



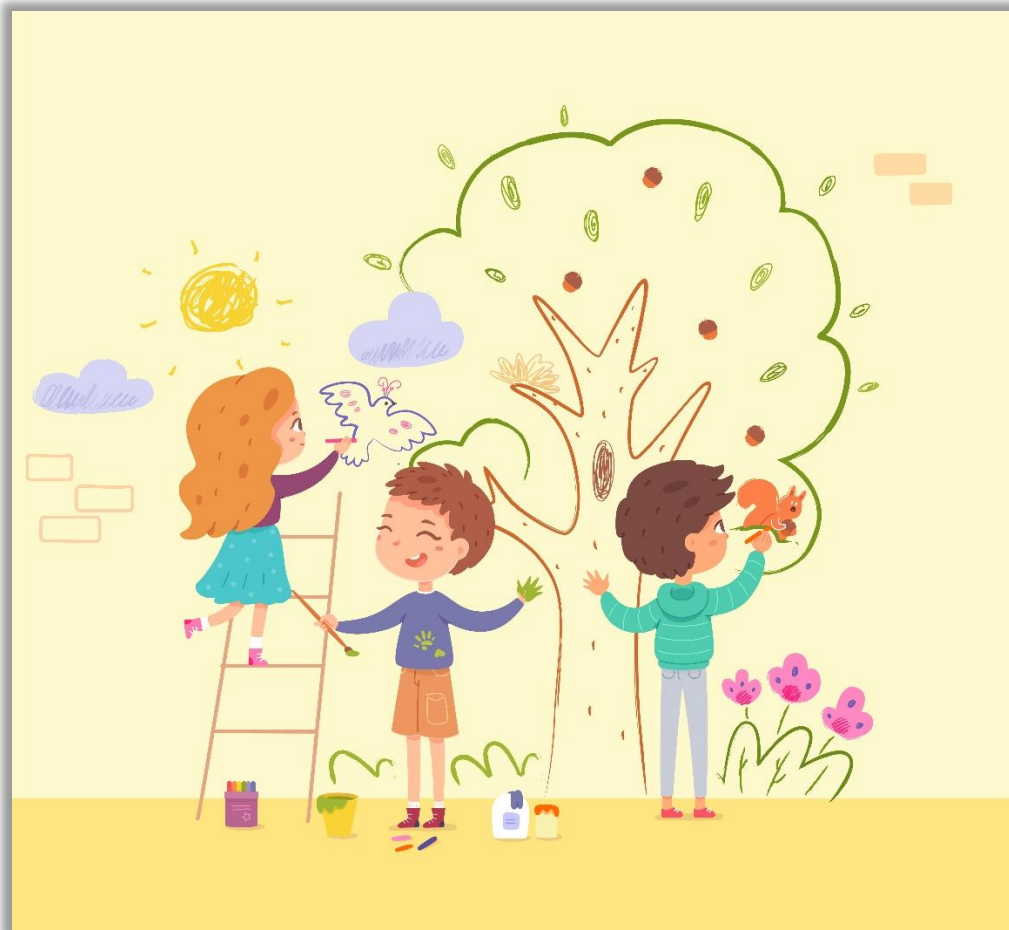
# First Presbyterian Church

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*Energy • Intelligence • Imagination • Love*

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**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 28, 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.

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**Nursery** care is available during the worship service for children (birth through kindergarten). 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 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..

# Sixteenth 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

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<b>Prelude</b>	Organ Sonata No. 6, Op. 65, Mov. 1	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
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<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	The Rev. Dr. Kristopher Schondelmeyer
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<b>Minute for Music</b>	Musical Interlude	Alex Gilson
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<b>Minute for Fellowship</b>	Intergenerational Game Night	Sue Ervin
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<b>Introit</b>	Let All the World in Every Corner Sing The Sanctuary Choir	E.T. Chapman (1902-1981)
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<b>Call to Worship</b>	Brighton Greim, Liturgist
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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, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with  
2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the  
3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal ter - power; give the church a  
grace of of - cos yes fire and years; for to mor - row's  
words of of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.  
un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, each hum - ble prayers.  
lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the  
In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us  
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to be  
all the way; still in pres - ence our move to be  
mys - ter - y! We in would sing our loud be -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
fore us, that fire by and night and e - ter - ni - ty.  
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

## Call to Confession

David Jacobsmeier, Liturgist

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.**

## 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

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### Anthem

John Saw duh Numbuh  
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw  
(1925-2023) (1916-1999)

*John saw duh numbuh dat no one could numbuh,  
comin' up on high.*

*John saw duh hundred and forty-four thousan'  
comin' up on high.*

*Tell John not to call duh roll till I git dere,  
comin' up on high.  
(Slavery-era spiritual)*

## Children's Message

### 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  
Hayden Williams, Liturgist

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>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 <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>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

Acts 2:16-21  
Alice Jacobsmeier, Liturgist

<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

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



## Responding to the Word

♣ Hymn

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
5. Let us build a house where all are named, there songs and

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
wine, and wheat; a where ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
wood and stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach,  
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

*Refrain*  
love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions;  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

## 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](http://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

The Gloomy Night to Morning Yields

Naji Hakim  
(b. 1955)

### ✠ 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

### ✠ 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!



**Sending Anthem**

A Gaelic Blessing  
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

*Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.*  
(Adapted from an old Gaelic rune)

**Charge and Benediction****Postlude**

Allegro Vivace from *Organ Sonata No. 2*

Alexandre Guilmant  
(1837-1911)

## WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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**Worship Hosts** - Jeanne Sherwood (Lead Host), Kirk Christie, Matt Kabel, Mariann Kabel

**Sound/Video Technicians** - Mitch Doremus, Jim Middleton

**Acolyte** - Karrick Schondelmeyer

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Naji Hakim, "The Gloomy Night to Morning Yields" (©2006 Editions Combres)

## JOYS & CONCERNS

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**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; Alan Haverkamp, 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

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Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

[www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar](http://www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar)

## Sunday, September 28

Nursery Open	8:15 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Kirkwood Choir	9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Scouts Donut Sunday	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Fellowship Hour	10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
Musikgarten	10:35 AM - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Choir Room
Child Protection Training #2	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
Quad City Youth Choir	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Choir Room
Youth Group	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	CE Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
Justice Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Choir Room
Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Gym

## Monday, September 29

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Staff Meeting	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

## Tuesday, September 30

Caring Closet & Lunches	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
SDT-Paint/Plaster	11:15 AM - 1:00 PM	FPC Building
Cub Scouts Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Fellowship / Gym

## Wednesday, October 1

Pickle Ball	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Gym
Musical Interludes with Alex		
- Halloween	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
Bible Basics 201	6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Zoom

## Thursday, October 2

Sermon Talks	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Von Maur Hall
Nominating Committee	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Parlor
Clean Team	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	FPC Building
TOPS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Vesper Bells Rehearsal	6:00 PM - 6:45 PM	Chapel
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Choir Room

## Friday, October 3

Caring Closet	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
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## Saturday, October 4

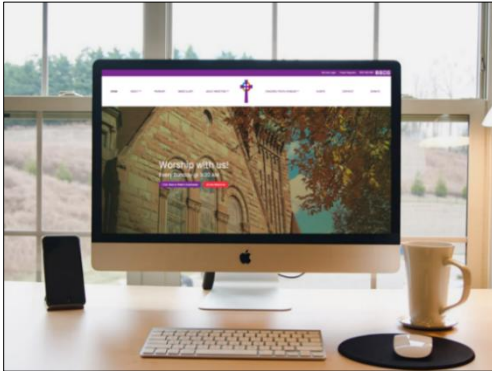
Caring Closet	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CE Building 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Intergenerational Family Game Night	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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### 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](http://www.fpcdavenport.org)

### Can You Smell Pancakes Grilling In Fellowship Hall?

Manna and More is **October 12<sup>th</sup>!! - 10:30-11:30 AM**

Mark your calendars and bring your neighbors and friends to church on October 12<sup>th</sup> for inspiring worship and fellowship. Follow your church family downstairs for a delicious Pancake, Sausage, Fruit breakfast right after worship. Our round tables, seating 6, are perfect for conversation. Sit with someone you don't know! Make a new friend!

**Volunteer opportunity!** The Congregational Fellowship committee can always use an extra hand serving or cleaning up each month. Email: [dmjorgenson@hotmail.com](mailto:dmjorgenson@hotmail.com)



### Intergenerational Family Game Night

There will be a family game night on **Saturday, October 4 at 6:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Board games will be provided or bring your own. Children of all ages will be welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.

### 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.



## MISSION & SERVICE

### The FPC Caring Closet - Updated Requests

#### Caring Closet Request:

- Children's clothes for the new school year. If you have any clothes that your children have outgrown, please consider dropping them off.
- 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.

## ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH

### 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.

### Bible Basics for October

Join us on **Wednesdays at 6:15 PM** on Zoom. In October, we are continuing a video series on Biblical Wisdom Literature. Our topic for this month will be the book of Job and questions about innocent suffering. 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

### 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.

### Adult Sunday School for September

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.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Child Protection Training - Today at 11:30 AM

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. All staff, officers (elders and deacons), and anyone working with children and youth need to attend. All other members of our church family are welcome and encouraged to sign-up, especially if you are interested in preventing child sexual abuse.



### 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](mailto:cefy@fpcdavenport.org)

### Fall Family Fellowship

All families with children and youth (birth - 12th grade) are invited to join us on **Sunday, October 19** from **5:30 PM - 8:30 PM** (come and go as needed) at the **Pride of the Wapsi Farm** (14600 305th St Long Grove, IA 52756) for a family fellowship opportunity. We will enjoy a hayride, corn maze, pumpkin patch, and a campfire to roast hotdogs and s'mores.

The cost is \$10 per person age 3 and up. If this would be a financial difficulty for your family, please speak with Marty or Abby. We want everyone to be able to participate in CEFY events. Payment can be given to

Abby or Marty on Sunday morning, at Wapsi, or online  
([https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund\\_id=2086910](https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=2086910)).

**Please RSVP by October 12: [cefy@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:cefy@fpcdavenport.org)**

### Trunk-or-Treat

Our annual Trunk-or-Treat family community event will be taking place on **Saturday, October 25** from **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**. Set-up will begin at 2:15 PM in the Iowa Street Parking Lot. Church members are encouraged to decorate the trunks of their vehicles and come out for some fun and fellowship as well as outreach to our surrounding community.

Trunk-or-Treat will participate in the Teal Pumpkin Project by offering non-candy options for families of children with food allergies or restriction.

If church members would like to participate by decorating a trunk or you would like to donate candy or non-candy items for this fun community event, speak with Marty or Abby: [cefy@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:cefy@fpcdavenport.org)

## Youth Ministry

All FPC youth (and friends) in 6th – 12th grades are invited to join us for Youth Group. We will meet most Sunday evenings from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Dinner will be served.

The Youth Group is looking for families or individuals to **sponsor** a dinner(s) for us on Sunday nights at 5pm. If you would like to donate money (suggested donation: \$50) for our Youth Group to buy pizza or would be willing to provide a meal (for approximately 15-20 youth and mentors) please reach out to Abby Schondelmeyer.

Donations? [https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund\\_id=1965301](https://fpcdavenport.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=1965301)

Questions? Please contact Abby Schondelmeyer: [cefy@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:cefy@fpcdavenport.org).

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## MUSIC AT FIRST PRES

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### Musical Interludes with Alex Gilson

Join us **October 1** for a Halloween themed musical interlude from our very own Principal Organist Alex Gilson. Alex will play your favorite spooky organ music to help bring in the season as well as discuss how the organ has been used in pop-culture to evoke an atmosphere of horror.

Join us in **Von Maur Hall at 11:30 AM** with your own lunch and then enjoy a brief Halloween organ concert in the sanctuary.

### 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 Concert

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.

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## ELDERS AND DEACONS

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### 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	