



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



1702 Iowa Street  
Davenport, IA 52803  
A Congregation of the  
Presbyterian Church  
(U.S.A.)

March 27, 2022  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Worship at 9:30 a.m.

## Welcome!

We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians ([covnetpres.org](http://covnetpres.org)).



People of all gender identities are welcome here, along with their families.

We are a  
**Matthew 25 church**

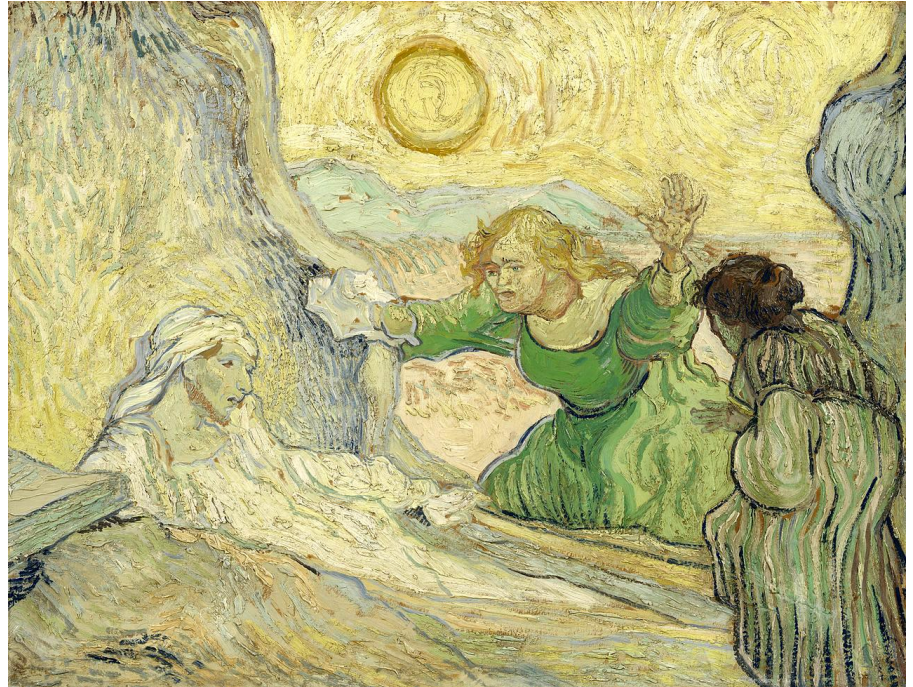


MATTHEW 25

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, Ojibwe, 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.



Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890), "The Raising of Lazarus"  
Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

## Preparation for Worship

We invite you to meditate silently on art, music, and Scripture.

\*Worshippers who are comfortable doing so, please stand.

**Bold** indicates congregational response.

John 11: 4, 40

*When Jesus heard [of Lazarus' illness], he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.... Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"*

## The Church Gathers To...

**Prelude**

Fugue in C minor, BWV 582

J. S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Pat Halverson

**Minute for Mission**

Pastor Nominating Committee

**Prelude**

Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan, BWV 1116

J. S. Bach

## Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

*Bridging Pastor*

Rev. Sue Howes

*Associate Pastor Emerita*

Rev. Pat Halverson

*Parish Associate*

Sarah Greim & Paula Hartmann

*\* Interim Christian Ed. Coordinators*

Matt Bishop

*Director of Music*

Alex Gilson

*Principal Organist*

*& Assistant Director of Music*

Linda Bengfort\*

*Assistant Choral Director*

Kathy Middleton\*

*Assistant Choral Director*

*for Children*

Kristine Olson

*Finance Manager*

Susan Parker

*Church Administrative Assistant*

Kandis Cooper\*

*Nursery Coordinator*

Darren Long

*Facilities & Custodial Supervisor*

Kevin Wilson

*Custodian*

Chad Dean\*

*Custodian*

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Outside office hours, this number will go to the pastor on call in case of emergency.

For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook [www.fpcdavenport.org](http://www.fpcdavenport.org)

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# Praise Almighty God

## Call to Worship

*from Psalm 130*

This day, we come from busy lives to worship the Lord

**We ask you, Lord, to hear our voice**

**and to be attentive to our prayers.**

Our souls wait for the Lord; in God's word we hope.

**With the Lord there is steadfast love,**

**and with God there is great power to redeem and renew.**

Our hope is in the Lord.

**We offer our praise and thanksgiving to God.**

## \*Hymn #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

1. I sing the might - y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;  
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;  
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo-ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad And built the loft-y skies.  
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.  
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, By or-der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eyes;  
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev-er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o-bey.  
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the skies!  
And ev-ery-where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

# Confess to a Forgiving Creator

## Call to Confession

As we come before a holy God, we remember our inadequacy and sin, and confess before our Creator and Redeemer.

## Prayer of Confession

*Feasting on the Word, adapted*

**God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and have insisted on our own way. Forgive us and heal us, merciful God; we ask it for your love's sake; Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*from Psalm 130:3-4*

The psalmist asks, "If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?" The psalmist answers, "There is forgiveness with you, O Lord, so that you may be revered."

In Christ we are forgiven, to the glory of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## \*Response to Grace

v. 2 of "How Can I Keep from Singing"

2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?  
No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

God of Light, illumine your word that we may trust in you to do far more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

### Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. The Lord said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then God said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then God said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. I prophesied as the Lord commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then God said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,' says the Lord."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**In Our Prayers:** the people of Ukraine and all who groan under oppression; comfort for the Families and Friends of Ron Soldt, Carol Ann Block, Karen Hean; for God's presence with all those who are grieving; for God's hands of healing and protection to touch Rebecca Koos, Jim Keenan, Lamont, Erin Middleton Cavan, Danielle, Dick Duncan, Jim Hall, Decklin, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Hudson Stoner, Barb Thede, families and victims of gun violence including the families of victims and community around East High School in Des Moines and the family of the victim and community around Hamilton Elementary School in Moline, abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

### For Your Information:

**Mission Partners:** Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*); Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill (*Presbyterian Education Board, Pakistan*).

**Hospital visits:** the Pastors make hospital visits when patients give permission and when pandemic precautions permit.

**InTouch Information:** For anyone who is homebound and would enjoy a contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact Deacon Bev Koos (563-676-0292).

**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 r/o to the church office directly (563-326-1691).

**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 coatrack near the church office.



**Anthem Text**

**They will rise  
Isaiah 40:31**

But those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength; They  
will rise, they will soar, they will  
fly up on wings like eagles; They  
will run and not grow weary;  
March on and not feel faint.

**“Tebe Poem”  
From the Orthodox Liturgy of  
St. John Chrysostom**

Sung in Old Church Slavonic.  
Translation:  
We sing to you,  
We praise you,  
We thank you, O Lord,  
And we pray to you, our God.

**Gospel Lesson**

John 11:1-8, 11-15, 40-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"... After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Anthem**

They will rise  
The Sanctuary Choir

Jonathan Dove

**Children's Message**

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

**Sermon**

Life Out of Death

Rev. Pat Halverson

**Respond to God's Word**

**Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

*Hymnal p. 14*

**Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God**

As you, O Lord, have blessed us, we gratefully offer ourselves and a portion of those gifts to be used to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in our community and to the world. Amen.

**Offertory**

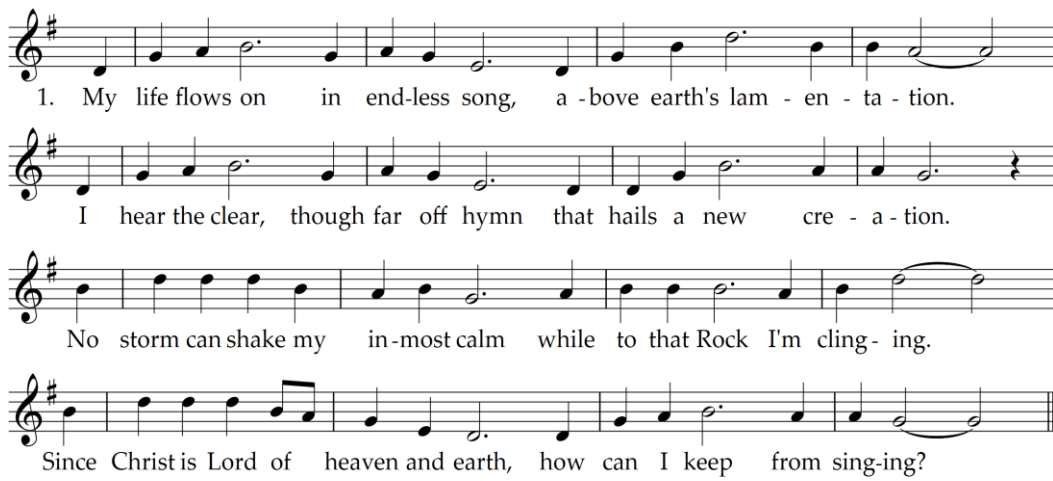
Wade in duh Wadduh!

Arr. William Farley Smith

To share your treasure, please visit the church website, [fpcdavenport.org](http://fpcdavenport.org), and click on "Donate Now," use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>, or mail your check in to the church office.

**\*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God**

v. 1 of "How Can I Keep from Singing?"



1. My life flows on in end-less song, a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion.  
 I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.  
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

### Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise ...**

The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

Hymnal p. 16

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

\*Hymn #284

O God, What You Ordain Is Right

WAS GOTT TUT



1. O God, what You or - dain is right, Your ho - ly will a -  
 2. O God, what You or - dain is right; You nev - er will de -  
 3. O God, what You or - dain is right; Here shall my stand be  
 bid - ing; I shall be still, what - e'er You do, And fol - low  
 ceive me. You lead me by the prop - er path; I know You  
 tak - en. Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, Yet I am  
 where You are guid - ing. You are my God; Though dark my road, You hold me  
 will not leave me. And take con - tent, What You have sent; Your hand can  
 not for - sak - en. Your watch - ful care Is round me there; You hold me  
 that I shall not fall; Where - fore to You I leave it all.  
 turn my griefs a - way, And pa - tient - ly I wait Your day.  
 that I shall not fall, And so to You I leave it all.

### \*Charge and Benediction

Our faith offers life-giving hope.  
 We read and believe: In in hope we are saved.  
**We hope for what we do not see;**  
**we wait for it with patience.**

### Bible Basics 201 for March

On March 16, we began the 4-week Yale Bible Study course *Easter and Passover*. This study will look at the importance of these holidays in Judaism and Christianity, how they are intertwined, and how they have changed over the centuries.

Here is the link to the course material: [Easter and Passover - Yale Bible Study](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmoWcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09)

Here are the remaining topics/dates in this course:

- March 30: The Evolution of Passover
- April 6: The Beginnings of Easter

All are welcome!

Please contact Mark Jones ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com)) for more information.

Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmoWcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID:  
822 8309 5977

Passcode:  
215593

### New Member Inquiry

The Hospitality and Welcoming Committee will host a **New Member Inquiry, April 24, 12:30 in Fellowship Hall.** The

Committee encourages anyone who is interested in finding out more about membership in First Presbyterian Church of Davenport and meeting the staff and some current members of Session and Deacons in an informal get-together to contact the church office at

[www.fpcdavenport.org](http://www.fpcdavenport.org) or 563-326-1691. Looking forward to visiting with you about FPC.

### **Liturgists Wanted!**

If you are interested in serving as a liturgist for Sunday services, please reach out to Diana Miller-Bur, our new Liturgist Coordinator.

But you ask:

\*What is a Liturgist?

Liturgists stand at the lectern, lead the congregation in all the responses and share the Word of God by reading the Scripture lessons.

How often would I have to volunteer?

As much or as little as you want, that is up to you.

Please contact Diana with any questions or with your interest. Her email is:

[diana.miller.bur29@gmail.com](mailto:diana.miller.bur29@gmail.com)

Thank you!! We hope to see you at the lectern soon!

### **Save the Date**

Buildings and Grounds Committee is planning a Spring Lawn Clean-up on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. We need all the help we can get! More information to follow. Thank you in advance.

- Matt Kabel, Chair

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **Choral Benediction**

Tebe Poem  
The Sanctuary Choir

Dmytro Bortnianskyi

### **Postlude**

If God Himself Be for Me

Arr. Dale Wood

### Do You Want to Receive Your Church News Electronically?

It's easy to sign up! Simply sign up on the church website or send an email to staff members Matt Bishop at [bishop@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:bishop@fpcdavenport.org) or Susan Parker at [parker@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:parker@fpcdavenport.org)

### Caring Closet Update

The Caring Closet will be getting ready for Spring in the next few weeks and we welcome donations of spring clothing including formals and accessories. Prom Night(s) will be March 29 and April 5!

### 2022 Per Capita - \$38 per member

Per Capita is the annual contribution each Presbyterian makes to support our denomination's local, national, and international ministries. The 2022 Per Capita is \$38 per member, the same amount as in 2021. You can pay your annual Per Capita contribution by mail or online.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

### **PEOPLE UNITING NEIGHBORS AND CHURCHES P.U.N.C.H.**

Saturday April 16, 2022 11:30 am – 1:00 pm @ Cork Hill Park 11<sup>th</sup> & Farnam, Davenport, IA. **RAIN OR SHINE!! PRIZES, GAMES, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP**



**Holy Week SCHEDULE**

April 10 (Palm Sunday)	9:30 AM
April 14 (Maundy Thursday)	7:30 PM
April 15 (Good Friday)	7:30 PM
April 17 (Easter Sunday)	9:30 AM

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

### **Weekly Program Schedule**

#### Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

See e-news, website or Facebook

#### MusikGarten

Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

Zoom

#### Cherub Choir/ Kirkwood Choir/

#### Sunday School

10:35 – 11:20 a.m.

CE Building, 3d floor

#### Confirmation Class

10:35 – 11:20 a.m.

CE Building, 3d floor

#### Adult Christian Education

10:35 – 11:20 a.m.

Hybrid Zoom, Von Maur Hall

#### Caring Closet

Sundays, 10:35 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Open to Receive Donations

#### Pickle Ball

Mondays and Wednesdays,

9 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

#### Caring Closet

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

#### Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Zoom

#### Bible Basics 201

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

Zoom

#### Staff Meeting/Training

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Von Maur Hall

#### Women of Hope Bible Study

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Parlor

#### Vesper Bells

Thursdays, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Chapel

#### Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

**Dare to Ask:**  
**A Lenten Exploration**

Facilitated by Bruce Bufe and Kathy Stoner-Lasala, Dare to Ask is a Lenten exploration of faith questions: questions we were reluctant to ask, questions we thought nobody wanted to hear, questions we thought we were the only person asking.

On Sundays in Lent starting March 20, Bruce and Kathy invite you to gather at 10:35 a.m. in Von Maur Hall or on zoom to explore your own and others' faith questions.

Bruce and Kathy hope you will begin to reflect now so your insights have time to develop. We're asking questions to learn, expand our understanding, and deepen our relationships. Some questions, though they are worth asking, may not have definitive answers.

We encourage open-ended questions about which people disagree, that may not have an answer or have more than one answer, that deepen our faith or spirituality, that we've been reluctant to ask.

When a question is posed, we want to struggle with it. We don't want to give simplistic answers, dismiss any question, question the validity of a question, or rebuke our fellow questioners.

There are several ways to share your question: you can write it down and place it in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary; you can email it to Bruce [brucebufe@gmail.com](mailto:brucebufe@gmail.com) or Kathy [stoner-lasala@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:stoner-lasala@fpcdavenport.org); if you'd like your question to remain anonymous you can email it to Administrative Assistant Susan Parker [parker@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:parker@fpcdavenport.org)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BBMU1PdHcrVENEZnVsQT09>

Meeting ID: 871 4227 5458  
Passcode: 1702



**Easter Flowers 2022**

The chancel will reflect the joy of the season with many beautiful spring plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you wish to order a plant, complete this form indicating how you would like to be listed in the Easter bulletin. Then please place the slip with your donation check, in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office no later than Friday, March 26.

In memory or in honor of:

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Given by:

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**February 2022 Financial Report**

	February 2022		February 2021	
	Actual	Budget*	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	35,113	35,113	72,429	62,882
Custodial Accounts Income	900	-	440	-
Compensation Expenses	42,750	42,749	39,843	45,264
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	14,377	14,377	18,476	16,922
Custodial Accounts Expenses	900	-	440	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(22,014)</b>	<b>(22,013)</b>	<b>14,110</b>	<b>696</b>
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget*	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	141,920	141,920	171,902	162,354
Custodial Accounts Income	1,341	-	981	-
Compensation Expenses	83,610	83,611	77,571	82,301
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	29,635	29,635	30,644	29,029
Custodial Accounts Expenses	1,341	-	981	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>28,675</b>	<b>28,674</b>	<b>63,687</b>	<b>51,024</b>

All numbers are rounded.

\* 2022 Budget is equal to Actual for January and February. Beginning in March, the budget will reflect the budget for the remainder of the year.