

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

April 3, 2022
Fifth 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).



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

We are a Matthew 25 church

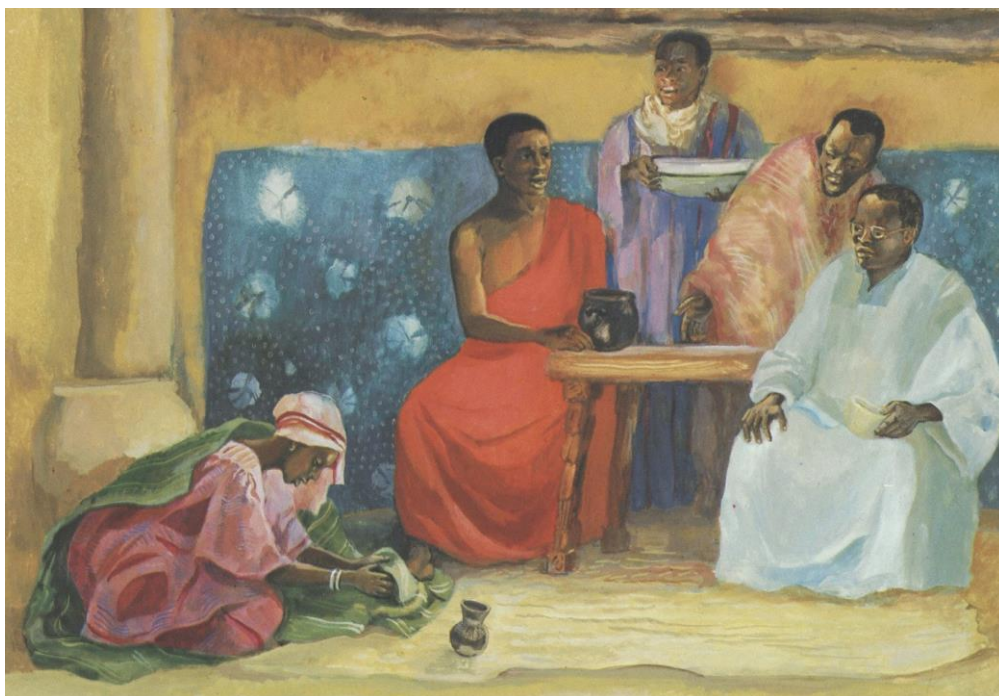


MATTHEW 25

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, Ojéhéti 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.



Jesus Mafa, "Jesus Speaks About Forgiveness" (1973)

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.

Isaiah 43: 16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3: 4-14 John 12: 1-11

*Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*
-Isaiah 43: 18-19

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Vivace from Trio Sonata no. 2

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Prelude

In Thee Is Gladness

Arr. Dale Wood

Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Bridging Pastor

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Associate Pastor Emerita

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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

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Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Adapted from John van de Laar
<https://sacredise.com/good-news>

It's good news, this Gospel:

the message of God's reign among us;
the reality of God's presence with us;
the challenge of God's justice calling us.

It's good news, this Gospel:

a call to celebration;
an opportunity for reckless devotion in our worship;
a reason to offer our best in extravagant thanksgiving.

Whatever we may face,

whatever evil we might fight,
we celebrate the Good News of the Gospel;
cynicism and hatred cannot steal our joy!

*Hymn #485

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!
2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
So loved great He the world that He gave us His Son,
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;
Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,
But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be
And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.
Refrain
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!
O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,
And give God the glo - ry; great things He hath done!

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

from Feasting on the Word

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, we ask less than God intends to give. God is not content to restore us to former things; God wants to give the gift of new and abundant life. With confidence in the generosity of God, we confess our sin:

Prayer of Confession

*adapted from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell
Rev-o-lution Worship Resources*

Holy God, we confess the times we say we love one another yet do not minister to needs around us, fail to see those who are struggling under oppression, and ignore your calls for justice. Forgive us. Call us to your way of life where our words and our actions align with your values of love, justice, and peace. Teach us to pay the price willingly to love one another, meet the needs of others, and welcome the stranger among us. We ask it for your love's sake; Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

from Psalm 126

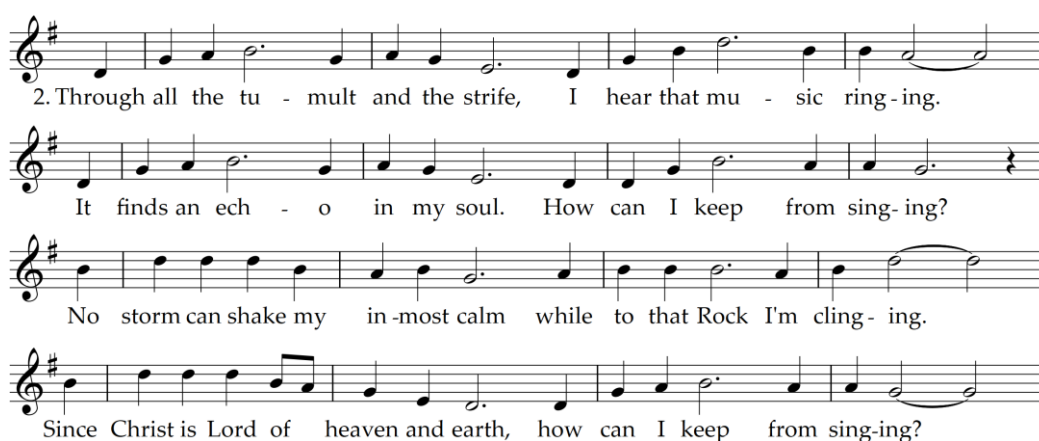
The psalmist wrote, "The LORD has done great things for us. Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy!

Rejoice, Friends: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

adapted from Feasting on the Word

Loving God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, pour out your Spirit's power until the fragrance of your presence fills this house and fills our lives. Then, anointed with your Word, send us out to share your Good News; Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 43: 16-21

"Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.'"

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 Janice Reichard, 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

Kyrie, from *Messe solennelle de Sainte Cécile*

Sung in Greek. Translation:

Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

"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 12: 1-11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Anthem

Kyrie, from *Messe solennelle de Sainte Cécile*

Charles Gounod

The Sanctuary Choir

Tricia Humphries, soprano; Mike Bawden, tenor; Patrick Downing, baritone

Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

Sermon

Good News or Bad News?

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

adapted from Feasting on the Word

With our tithes and offerings, we participate in God's new thing. When we open wide our hands, we attend to Christ himself, especially as He is present in those considered the least and the lost. With gladness, we give of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

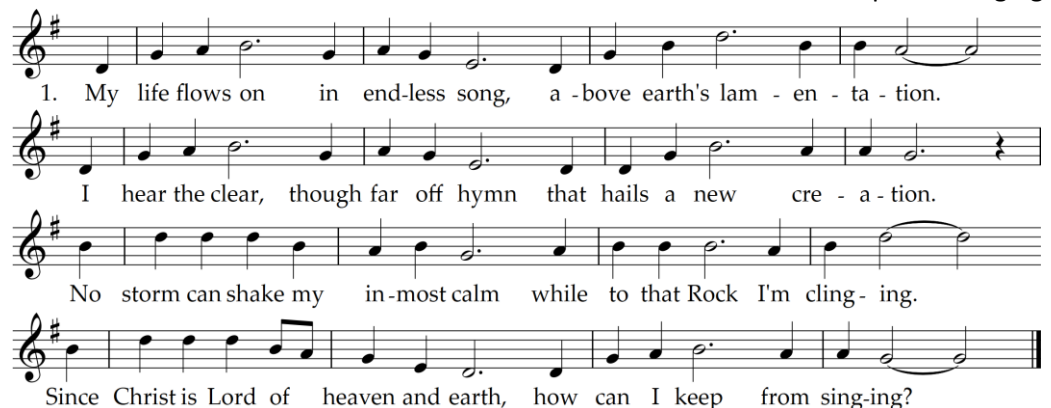
Adagio from Organ Sonata no. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

To share your treasure, please visit the church website, 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?

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*)

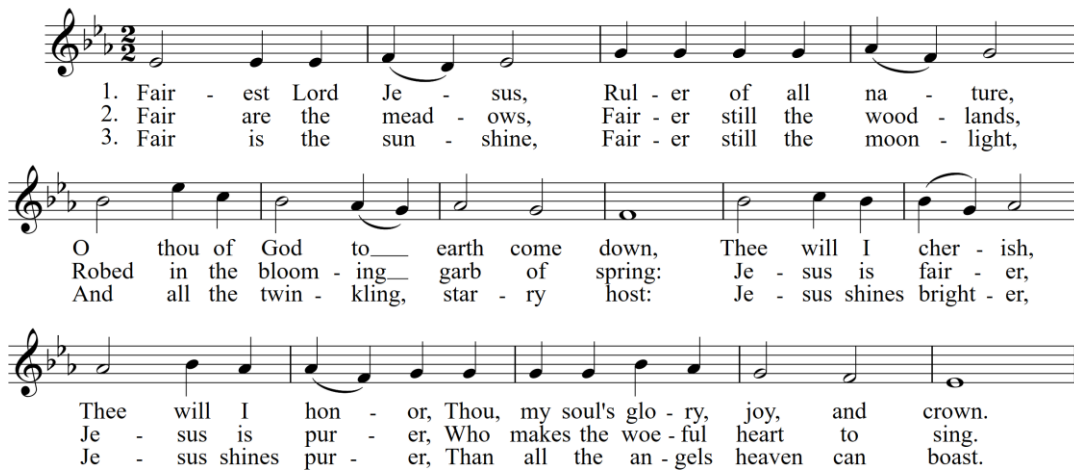
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Go To Serve With God's Blessing

***Hymn #284**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,
O thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cher - ish,
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
And all the twin - kling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

***Charge and Benediction**

adapted from Thom M. Shuman

And now, go out into our community -
not to cling to a faded past,
but to share the new things God is doing.

Notice those around you,
shower them with hope,
and welcome them as family.

You are anointed with grace;
make a way through the injustice around you
and walk with your siblings
into God's reign that springs forth in our midst.

Choral Benediction

Tebe Poem
The Sanctuary Choir

Dmytro Bortnianskyi

Postlude

Allegro from Organ Sonata no. I

Felix Mendelssohn

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](#)

Here is the remaining topic/date in this course:

- April 6: The Beginnings of Easter

All are welcome!

Please contact Mark Jones (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

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

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

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 or Susan Parker at 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 will be 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.

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday April 16, 2022

11:30 am - 1:00 pm



CORK HILL PARK
11th and Farnam, Davenport, IA

RAIN or SHINE

**PRIZES, GAMES
FOOD, FUN 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

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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:

Given by:

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

Personnel Committee

Monday, 7:00 p.m. Hybrid Zoom

Caring Closet

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Building & Grounds Committee

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

Parlor

Caring Closet Prom Night

Tuesday, 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Zoom

Deacons Pastoral Care & Spiritual Development Committee

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Zoom

Staff Meeting/Training

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Von Maur Hall

Vesper Bells

Wednesday, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Chapel

Bible Basics 201

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

Zoom

Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

Drake University Choir Concert

Thursday, 7:30 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 or Kathy 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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBwd1BBMU1PdHcrVENeZnVsQT09>

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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	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(22,014)	(22,013)	14,110	696
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	-
Surplus (Deficit)	28,675	28,674	63,687	51,024

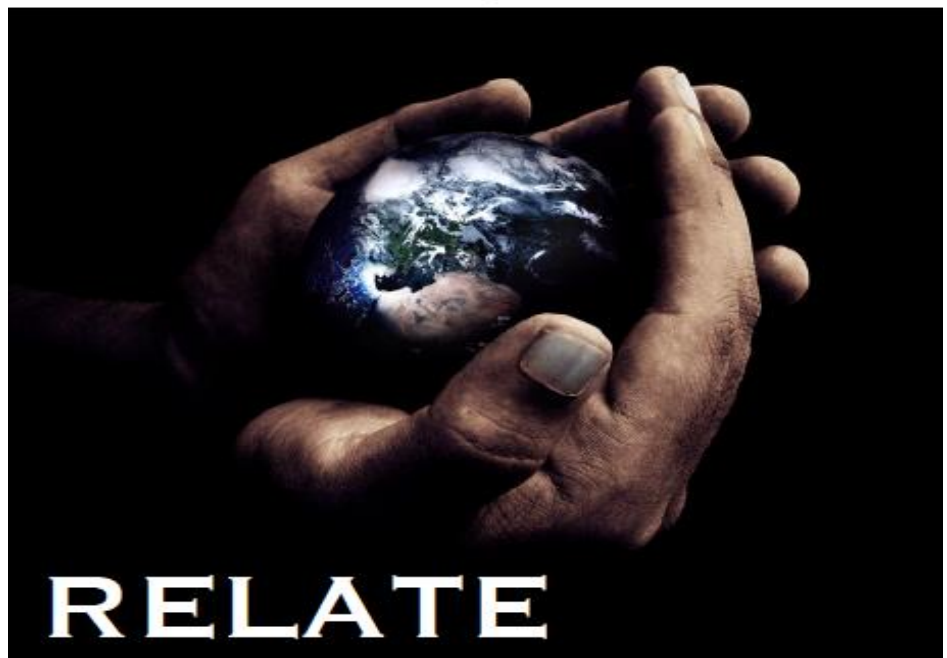
All numbers are rounded.

* 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.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY CHOIRS

2022 Regional Tour

The Drake Choir • sp̄ero Chamber Choir



Tuesday, April 5 • 7:30pm

Sheslow Auditorium, Drake University — Des Moines, IA

Wednesday, April 6 • 7:30pm

Steeple Square, Honkamp Hall — Dubuque, IA; guest: Loras College

Thursday, April 7 • 7:30pm

First Presbyterian Church — Davenport, IA; guest: Pleasant Valley High School

Friday, April 8 • 7:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church — Iowa City, IA; guest: Iowa City High School

