



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Blessing of the Animals

Pride Month

June 26, 2022

Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 10 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.



Giotto di Bondone (c. 1267-1337), "St. Francis Preaching to the Birds" (c. 1290)
Musée du Louvre, Paris

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.

SCRIPTURES AND TEXT FOR MEDITATION

"Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things. Every single creature is full of God and is a book about God. Every creature is a word of God. If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature - even a caterpillar - I would never have to prepare a sermon, so full of God is every creature."

Meister Eckhart, a 13th century Christian mystic

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Psalm 16

Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Luke 9: 51-62

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 of emergency.

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The Church Gathers To...

Gathering 8:30 a.m. Improvisation Alex Gilson

Prelude 10:00 a.m. Impromptu Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Prelude 10:00 a.m. God Our Father, Dwell Within Samuel Scheidt

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship Job 12: 7, 8b, 10a Kristine Oswald

Ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
 the fish of the sea, and they will declare to you:
In God's hand is the life of every living thing ...
 Let us worship God our Creator!
 Amen

***Hymn #455** All Creatures of Our God and King LAAST UNS ERFREUEN



Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Text adapted from Thom M. Shuman

Call to Confession Kristine Oswald

Christ has set us free from everything that could detain, oppress, or derail us. We
 should not confuse this with freedom to do whatever we wish. Let us confess
 how we have misused God's gift of grace.

Prayer of Confession

Elder Kristine Oswald

Redeeming God, we say we want to follow you; yet, often we live as if we don't know what that means. We choose to gossip, rather than surround others with love. We choose to compete, rather than engage in costly generosity. We expect others to serve us, rather than ask how we might serve. High and Holy One, forgive us. Set us free to serve in love and compassion; help us to feast on the fruit your Spirit offers us; and put us on the path of faithful discipleship; we ask it for your love's sake; Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Kristine Oswald

Friends, call to mind what God has done for you;
think about how God's love comes in fresh and surprising ways;
reflect on the fruit of the Spirit poured out upon you; and
remember with joy the mercy that is ours.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

*Response to Grace

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Kristine Oswald

Loving Creator, as we turn to the pages of Scripture, seal to us Your Word that is the impulse for all things; for space, stars, and stardust to appear; for Earth to emerge from the deep; for life to be born of Earth; and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit; Amen.

Lesson from the Christian Scriptures Galatians 5: 1, 13–25 Elder Kristine Oswald

“For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery For you were called to freedom, siblings in Christ; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become servants of one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: families and victims of gun violence including the communities of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna CA, TOPS grocery in Buffalo NY, and Robb Elementary School in Uvalde TX; the people of Ukraine and all who groan under oppression; for God's presence with all who are grieving the loss of Sandra Darland Meeks, Janis Lynn Novak, Rick Harter, Janice Reichard, Rev. Sue Howes, Carolyn Draper Math, Jim Hall, Jim Keenan, Rebecca Koos, Ron Solt, Karen Hean; for God's grace and mercy to touch Julia Pedigo, Teresa Lasala, Jim Woods, Jim Lasala, Allison Kennedy, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, Chris Cook, , Erin Middleton Cavan, Danielle, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Hudson Stoner, Dorothy Downing and those experiencing abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and natural disaster.

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 Colleen Duenas.

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.

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 or phone number 949-302-7542

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

patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message (10:00 a.m.)

Elder Sarah Greim and friends

Sermon

Freedom or Free-dumb?

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Offertory

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer
Elisabeth Riedesel – Soprano

Arr. Dale Wood

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**



1. God of love, may we in wor - ship wel - come our di - ver - si - ty.

May we reach in trust and friend - ship to the poor and re - fu - gee.

May we see Christ in the stran - ger, break - ing bonds of hate and fear.

By you Spir - it, may we off - er glimpses of your kin - dom here.

Blessing of the Animals (8:30 a.m.)

Circle of Praise

A Version of Psalm 148

All dogs and cats, large and small:

Praise the Lord!

All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:

Praise the Lord!

All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures:

Praise the Lord!

All robins, wrens, and singing birds:

Praise the Lord!

All bats, squirrels, and raccoons:

Praise the Lord!

All horses, cows, and sheep:

Praise the Lord!

All lizards, snakes and creeping things:

Praise the Lord!

Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest:

Praise the Lord!

Blessing

[Pet's name], may the power of this blessing fill you with life, give joy to you and your human partners and lead you to praise your Creator. Amen.

Remembrance of Pets That Have Crossed the Rainbow Bridge

Loving God, we remember our animal companions who are no longer with us physically. We give thanks for the gifts they gave us and the variety of ways they enriched and blessed our lives. In confidence that you continue to care for them, we pray as Jesus taught us:

The Prayer of Jesus

**Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory forever; Amen.**

Anthem (10:00am) All Things Bright and Beautiful Arr. Mack Wilberg
Kristine Oswald, Marty Bowles Edwards, Marianne Marcek – Vocalists

Sacrament of Baptism (10:00 a.m.)

Presentation

The pastor says:

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: *Matt. 28:18–20*
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit;
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear also these words from holy Scripture:

As many of you as were baptized into Christ *Gal. 3:27–28*
have clothed yourselves with Christ.
**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises,
we baptize those whom God has called.
In baptism God claims us and seals us to show that we belong to God.
God frees us from sin and death
and unites us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.
By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church,
the Body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.
Let us remember our own baptism with joy as we celebrate this sacrament.

An elder says:

On behalf of the session,
I present Charlotte Anne Hermiston,
daughter of Patrick Charles Hermiston and Erin Elise Sodawasser-Hermiston,
to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Bible Basics 201 in June

Bible Basics will continue to meet each Wednesday through the summer. On Wednesday, June 15, we will start a video series, *The History and Archaeology of the Bible*. Taught by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, a National Geographic Historian and a Christian, the series looks at important archaeological discoveries related to stories in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. No preparation or study is needed. Just show up to watch the 30-minute video and join in on the discussion. Easy!

- June 29 The Journeys of Abraham
- July 6 Joseph in Egypt

All are welcome.

For more information,
contact Mark Jones
(mkjones@mchsi.com)

Here is the Zoom link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmcwcFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID
822 8309 5977

Passcode
215593

Weekly Program Schedule

Summer Worship Schedule

Outdoors, Pershing Lot 8:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

prior to and after worship services;
Pershing Street lot and Narthex

Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

See e-news, website or Facebook

MusikGarten

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Zoom

Cherub Choir/ Kirkwood Choir/ Sunday

School/Confirmation Class/

Adult Christian Education

Summer Recess

Caring Closet

Sundays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Open for Shopping and Donations

Ireland Tour Choir

Sunday, 2:00 p.m., Choir Room

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday,

9 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., zoom

Church Staff Monthly Party

Tuesday, 2:30 p.m., zoom

Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Vesper Bells and Sanctuary Choir

In Recess

Ireland Tour Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

"Battle Hymn Sunday"

Sunday, 7/3, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Independence Day

Monday, 7/4, Office Closed

The pastor says to Charlotte Anne's parents:

Do you desire that Charlotte Anne be baptized? Do you?

I do.

Relying on God's grace,
do you promise to live the Christian faith,
and teach that faith to Charlotte Anne? Do you?

I do.

The pastor says to Charlotte's sponsors, Ian Reed-Oswald Sodawasser; Nicole Georgette Yunker; and Kate Marie Horihan:

Will you, by your prayers and witness,
help Charlotte Anne grow into the full stature of Christ? Will you?

I will.

The pastor says to the children of the congregation:

Today we celebrate that Charlotte Anne is becoming part of our church family.
We are all God's children and these questions are for the children, of all ages,
of First Presbyterian Church. Each time you say "I will," you make a promise
to God and to Charlotte Anne.

Will you help Charlotte Anne to remember that God loves her and you love her?
Will you?

I will.

Will you share the stories of Jesus with Charlotte Anne? Will you?

I will.

The pastor says to the congregation:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Charlotte Anne
by word and deed, with love and prayer? Do you?

We do.

Will you encourage Charlotte Anne to know and follow Christ
and to be a faithful member of Christ's church? Will you?

We will.

Profession of Faith

The pastor says:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we enter the covenant God established in Jesus Christ.
Within this covenant God gives us new life, strengthens us
to resist evil, and nurtures us in love.
Through this covenant, we choose whom we will serve,
by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

The pastor says to Charlotte Anne's parents:

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world? Do you?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples,
obeying his word and showing his love? Will you?

I will.

The pastor says to the congregation:

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; and ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of the Father; from thence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting; Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The pastor prays with the congregation:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time your Spirit moved over the watery chaos and called forth order and life. In the time of Noah you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood and gave righteousness a new beginning. You led Israel out of slavery through the waters of the sea and to the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection Christ set us free from sin and death and opened the way to eternal life. We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise us all to new life and graft us to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Charlotte Anne that she may have power to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ; Amen.

Baptism

The pastor says to Charlotte Anne's parents:

What is the Christian name of your child?

Charlotte Anne.

Charlotte Anne, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit; Amen.

Anointing

The pastor prays:

O Lord, uphold Charlotte Anne by your Holy Spirit.
Give her the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and always; Amen.

Isa. 11:2



The pastor says to Charlotte Anne while anointing her forehead:

Charlotte Anne, child of the covenant,
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism,
and marked as Christ's own forever;
Amen.

Welcome

An elder says:

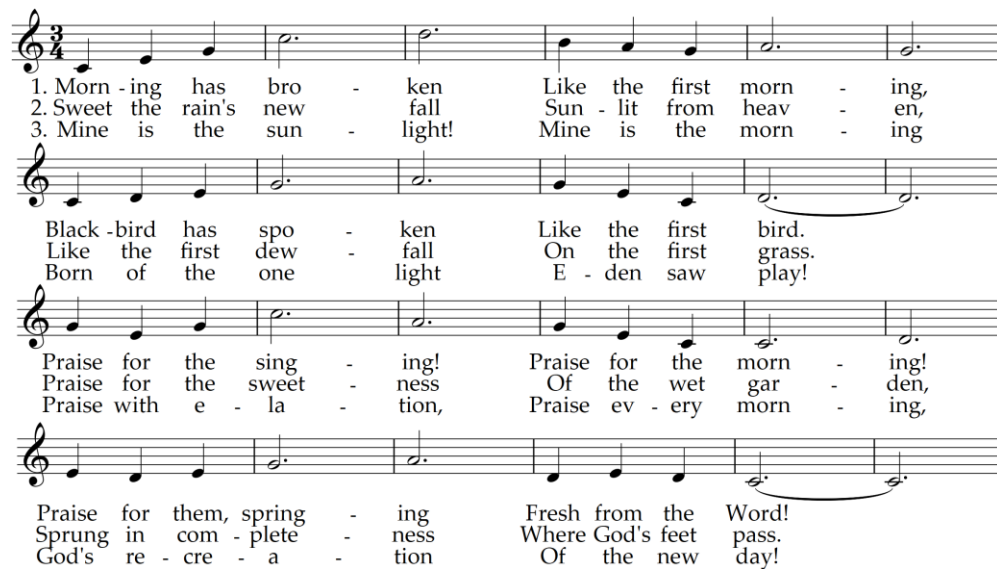
With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ.
Alleluia! Amen!

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

***Hymn #469**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Black -bird has spo - ken Like the first bird.
Like the first dew - fall On the first grass.
Born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

Go out into the world, both horizontal and vertical siblings in Christ.
Love one another and cherish all people, all creatures and this church family,
so that all may experience God's Shalom.

And may God, our Creator, help us to love:
all creatures as kin,
all animals as partners on earth,
all birds as messengers of praise,
all tiny beings as expressions of your mysterious design ...
and all frogs as voices of hope.

Norman Habel

Postlude 10:00 a.m.

Sinfonia from Cantata no. 29

J. S. Bach

General Assembly News from the Presbyterian Outlook



Acting decisively on the first ballot, the 2022 General Assembly on June 18 elected a team of two ministers to serve as its co-moderators – both women of color, thirty years apart in age, both of whom said they felt a strong pull of the spirit to serve in this role. They will moderate this first-ever hybrid gathering of the denomination’s highest council.

Ruth Santana-Grace, executive presbyter for Philadelphia Presbytery, and **Shavon Starling-Louis**, pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, (Presbytery of Charlotte) won a first-ballot victory. The vote was 203-151. Advisory delegates supported Santana-Grace and Starling-Louis roughly two-to-one.

Santana-Grace and Starling Louis are responsible for steering the Assembly – a combination of in-person committee meetings and virtual plenary sessions – through the uncharted waters of a hybrid meeting that will stretch over three weeks from June 18-July 9. In the ensuing two years, Santana-Grace and Starling-Louis will serve as what they have repeatedly referred to as “ambassadors” for this assembly to the larger church and the world.

The 30-minute question-and-answer session just before the election provided spirited responses from the candidates. The first questioner, Jennifer Hallberg of St. Augustine Presbytery, asked each candidate for their “elevator speech” on what it means to be a Presbyterian.

Santana-Grace, who calls herself a member of the Puerto Rican diaspora, responded that the uniqueness of Presbyterians is “our willingness to submit ourselves to our discernment of the Holy Spirit.” She added that Presbyterians “are committed to reforming who we are — we don’t erase, we reform, we improve.”

Starling-Louis added that “Presbyterians proclaim in word and action – heart, mind and spirit – that we turn ourselves over to God.”

During a post-election news conference, the new co-moderators expanded on their hopes for the church going forward and their sense of an unexpected yet unabating call to serve.

“On paper, it shouldn’t have worked,” said Starling-Louis, 39, who was recently installed as the new pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte earlier this year, but who said the session of her congregation unanimously supported her call to stand as co-moderator.

Santana-Grace, 69, said both her family and her presbytery have supported her — saying her presbytery “claimed it as part of their call,” and her son, Dakota, “wanted me to lean in a lot earlier to a role like this.” She also said, to inform those who may be wondering, that “my voice — the raspy kind of sultry voice (with which she speaks) is not a sore throat,” but that she has been diagnosed with vocal dysphonia. She said it took away her ability to sing, “but it has not silenced my voice.”

Santana spoke of the power of Easter morning, of the darkness of the tomb that gave way to resurrection. “We become free to say, ‘God, what would you have us do?’” Starling-Louis said. It’s an invitation to “shift from we don’t have, we can’t, to what is it that God would have us do right now?”

Mission Study is Available!

The FPC Mission Study entitled “At the Crossroads” is now available for members to read on the church website. The document was created by the Pastor Nominating Committee to tell the story of our congregation—past, present and future—for pastoral candidates. Its message, regarding the need to revitalize the life of First Church, is also directed toward the membership as we seek to partner with a new leader to achieve that goal. The PNC encourages you to thoughtfully review the study and consider how you might impact the future story of First Presbyterian Church. To access the study, click here: <https://www.fpcdavenport.org/at-the-crossroads-mission-study> or go to the home page of the of the church website and click on At the Crossroads.



Birdies for Charity

The 2022 John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program has officially kicked off its annual drive to help raise donations for nearly 500 Quad City area charities. If you wish to give through Birdies for Charity, please consider First Presbyterian Church of Davenport (#2196) as your designated charity. You can submit your 2022 Birdies for Charity pledge to any of the many charities via mail or online through June 27, 2022. To donate online, please visit <https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate>.

Blessing of the Animals Worship Service

Please join us in celebrating God's furry and feathered creatures TODAY at 8:30 am. FPC's annual Blessing of the Animals service is highly anticipated and enjoyed by all. Pet family photos will be taken after the service.

The Blessing of the Animals is an ancient custom associated with St. Francis of Assisi. Always at home in the company of the disadvantaged and the dispossessed, Francis recognized the Divine Spark in the beauty of creation, in the love and companionship of animals, and in the poor. Francis became known as the Patron Saint of Animals and is one of the most admired monks and mystics in the history of the church.

In addition to celebrating your own, happy pets, you are encouraged to bring donations for the King's Harvest (No Kill) Animal Shelter in Davenport so that animals waiting for their "forever" homes can be well cared for. Items needed include dry or canned dog and cat food, cat litter, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, pump hand soaps, and office supplies. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted. A donation table will be set up next to the photo staging area.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Volunteers Needed!!

Volunteers are needed to help water the flowers on the Boulevard. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Deacon Paula Hartman or Deacon Andy McNeal.

Thank You Notes

On behalf of Insight Management and RPW we would like to send a huge thank you to the entire First Presbyterian Church family during the Distinguished Gentlemen Awards Concert. Your hospitality, and tireless hours of help were certainly noticed and it's because of you we had a successful event. To God be the Glory.

Many thanks for your prayers, cards, and concerns for our daughter Rebecca after her death. We received many hugs, kind words, and gifts in her name. – Blessings, Richard and Beverly Koos

Deepest thanks from Pastor Kathy to the church staff, leaders, volunteers, IT Crew, committees, musicians, hosts, servers, set-up and clean-up crews, and also the caterer (Bayside Bistro) for the support, service, love and care you shared with the Presbytery of East Iowa during the Presbytery Assembly on Saturday, June 18.

May Financials

	May 2022		May 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 50,064	\$ 50,402	\$ 44,990	\$ 43,380
Custodial Accounts Income	1,876	-	613	-
Compensation Expenses	(41,785)	(48,536)	(39,809)	(40,036)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(15,647)	(27,657)	(12,190)	(14,218)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(1,876)	-	612	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$7,368)	(\$25,791)	(\$5,784)	(\$10,874)
PPP2 Grant	108,000	108,000	0	0
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$100,632	\$82,209	(\$5,784)	(\$10,874)
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 274,758	\$ 298,521	\$ 338,526	\$ 326,134
Custodial Accounts Income	10,868	-	8,167	-
Compensation Expenses	(209,919)	(230,040)	(197,588)	(208,205)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(93,388)	(119,202)	(80,146)	(91,073)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(10,867)	-	(8,167)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$28,548)	(\$50,721)	(\$7,008)	(\$10,874)
PPP2 Grant	108,000	108,000	0	0
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$79,452	\$57,279	(\$7,008)	(\$10,874)

All numbers are rounded.

April Financials

	April 2022		April 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	33,495	53,432	51,048	56,600
Custodial Accounts Income	2,515	-	3,597	-
Compensation Expenses	41,700	50,058	36,759	44,378
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	28,448	39,880	17,371	18,800
Custodial Accounts Expenses	2,515	-	3,597	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(36,653)	(36,506)	(3,082)	(6,578)
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	224,695	248,119	293,536	282,754
Custodial Accounts Income	8,991	-	7,554	-
Compensation Expenses	168,137	181,505	157,778	168,169
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	77,749	91,544	67,958	76,855
Custodial Accounts Expenses	8,991	-	7,554	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(21,191)	(24,930)	67,800	37,730

All numbers are rounded.

Plans to Restore the Kildalton Cross

The Kildalton High Cross is the only intact Celtic high cross in Scotland. Located on the Isle of Islay, it dates from the second half of the 8th century CE. The Kildalton Cross is closely related to the group of three major crosses at Iona - St. Oran's, St. John's and St Martin's (where St. Columba introduced Christianity to the Isles). The correct Gaelic spelling of Kildalton is Cill'Dalton - The Church of the Disciple. The cross was carved from a single slab of gray-green epidiorite at least one- foot thick. Luckily, it was an extremely hard rock, resistant to weathering and erosion.

Twelve Christian disciples of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport visited the eighth century Kildalton Cross on the Isle of Islay, Scotland in July, 2001. At that time, First Presbyterian of Davenport established a Friendship Link with the congregation of the Round Church of Bowmore, Islay, Scotland as representatives from both congregations gathered in Scotland and in Davenport.

The late Don Hultgren, woodcarver and Elder, who joined First Presbyterian Church in 1984, created the replica of the Kildalton High Cross which graces the west side of our church building. The Kildalton Cross of First Presbyterian Church was hand-carved of oak and stained as a replica of the original stone cross.

Don began carving as a child of six. Annually he displayed his work at the International Congress of Woodcarvers as well as the Mississippi Valley Fair. Erickson Sawmill in New Windsor, Illinois milled the special oak used for the Celtic High Cross. Don estimated that the carving, staining, and gluing of this work took over 400 hours to complete.

Symbolism of the carvings on the front face of the cross are two angels with David rending the jaws of the lion. Beneath David, two birds are feeding on grapes. On the shaft is the Virgin and Child with angels, which seems to be modeled on carvings from the St Oran's Cross, Iona. On the panel of the right arm Abraham is depicted about to sacrifice Isaac. This is paralleled on the left arm by the scene of Cain murdering Abel with the jawbone of an ass or camel. Abel is shown kneeling and offering his sacrifice to the Lord. On the back of the cross (facing the sanctuary), the central boss is surrounded by seven smaller bosses intertwined with serpents. In the constrictions of the arms are four lions with additional lions above and below. The upper third of the shaft has a central boss containing three internal pellets, often referred to as "a bird's nest with three eggs" representing the Trinity. The serpent carvings are identical to those on St. Martin's Cross, Iona, while the principal bosses resemble St. John's Cross, Iona.

Iowa winters have not been kind to our replica of the Kildalton Cross and our Building and Grounds Committee is searching for craftspeople to work on a restoration project.

