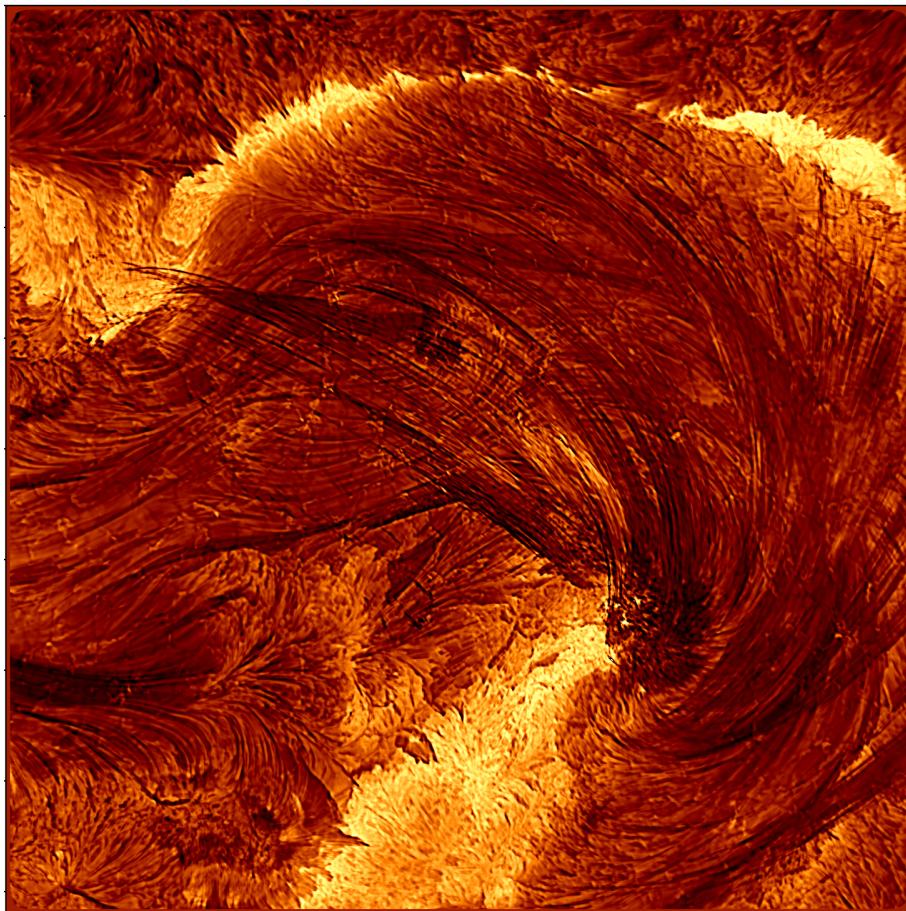




First Presbyterian Church

Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Kick Off Sunday
September 7, 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 kindergarten). 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.

Kirkwood Choir is offered during the service, after the Children's Message. Kirkwood Choir provides music for worship throughout the program year.

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

Thirteenth 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

Introduction et Allegro from Organ Sonata No. 1

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

Introit

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
The Sanctuary Choir

E.T. Chapman
(1902-1981)

✠ Call to Worship

Diana Miller-Bur, Liturgist

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

One: Come, let us bow our hearts before our God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

All: We come seeking to be strengthened with power through the Spirit in our inner being.

One: May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith, that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may grasp the breadth and length, height and depth of God's love.

All: May we know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

One: Now to the One who is able to do far more than all we can ask or imagine, according to the power at work within us.

All: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen!

✠ 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

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,
3. Let our - age be our friend, Let wis - dom be our guide,
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
Em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream - the dream!
As we in the mis - sion has mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

Call to Confession

Please be seated.

God's love for us is deeper than we can comprehend, wider than we can measure, and more abundant than we can imagine. Yet, we often live as though we are separated from that love. We rely on our own strength instead of the Spirit's power, and we struggle to grasp the fullness of God's grace. Let us come before God in humility, trusting in the One who strengthens us and fills us with mercy. Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before You knowing that we are in need of Your mercy and grace. You are the Creator from whom all things come, and yet we often forget to root ourselves in Your love. We confess that we have relied on our own strength instead of being strengthened by Your Spirit in our inner being. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have lived as though Your love is not enough—as if we can grasp the fullness of life without You. We confess that we have failed to truly know the love of Christ and have let fear and doubt cloud our hearts. Fill us anew with Your Spirit, strengthen us in our inner being, and remind us of the deep, wide, and unshakable love that is ours in Christ Jesus. Help us to live in Your fullness, so that we may reflect Your grace to the world around us. Amen.

A Time of Silence

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news: God, who is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine, has heard our confession and offers us forgiveness.

All: Through the power of the Spirit and the love of Christ, we are strengthened and made whole. In Christ, we are rooted and grounded in love, and we are filled with the fullness of God.

One: Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and in Him, we are made new.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Listening for the Word

Anthem

When in Our Music God Is Glorified
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Mary McDonald
(b. 1956)

*When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!*

*How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!*

*So has the Church, in spoken word and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!*
(Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000)

Children's Message

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer for Illumination

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken
The Sanctuary Choir

*Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand.*

First Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:27-31

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and assert, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted,
³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"FPC Core Values: Energy"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer

***He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.***

Responding to the Word

⊕ Hymn

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

1. Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
2. Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
3. Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y doubts and faith - less fear!
4. Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

While all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
To young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the time; its
No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here; Though fee - ble a - gents,
Till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, And a glad sound comes

does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
hours the too swift - ly fly. The night draws - night.
may we all - ful - fill God's night will.
with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

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," 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

Andante from Organ Sonata No. 6


Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

***Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;***

✦ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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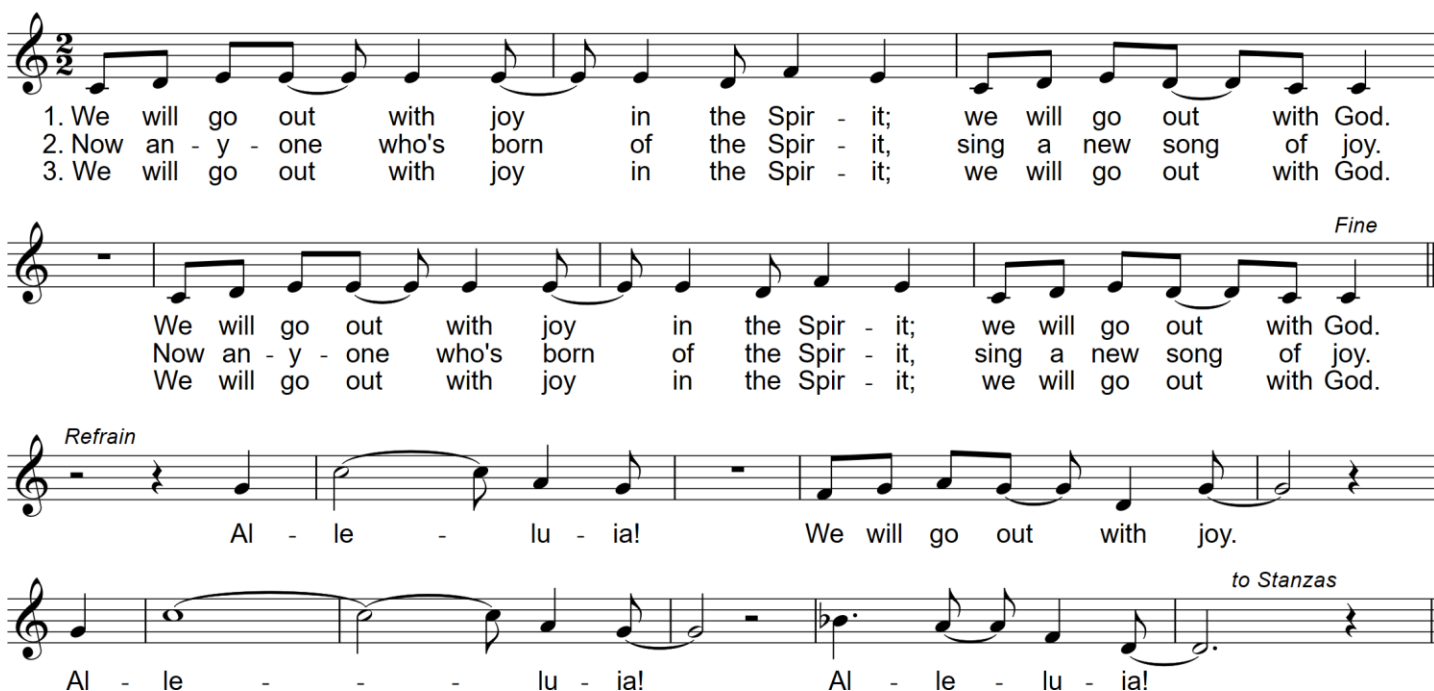


Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

✦ Prayer of Dedication

✦ Hymn

We Will Go Out with Joy



1. We will go out with joy in the Spir - it; we will go out with God.
2. Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir - it, sing a new song of joy.
3. We will go out with joy in the Spir - it; we will go out with God.

Fine
We will go out with joy in the Spir - it; we will go out with God.
Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir - it, sing a new song of joy.
We will go out with joy in the Spir - it; we will go out with God.

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

to Stanzas
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Charge and Benediction

Sending Anthem

Go Forth into the World in Peace

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Postlude

Final from Choral Varié sur le theme du "Veni Creator," Op. 4

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

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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 Carole Scherz on the passing of her son Mitchel Williams, and those in need of God's healing grace; Linda Bengfort, Brenda Boyd, Bill Hawthorne, Shawn Lambrecht (son of Cathy Lambrecht), 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, September 7

Nursery Open	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Musikgarten	In Recess this Sunday	
Congregational Conversation	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Sanctuary
Community Picnic	11:30 AM - 2:00 PM	West Parking Lot
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Adult Spiritual Growth	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Zoom
Homecoming Dress Giveaway	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
Finance Meeting	6:45 PM - 9:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Wednesday, September 10

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Women of Hope Bible Study	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Parlor
Homecoming Dress Giveaway	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
DELP Meeting	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Parlor
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Zoom

Thursday, September 11

Clean Team	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Choir Room

Friday, September 12

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, September 13

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

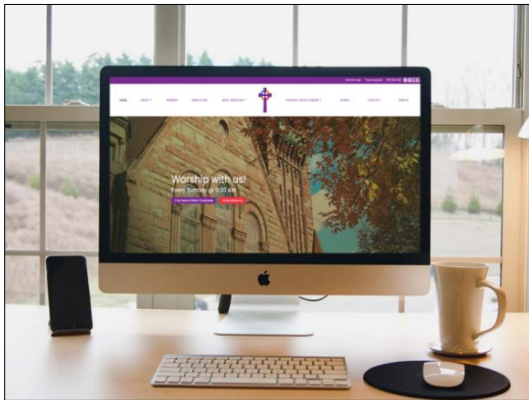
Kick-Off Sunday - TODAY!!!



Today is **Kick-Off Sunday** as we begin a new season of ministry here at First Presbyterian Church.

Immediately following worship will be a **Congregational Conversation** in the Sanctuary. It will be a time for sharing with the congregation information and highlights on ministry initiatives and programs at FPC.

Then we will move on to the **Community-Wide Picnic** sponsored by our Deacons in the West Parking Lot. During the picnic there will be yard games, activities for all ages and a bounce house for children.



Our Brand-New Website is Now LIVE!

The updated site is designed not only to make it easier for our members to stay connected, but also to help visitors learn more about who we are as a community of faith.

We invite you to take a look, explore the new features, and let us know what you think! Even better—help us spread the word! Share the website with your friends, family, and neighbors so they can get connected, too.

Visit us at: **www.fpcdavenport.org**

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

NEW THIS FALL: Sermon Talks

Sermon Talks is a midweek daytime Bible study led by Pastor Kris where participants explore the Scripture passage for the upcoming Sunday sermon. Through open discussion and shared reflection, the group engages deeply with the text—asking questions, making connections, and preparing hearts and minds to hear God's Word in worship. Sermon Talks meets in person in Von Maur Hall each Thursday from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM. A Zoom option is not available. All are welcome to join the conversation.

The Sermon Talks Bible study will begin on **Thursday, September 18**.

NEW THIS FALL: Contemplative Prayer Group

The Contemplative Prayer Group will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in Von Maur Hall. Engaging in a variety of compassion-based contemplative practices – such as silence, centering prayer, and guided meditation – the Contemplative Prayer Group is designed to cultivate compassion for self and others. Rooted in ancient Christian traditions, the group offers a peaceful space for deep listening, reflection, and connection with the Divine. All are welcome.

Adult Sunday School for September: Introduction to Matthew

Standing at the beginning of the New Testament canon the book of Matthew has often been considered the first Gospel in importance as well. In this four-session study, participants will learn about the structure of the book, the original audience, and the major themes the author wished to convey to us in the way he tells the story of Jesus' life and ministry. Join us in Von Maur Hall following the worship service starting September 14.

Bible Basics for September

Join us on Wednesdays at 6:15PM on Zoom. In September, we are beginning a new video series on Biblical Wisdom Literature. Our topic for the month will be the book of Proverbs. All are welcome.

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

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Child Protection Trainings

We are offering Child Protection Trainings this September. Not only is it a requirement of the Book of Order of the PC(U.S.A.), it is also part of our ongoing commitment to creating safe and sacred space for all children and youth.

Who needs to attend:

- All staff, officers (elders and deacons), and anyone working with children and youth
- Anyone who is interested in preventing child sexual abuse

All members of our church family are welcome and encouraged to sign up. This training is an important way for us to live out our call to care for the most vulnerable among us.

The next offering of the Child Protection Training:

- **Sunday, September 28 at 11:30 AM**
 - o **To RSVP to attend the September 28 training, please go to:**
<https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/form/46b233>

Christian Ed Needs You!!

Do you enjoy working with children and helping them grow in faith? We're looking for caring volunteers to teach Sunday School one Sunday a month—or more if you're able.

The Sunday School hour happens after church so you will still be able to attend worship. The lessons will already be planned we just need you to teach the lesson and come with excitement and joy! We have different age groups so you can choose your preference. If you don't feel called to lead the lesson, we also need a helper in each classroom. Questions? Want to volunteer?

Please reach out to Marty Bowles-Edwards or Abby Schondelmeyer: cefy@fpcdavenport.org

Confirmation Class

We are excited to announce that a brand-new **Confirmation Class** will begin this fall for all youth in **6th grade and up** who are ready to take the next step in their faith journey!

What is Confirmation?

In the **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**, Confirmation is a special season of learning, growth, and exploration. It's a time for young people to ask big questions, deepen their understanding of the Christian faith, and explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ within the Presbyterian tradition. At the end of the class, participants will have the opportunity to **profess their faith, become full members** of the church, and take ownership of their faith journey.

Our brand-new Confirmation Class will be a 3-year program with youth having the opportunity to be Confirmed at the end of 8th grade. Those currently in 8th grade and above will have an opportunity to participate in a retreat next spring making it possible to be Confirmed at the end of this school year.

We will meet on Sundays (during the Sunday School hour) after worship in the Youth Room (Fireplace Room). Our first meeting will be September 14. We ask at least 1 grown-up attend this first meeting with their youth. Please reach out to Abby Schondelmeyer: abby@fpcdavenport.org with questions or if your youth plans to attend Confirmation.

Youth Ministry Kick-Off

Calling all FPC youth in grades 6-12 and their families (parents and siblings included)! Join us for the **2025-2026 Youth Group Kick-off** on **Sunday, September 14th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**.

We'll gather for a **family dinner provided by FPC**, followed by a fun evening of **"Know Your Crew Bingo!"**—a great way to meet others and connect with our Youth Ministry Leaders. We'll also share a brief overview of what's ahead for the upcoming Youth Ministry season. Regular meetings will take place most Sunday evenings during the school year.

Please RSVP by Friday, September 12 to abby@fpcdavenport.org. Be sure to include the number attending and any dietary needs we should be aware of. We can't wait to kick off the year with you!

Bible Milestone

On **September 14**, during the Sunday School hour, Pastor Kris will meet with all 3rd - 5th graders to do a fun Bible Discovery class. At 11:00 AM at least one grown-up is asked to meet their child in Room 311. If your child has not already received their Bible, please e-mail: CEF@fpcdavenport.org. If your child has previously received their Bible, they are asked to bring it on September 14 to the Bible Discovery class. 3rd - 5th grade students who have not received their Bible will receive them during worship on **September 21**.

MISSION & SERVICE

Caring Closet Request - Homecoming Dress Give Away

The Caring Closet is once again hosting a Homecoming and Prom Dress Give Away on September 9 & 10 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM here at FPC.

The staff at the Caring Closet is **asking for donations of Party, Prom, or Homecoming dresses** that you no longer need. They can be dropped off at church during the week from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM or on Sunday before or after the church service.

MUSIC AT FIRST PRES

Lyyra

The 2025-2026 PAS Season kicks off on **Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 PM** with a concert by internationally acclaimed vocal group Lyyra. Tickets are **\$15/adults, \$10/students**.

Lyyra is a new all-women vocal ensemble based in the USA from The VOCES8 Foundation. Creating world-class musical experiences to inspire audiences, Lyyra seeks to redefine the genre of upper-voice music in the choral landscape, highlighting the astonishing capabilities within the full spectrum of women's singing. The sound of this bright, young group combines velvety richness alongside star-like brilliance. With a broad texture and exhilarating range of sound, the group's talented members specialize in classical, jazz, pop, and folk music from diverse traditions and backgrounds.



Justice Choir of the Midwest

The Justice Choir of the Midwest is a community choir of people from across eastern Iowa and western Illinois with a goal to engage in the collaborative and collective power of singing about justice and using their voices to bring about change. JCM's fall concert is on the theme of **LGBTQ+ Justice** and will include music of remembrance to victims of hate crimes, songs of protest for equal rights for LGBTQ+ people, and songs of celebration of queer joy. The concert is **Sunday, November 16 at 7:00 PM** at First Pres and will be a benefit concert to support the incredible work Clock, Inc. does in the Quad Cities.

For more information about supporting the work this ensemble is doing, talk to Matt Bishop.

Western Illinois University Singers

First Pres is pleased to host the acclaimed Western Illinois University Singers and Chamber Singers for a special **free concert** titled "Beauty Before Us" on Monday, **November 8 at 7:30 PM**. This concert is part of the ensemble's fall tour of the Midwest. Under the direction of Dr. Brian Winnie, the WIU Choirs have appeared at esteemed national and regional conferences (including the American Choral Directors Association) and have performed with the Kansas City Symphony, Dallas Brass, and the Phoenix Symphony.

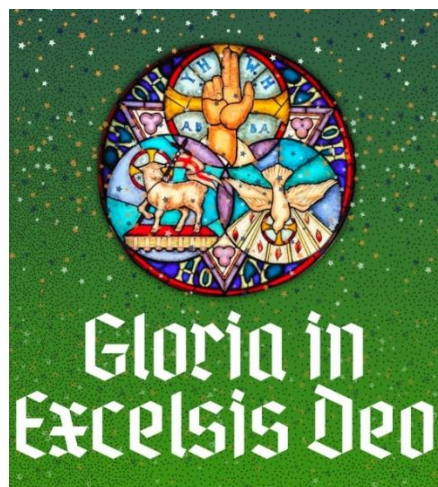
The WIU Singers will be joined by the North Scott Singers from North Scott High School, under the direction of Lori Potts.



Save the Date - FPC Christmas Concert - December 21, 4:00 PM

Annual Christmas Concerts at First Pres have become a much anticipated event in the Quad Cities. This year's concert will be on the third Sunday of December and will feature the Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Chorale, Vesper Bells, Quad City Youth Choir, all accompanied by full orchestra and Principal Organist Alex Gilson.

This year's concert features well-known Christmas carols alongside Giacomo Puccini's magnificent *Messa di Gloria*. This masterpiece from 1880 highlights Puccini's dramatic and operatic style while magically bouncing with joy in a way that makes it appropriate for the festivity of Christmastime. We are thrilled to partner with the FPC Caring Closet, which provides free clothing and household items to members of our community.



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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 Lehnher	Mason Pedersen
	Amy Saskowski	Sherry Williams
	Sarah Soenksen	
	Katrina Williams	