



First Presbyterian Church

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**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday
August 10, 2025 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 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 Šakówinj, Peoria, Sauk, and Meskwaki nations. We honor these and numerous Indigenous tribes who first made the banks of the Mississippi River a center for arts and commerce.

✦ Worshipers who are comfortably able are invited to stand in body or spirit.
Bold indicates congregational response.

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Communion 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

Mein junges Leben hat ein End

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
(1562-1621)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Prelude

O God, Thou Knowest

Naji Hakim
(b. 1955)

Call to Worship

Kristine Oswald, 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.)

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
 2. Thou broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts
 4. All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain
 6. O sis - ters, bro - thers, take your part, and wor - ship God

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 with hum - ble heart. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for your
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in the
 All crea - tures, bless the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,

soft - er gleam,
 Lord to hear.
 midst of tears,
 Three in One!

Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

How many times have we prayed for a sign or a vision from you, O Lord, yet failed to see anything? Why is it so hard to see? The truth is that we don't see because our hearts aren't really ready for what you want to reveal. The signs you give us aren't designed to make life easier. They're sent to lead us to become servants. They call us to a deeper life of commitment to you. These signs are all around us, but they aren't the signs we look for. Help us to seek your signs so that in seeing them we can be led into a life of service and love. 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

Children's Message

God Sees Your Heart

Prayer for Illumination

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.

First Lesson

1 Samuel 9:1-2, 10:1a, 24; 15:10-12, 24-26, 34-35

9 There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish son of Abiel son of Zeror son of Becorath son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. **2** He had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the Israelites more handsome than he; he stood head and shoulders above everyone else.

10 Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him; he said, "The Lord has anointed you ruler over his people Israel. You shall reign over the people of the Lord, and you will save them from the hand of their enemies all around. Now this shall be the sign to you that the Lord has anointed you ruler over his heritage:

24 Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see the one whom the Lord has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people." And all the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

10 The word of the Lord came to Samuel: **11** "I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not carried out my commands." Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the Lord all night. **12** Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, and Samuel was told, "Saul went to Carmel, where he set up a monument for himself, and on returning he passed on down to Gilgal."

24 Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. **25** Now therefore, I pray, pardon my sin, and return with me, so that I may worship the Lord." **26** Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel."

34 Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeath of Saul. **35** Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

16 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." **2** Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' **3** Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." **4** Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" **5** He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God Looks On the Heart"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn

As the Deer

1 As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

4 You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

2 You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

5 You're my Friend and You are my sibling,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

3 I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

6 You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

Prayers of the People

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

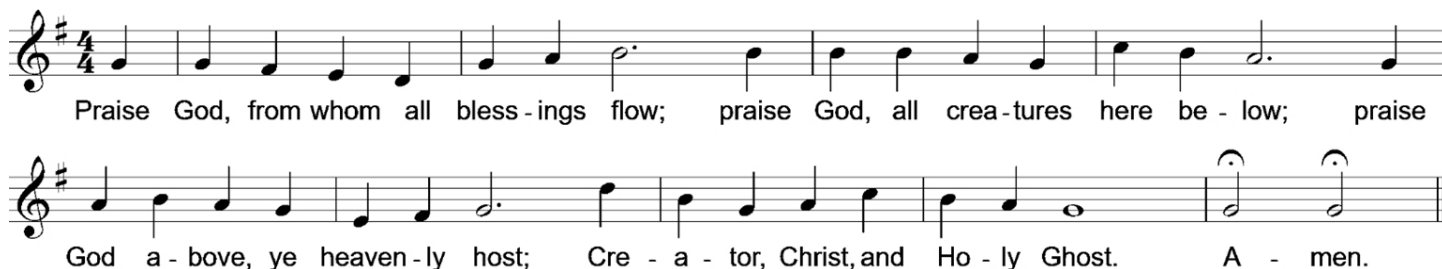
On Eagle's Wings
Sherry Williams - Alto, Alex Gilson - Piano

Arr. Mark Hayes

✠ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH



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.

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

One: Let us pray...

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

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

♣ **Hymn**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me (Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

GREEN TYLER

1. God, be the love to search and keep me God, be the prayer to
2. Bind to my - self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
4. Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5. Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that
move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; prooph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fuga in G Major, BuxWV 175

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

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JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and all who groan under oppression, for God's mercy and grace to touch friends and family on the passing of Irene Huffman and James Patton (brother-in-law of Jim Woods), and those in need of God's healing grace; Bill Hawthorne, Bill Weckerley (friend of Sue Ervin), Shawn Lambrecht (son of Kathy Lambrecht), Linda Meadors, Nicole Pagels (daughter of Dottie Pagels), Patti Sothmann, Jim Woods, Carol Phoenix, Julie Pedigo (sister of Carol Phoenix), Wayne Hean, and a close friend of Jeff Gomez.

(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 10

Nursery Open	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Kirkwood Choir (1st - 5th grade)	In Recess	
Children's Sunday School	In Recess	
Musikgarten	In Recess	
Church Library Fundraiser	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Intergenerational Manna & More	10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Vesper Bells Call	2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Sanctuary
Sanctuary Choir Call	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sanctuary
Quad City Youth Choir Call	3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	Choir Room
PAS: Spring Concert 2025	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Youth Group	In Recess	
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

Monday, August 11

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

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Wednesday, August 13

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

Thursday, August 14

Clean Team	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Friday, August 15

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, August 16

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

_____LIFE OF THE CHURCH_____

_____ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH_____

_____CHILDREN & YOUTH_____

_____MISSION & SERVICE_____

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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
Bonnie Johnson	Kathy Knox	Craig Foster	
Nathan Kabel	Cathy Pratscher-Woods	Paula Hartmann	
Zoe McCullum	Jed Steckel	Sharon Simmonds	
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
	John Gere	Sue Ervin
	Al Frohlich	Heidi Pedersen
	Bob Lehnerr	Mason Pedersen
	Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams
	Sarah Soenksen	
	Katrina Williams	