



1st Pres

DOWNTOWN FOR GOOD

October 10, 2021 • 10:00 AM



We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ. Mission, education and fellowship are essential to the life of First Presbyterian Church. However, worship is the core of who we are and what we do. During worship, we respond to the grace of God with thanksgiving, celebration, and the dedication of our lives.

- Through worship, we teach and we learn.
- Through worship, we experience life together.
- From worship, we serve.

If you are visiting, we want to do all we can to help you feel at home.

We thank you for your presence among us today. If you need any assistance, our deacons are wearing green name tags and can answer any questions you might have.

Grace & peace,

Pastor Heather

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship begins as you enter the sanctuary. The prelude provides time for quiet, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Bold print indicates where the congregation speaks together.

*Please stand if able

First Presbyterian welcomes children and encourages them to participate in our worship service. You may pick up a children's worship pack at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Need a quiet spot for you and your child during the service? We have the nursery open for those littles who might need space for quiet or room to wiggle. Located on the second floor in the Sunday School wing.

We invite children to come to the front at this time for their own special message. At the conclusion of children's time, kids may return to the pews for the remainder of the service or participate in the Bridge activities in the upstairs Christian Education hallway. Nursery is open throughout worship for children 5 & under.

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude

Craig Phillips

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Paige Weldon

You call us into this space, O God,

Inviting us into a time of worship.

You call our hearts, O God,

Inviting us to know Your love.

You call us by name, O God,

Inviting us to know You more deeply.

Continue to call to us, O God,

And may we know Your grace and peace.

Come let us worship God.

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

#469

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Christ, Judge of the nations: We confess. that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and, in our neglect, we have failed to serve you.

Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surprising grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

How Will They Know

Natalie Sleeth

of Service

SCRIPTURE

In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Matthew 25:31-46 (p861)

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Surprise

Pastor Heather Hayes

*HYMN

When a Poor One

#407

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Blessed are those who serve the poor,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who share the wealth,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who work for good,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who open doors,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who break down walls,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who challenge hate,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who live their faith,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who speak the truth,
they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who show Christ's love,
they will be called the children of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Great Is Their Faithfulness

arr Dan Miller

Visiting Today?

We'd like to get to know you, so please fill out your name and contact information on the fellowship pads as they are passed among the pews during today's service. When the pad comes back to the end of the pew, you can remove the information sheet to be placed in the offering plate later.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday October 10

9:00 am Insight Adult Education
9:00 am Sunday School
9:15 am Adult "Follow Me" Biblical Practice Study
10:00 am Sanctuary & Live- Stream Worship
10:20 am Bridge
2:30 S.E.M.P. Prep
4:00 S.E.M.P. Distribute Meals

Monday October 11

7:00 pm Insight Discussion Meeting

Tuesday October 12

11:00 am Women's Bible Study
5:30 pm Deacon Meeting
6:30 pm Communication Committee
6:30 pm Cottage Meeting @ Dave & Carolyn Crew

Wednesday October 13

5:30 pm FPC Kids - ONLINE
6:00 pm Christian Social Action Group
6:00 pm Middle School Youth
6:00 pm Bells Rehearsal
7:00 pm Youth Dinner
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm All Church "Follow Me" Biblical Practice Study
7:30 pm High School Group
7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday October 14

7:00 pm Adult Education Meeting

Friday October 15

10:00 am Small Group- Movements of Christian Faithfulness

Sunday October 17

9:00 am Insight Adult Education
9:00 am Sunday School
9:15 am Adult "Follow Me" Biblical Practice Study
10:00 am Sanctuary & Live- Stream Worship
10:20 am Bridge
2:30 S.E.M.P. Prep
4:00 S.E.M.P. Distribute Meals
4:00 pm FPXperience - Fall Festival

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each of us a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. To this end we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.

*HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Fourfold Amen*

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

Leading in Worship

Preaching - Pastor Heather Hayes

Organist - Ted Cronbaugh

Guest Director - Nancy Cobb

Liturgist - Paige Weldon

Offertory - Chancel Choir



Announcements

JOYS & CONCERNS

WHEN THEY CANNOT JOIN US, WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Tim Virden, Vin Ward

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Don Hamous. If you or others are hospitalized, please let the office know. Because of privacy laws the hospital is often not able to let us know.

BIRTHDAYS: **10/10** Terry Trimpe **10/11** Hannah Brown, Ruby Davis **10/13** Katie Buresh **10/14** James Adair, Kris Hale

ANNIVERSARIES: **10/13/1984** Charles & Kissy Heins, **10/16/1999** Chad & Ami Proctor

TODAY

Guest Organist

We welcome Ted Cronbaugh to the organ bench this morning! Ted is a candidate for our organist position at First Presbyterian. A Cedar Rapids native, Ted has extensive experience in Missouri churches in Webster Groves and Manchester.

INSIGHT ADULT EDUCATION

9:00 AM

Today we continued with our series: *Justice*. How has our understanding of justice changed over time? How critical is justice to the functioning of societies?

Justice at Home – What is the state of justice in Cedar Rapids? Should it, can it, be better? Bruce Nesmith spoke about *John Lewis & Elijah Cummings*.

Join us next week when Neal McNabb, Coe-Social & Criminal Justice speaks about *The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Campaign: Together for Joy

Our cottage meetings have begun this week with a number of our members enjoying the hospitality of Bob & Sue Latham. Each gathering has a time of study, reflection on what is bringing us joy in the moment, and a lot of good information about our church and different ways, both financially and physically, to support the church's ministry and mission. We would like EVERY church member to attend one of the gatherings and there are plenty to choose from.

- **10/12 – 6:30pm** David & Carolyn Crew's home (NE)
- **10/18 – 6:30 pm** Terry Trimpe & Nancy Cobb's home (Hiawatha)
- **10/19 – 3:00 pm** Char Pence's home (Methwick)
- **10/21 – 2:00 pm** Fred & Heidi Kiser's home (Ely)
- **10/24 – 11:30 am** First Presbyterian Church
- **10/28 – 3:00 pm** Connie Richardson's home (SE)
- **11/1 – 7:00 pm** Matt & Martha Wilding's home (downtown)
- **11/4 – 4:00 pm** Dan Ottemoeller & Kim Lanegran's home (NE)
- **11/11 – 6:30 pm** Lynda Barrow's home (SE)

You can sign up via this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4eaaaaa29a1ff2-together>, in the Gathering Space, on our website, or call the church office.

Youth Retreat @ Camp Wyoming October 22-24

Join us for a fun weekend at Camp Wyoming. Watch your mail and the parent's Facebook page for registration information and more details. Contact Bill or Pastor Heather if you have questions or are trying to figure out how your kid can participate.

Youth Group Wednesday Nights Middle School @ 6:00 Dinner for All @ 7:00 High School @ 7:30 Confirmation @ 7:30

Come and join us for our regularly scheduled program on Wednesday nights and don't forget to sign up for our retreat weekend at Camp Wyoming October 22-24th.

Introducing: Bridge - Sundays around 10:20ish

A bridge provides a connection between two places and two moments of time. When we are on a bridge we are usually in transition from one place to another. This fall we are offering a Bridge, for our young families. A bridge between online and outdoor programming and in person worship. And we are of course calling this new, experimental and for-this-moment program "Bridge." If you are a child in elementary school, you are welcome to attend Bridge this fall during the second half of worship. This interactive Bible program will take place starting after the children's message on every Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Research shows it is important for children to regularly experience multi-generational worship services and we don't want you to miss out on the first Sunday of the month communion Sunday. Jaime Weldon and Kayleigh Bryant will take turns leading the Bridge using our all-church curriculum "Follow Me." We are still looking for adults to volunteer as the second adult presence. Please let Stasia know if you are an adult who would be willing to serve in this role one or more Sundays.

FPCKids Online! Wednesdays 5:30

Making connections and building community within FPC Kids! Pondering thoughts: "I've been wondering about..." K-5th graders on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. Gather for conversation and connection on a parent moderated Zoom call. Zoom links are posted on the FPC Parent page. If you need access to that page, contact Pastor Heather or request to join through the page itself.

The Evening Book Group will meet on Monday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.

We will meet by Zoom with facilitator Cindy Monroe (319-981-8356, (cmonroe1947@gmail.com)).

The book for discussion is *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. In this best-selling mystery, before husband Owen Michaels disappears, he smuggles a note to his wife Hannah: Protect Her. Hannah is certain this refers to Owen's 16-year-old daughter Bailey. Mother and step-daughter embark on a quest to find out where Owen has gone, why he left, and who he really is.

Women's Bible Study October 12 at 11am.

Having finished off a look at the women of the Bible, the new study for the fall will be God's Promise: I Am With You, a study provided through the Presbyterian Women's national organization. The focus of the study will be looking at the ways God was present to God's people throughout the Bible - and then recognizing and cultivating the ways in which we experience God's presence today. All are welcome to join in as this is a perfect time to start this new study. Contact Pastor Heather to receive the materials for the fall.

Red Cedar Chamber Music performs LICORICE SHTICK: October 23 7pm

Join Red Cedar Chamber Music for an intimate evening of chamber music. Core ensemble members Miera Kim (violin) and Carey Bostian (cello) will be joined by violist Elizabeth Oakes and clarinetist Christine Bellomy. This program features five works - all by living composers! You will be treated to Jerry Owen's Licorice Brittle, as well as Four Chorinhos for Little Brazilian Birds by composer-in-residence Michael Kimber. Joyous, haunting, and melodious works by Natalie Hunt, Gwyneth Walker, and Jeff Smallman round out the program.



Did you know that the state has made a Will for you if you have no Will yourself? These laws might not leave your property to the people you wish. These laws definitely don't leave any property to 1st Pres or any other charity. Shouldn't you prepare a Will or Living Trust?



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