lambrecht (son of Cathy Lambrecht), Linda Meadors, Patti Sothmann, Jim Woods, Carol Phoenix, Julie Pedigo (sister of Carol Phoenix), and Wayne Hean. Also, prayers of protection for Nicholas, grandson of Verna Burrichter, during his deployment with the US Navy.

(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 Deacon Colleen Dueñas (563-514-6396).

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, August 3

Bix Cookie Reception	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
Nursery Open	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Fellowship Hour	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Musikgarten	10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Summer Pool Party for incoming 6th-12th Graders	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Off-Site
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

Monday, August 4

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Personnel Committee Meeting	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Pastor's Office
Churches United Meal Site Preparation	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Fellowship Hall Kitchen
Churches United Meal Site Serving	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Off-Site
Session Devotions	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall/Zoom
Session Meeting	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Von Maur Hall/Zoom

Tuesday, August 5

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Fellowship / Gym
CEFY Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Zoom

Wednesday, August 6

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Zoom

Thursday, August 7

Clean Team	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
PAS Season Announcement Party	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Grape Life Wine Store & Lounge

Friday, August 8

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, August 9

Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Fellowship Hour Treats Sign-up

Now you can help make it happen! Sign up at the back of the sanctuary (or use the QR code or this link <https://bit.ly/FPCTreats>) to bring 40 servings of any treat—sweet or savory. Two people can split a Sunday (20 each), or one person can bring all 40.

Note: No treats are needed during Manna and More breakfasts or Scout Sundays. Questions? Contact Andy at 563-340-5268.



Sanctuary Flowers Program Sign-Up

The Worship & Music Committee is bringing back fresh flowers in our sanctuary – come honor your loved ones with flowers!

The request is simple - use the sign-up sheet located on the left side of the welcome desk in the sanctuary. Fill in your name, choose who you are honoring, and write a check to FPC for \$35, memo: Sanctuary Flowers.

The floral arrangements are being sourced, for the summer months, from a local, home-grown flower farm in DeWitt. Two bouquets will be supplied, at \$35 each, on the second Sunday of the month.

There are still openings to fill - August 10 and September 14, both need one more donor at \$35 each.

Questions? Reach out to Diana Miller-Bur (diana.miller.bur29@gmail.com)

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Bible Basics for August 6

Join us on Wednesday, August 6, at 6:15PM on Zoom. In our video this week, an archaeologist and historian will trace the stories and legends surrounding the search for the Ark of the Covenant. Put on your fedora and join us.

Please contact Mark Jones (markandkarla75@gmail.com) for more information.

<https://www.zoom.us/j/88116875549>
Meeting ID: 881 1687 5549 Passcode: 630481

MISSION & SERVICE

The FPC Caring Closet - Updated Request

Caring Closet Request: *The Caring Closet is requesting the following:* hygiene products such as *diapers*, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, and feminine pads. The Dollar Tree provides a great variety. We also need towels and sheets of all sizes. Thank you for your continued support!

The Caring Closet Now Open on Saturday: Join our team of dedicated volunteers at the Caring Closet. We need volunteers to commit to one Saturday morning a month to work in our "store" from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you can volunteer, please contact the church office or text or call Ruth Ann at 563-370-6215.

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ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>	<i>Co-Clerks of Session</i>
Dan Breinich	Dianna Darland	Dan Darland	Julia Meyer
Nancy Chapman	Denny Jorgenson	David Edwards	Mark Jones
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Julia Meyer		Jay Williams	
Kristine Oswald		Erin Yingling	
Mark Ruebling			
Vicki Stegall			

Deacons

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
Colleen Dueñas (<i>Vice Moderator</i>)	Andy Bowles Edwards	Elizabeth Breinich
Terri Sheetz (<i>Moderator</i>)	Lois Boyer	Andrew Darland
Doug Wells	Connie Connolly	Steve Earp
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	Bob Lehnherr	Mason Pedersen
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	Sarah Soenksen	
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