



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Neighborhood Community Picnic Sunday August 28, 2022 Worship at 10:00 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.



Léon Augustin Lhermitte (1844-1925), "Among the Humble" (1905)
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City

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.

To help you get to know the people sitting in your pew/row, please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbors.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 112

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Toccata

J. Alfred Schehl

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kristine Oswald

Minute for Mission

Board of Deacons

Prelude

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Dale Wood

Our Staff

Rev. Elissa Bailey
Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
Bridging Pastors
Rev. Pat Halverson*
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* *Interim Christian Ed. Coordinators*
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Alex Gilson
Principal Organist
& *Assistant Director of Music*
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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
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www.fpcdavenport.org

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Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Adapted from Spill the Beans, Issue 8
retrieved from: www.spillthebeans.org/uk

Come into this place, come tall and come small.

Come join us, whoever, God calls one and all.

Let's take up our place at God's banquet for all.

We sit where we're able; we serve one and all.

Let us worship together and remember God's call.

To love one another; to serve one and all.

Let us worship.

*Hymn

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MADELEINE

1. Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2. Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3. Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who
earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,
for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -
path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and ri - pens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott, published in Presbyterian Outlook
retrieved from: pres-outlook.org

The path of faithfulness is the path of humility. Let us bow before the God who
created us and confess the sins that betray us and our faith.

Prayer of Confession

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**Forgive us, O God. Forgive us for thinking of ourselves far higher than we
should! Forgive us for thinking of ourselves far lower than we ought! Save
us from the sin of pride and the offense of false modesty. Save us from
being our own best defenders and our own worst critics. Let us be glad to
simply be at the banquet: gathered by you in grace, ready to be put in our
place, not for what great accomplishments we can rattle off, but despite
them. Not for our status, but despite our sin. Forgive us, O God. Put us in
our place. Only then can we face our worldly status with our heavenly
position. In Christ's humble name, we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

from Isaiah 43:1

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

published in Presbyterian Outlook, retrieved from: pres-outlook.org

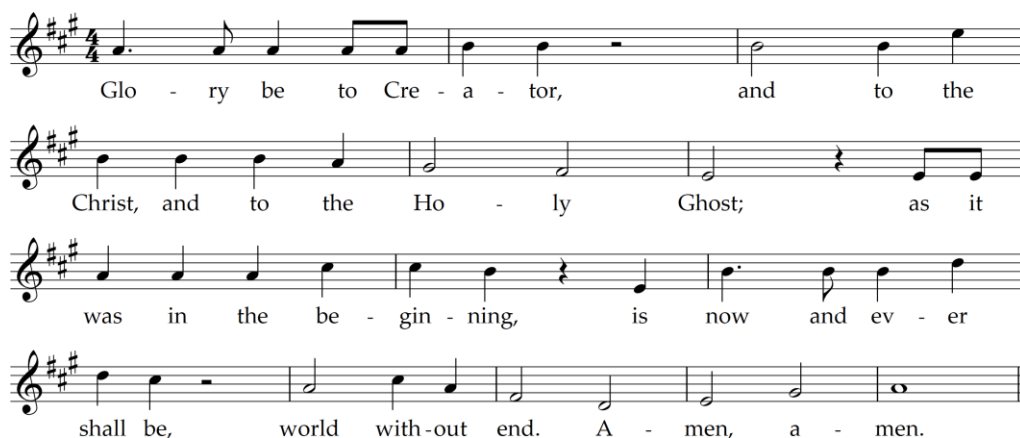
Friends, "Do not fear, says the LORD, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Thanks be to God; we are forgiven and freed!

Amen.

*Response to Grace

GLORIA PATRIA

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Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Gracious God, we ask for your Holy Spirit to envelop us this day that we might hear your Word, know your Word, and follow your Word, as you would call us to do. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 2:4-13 NRSV

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruit and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rules transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore, once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are not gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, but utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

JOYS & CONCERNS

In Our Prayers: families and victims of gun violence; the people of Ukraine and all who groan under oppression; for God's presence with all who are grieving the loss of Jim Lasala, Ella Johns, Georgia Sodawasser, Gloria Wadsworth, Chris Cook, Bruce Kahler, Jim Calhoun, Holly Rivera; for God's mercy and grace to touch Duane Schipull, Julia Pedigo, Jim Woods, Allison Kennedy, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, 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.

Mission Partners: Rev. José Pilar Alvarez Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez in Zacapa, Guatemala; Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill in 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 coat-rack near the church office.

Bible Basics 201 August Schedule

This summer, our discussions are based on 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!

- August 31 – The Rise of Assyria

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=VnJFdmcwcmFJua3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID:
822 8309 5977

Passcode:
215593

Gospel Lesson

Luke 13: 10-17

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of the leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guest chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous. "

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

"Who Is Invited?"

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Affirmation of Faith

Phil. 2:5-11 selected by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

published in Presbyterian Outlook, retrieved from: pres-outlook.org

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us; shape us; send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

Offertory

Marchin' On Up

Arr. Mark Hayes

Patricia Humphries – Soprano, Alex Gilson - Piano

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



Prayers of the People

Adapted from *Spill the Beans, Issue 8*
retrieved from: www.spillthebeans.org/uk

Gracious and loving God, we pray for a world where too many of those who are the loudest people presume to be the majority and demand to be heard. We pray for a world where those with the money and those with the power are the ones who are presumed to hold the power and be able to turn up the volume at will. Meanwhile, gentle wisdom gets drowned out. Greed too often becomes rule, becomes law, becomes the creed and the way of life. Loving God, we pray for a world where too often, only a few small voices get heard; where poverty and powerlessness are muted by the rest of society. We need to be a chorus of compassion. Show us your way, O God. Loving God, bless all. The loud and the silent. The powerful and the powerless. But bless differently. Bless the loud and the proud with humility and bless the quiet and the crushed with esteem. Bless the powerful with silence and bless the powerless with sound. And show us all how to live into a world invited to be humble before you. In Christ's name, who taught us to pray

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

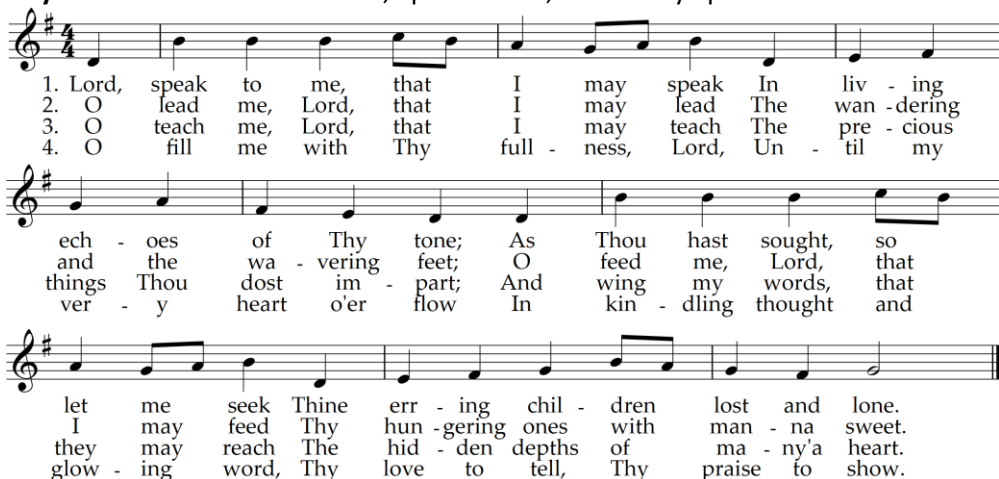
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever; Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn #426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY



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!

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 Hartmann or Deacon Andy McNeil.

Weekly Program Schedule

Worship 10:00 a.m. , Sanctuary

Deacons Neighborhood Picnic

Sunday, August 28, 11:00 a.m.
Church Lawn.

Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

See e-news, website or Facebook

MusikGarten

Sundays, 8:30 am., 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

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday

9 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

Boy Scout Troop 7

Monday, Potluck, 5: 30 p.m.

Scout Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Gym and Fellowship Hall

Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

Church Staff Meeting

Lunch and Learn

Monthly Staff Birthday Party

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. Von Maur Hall

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

Vesper Bells and Sanctuary Choir

In Recess

Choir Retreat

Saturday, 8: 30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Galvin Fine Arts Center

Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 3

Outdoors 8:30 a.m. Pershing Street Lot

Indoors 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

*Charge and Benediction

As we go from this place into this week, may you be encountered with God's invitation to the banquet. May you humbly find your seat in all things and in all ways this week. May you invite the hungry and the full, the broken and the whole, the downtrodden and the blessed to your own banquets this week. In the name of the Creator, and the Redeemer, and the Sustainer, Amen.

Postlude

Excerpt from *Symphony No. 5, I. Allegro vivace*

Charles-Marie Widor

Neighborhood Community Picnic is TODAY!!!



Looking for something to read?

“Check out” the selections in our Donald B. Blackstone library located in the church’s lower level next to the Fellowship Hall. We have added 34 new and donated books to the library this year. New books are from authors Janet Bell to Jacqueline Winspear. There are also 2800+ other selections in the library including children, young adults, reference, historical, biography, fiction, mystery, and large print. Self-checkout is on the desk with reminder date cards, we have a three week return policy. Please check-out books to allow the committee to review what is popular for future purchases.

Thanks for using your library.

Committee:

Kirk Christie (chair)

Dan Breinich

Bev Koos

Irene Huffman

Vicki Stegall

Newcomers' Inquiry

Sunday September 18 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

The Newcomers' Inquiry will provide a look at First Presbyterian Church, what we do, what we believe, what our faith questions might be, how we are governed, and how we are connected to our denomination (which is the Presbyterian Church [USA]). Bring your questions and join us for conversation and refreshments! For more information, call Paula Burnett at 563-349-9046.

What are Small Groups?

A Small Group (minimum of three, maximum of 12 people) shares "our spiritual journeys together, offering time to explore, study, pray and care for one another."
(*Envisioning 2020 Report to the Session, p. 10*)

What does a Small Group do?

A Small Group may form for "a defined task over a specified time period such as a book study" or missional engagement, or for an "open-ended time for topics such as on-going parenting discussions," long-term missional partnership or Bible study.
(*references in quotation marks drawn from the Envisioning 2020 Report to the Session, p. 10*)

Why a Small Group?

Often larger groups tend to lose people in translation. However, smaller groups of our peers allow us to stop when needed, ask questions, converse amongst ourselves and hold one another accountable. We can add a little fun by naming our group, finding different places to meet, and just personalizing our group to make it our own.

Already Have a Small Group?

Several groups in our congregation function already as Small Groups. Examples could be the Bible Basics 201 group or the Women of Hope Horizons Study group. Both groups are of the second Small Group type, an "open-ended time" without a stated closing date.

Interested in joining a Small Group?

Have a group that would like to be registered as a Small Group?

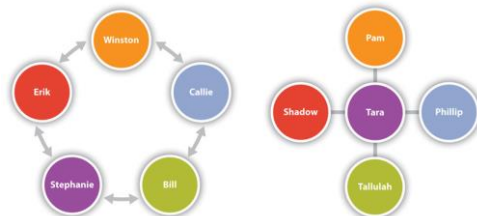
Simply sign up for yourself and your interests or for your existing group.

If you're signing up for yourself, church staff will connect you with others having similar interests.

To register your group or your interest in forming a group, simply email Susan Parker, Church Administrative Assistant.

Susan's email is parker@fpcdavenport.org

(Remember to put "First Presbyterians Small Groups" in the subject line of your email.)



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.

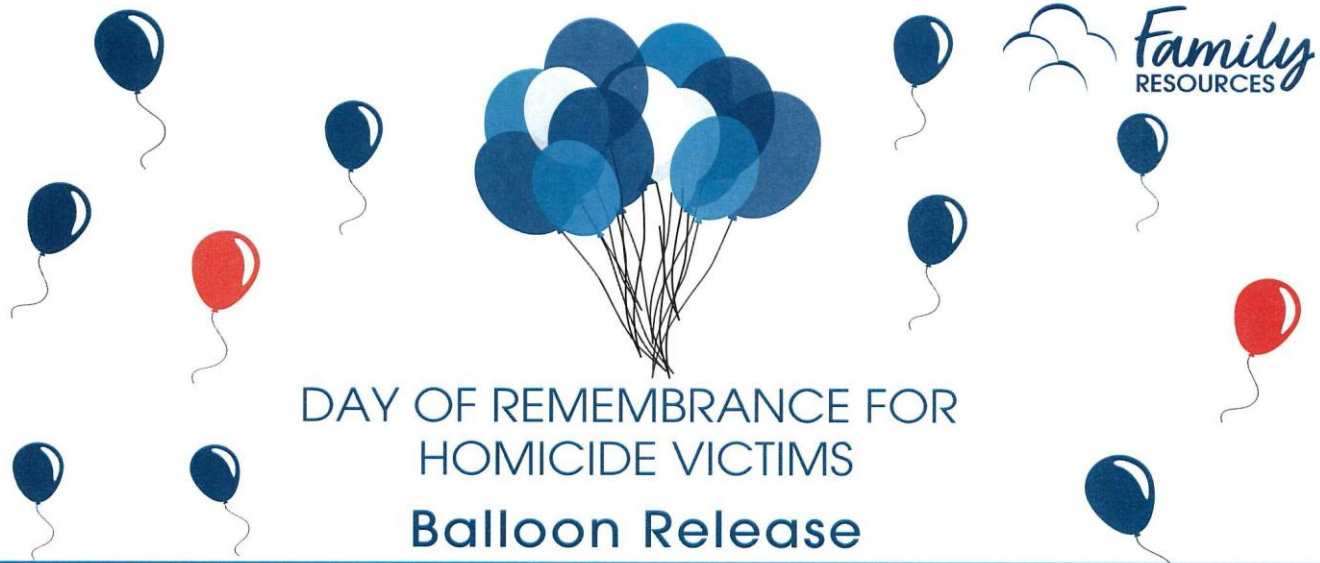
The PNC encourages you to thoughtfully review the study and consider how you might impact the future story of First Presbyterian Church.

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.

Memorial to the Lost

Centennial Park for Balloon Release

September 25



SUNDAY September 25th, 2022 | 2:00 PM | Centennial Park

During The National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims, Family Resources would like to honor, commemorate and celebrate the lives of murder victims and their surviving family members. If you have lost a loved one or family member due to homicide, we want to honor their memory.

Please join us in our 1st annual balloon release event.

To RSVP please contact Joanna D. | 563-293-3588 or JOANNAD@FAMRES.ORG

	July 2022		July 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 41,289	\$ 47,962	\$ 40,770	\$ 44,230
Custodial Accounts Income	45,572	-	10,992	-
Compensation Expenses	(45,119)	(53,623)	(33,507)	(43,191)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(14,965)	(23,792)	(15,221)	(13,018)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(45,572)	-	(10,993)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$18,795)	(\$29,453)	(\$7,959)	(\$11,979)
PPP2 Grant	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$18,795)	(\$29,453)	(\$7,959)	(\$11,979)
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 351,681	\$ 400,300	\$ 439,721	\$ 407,699
Custodial Accounts Income	76,270	-	21,890	-
Compensation Expenses	(298,000)	(334,936)	(273,484)	(292,266)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(129,990)	(169,560)	(117,721)	(121,091)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(76,269)	-	(21,894)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$76,308)	(\$104,196)	\$48,512	(\$5,658)
PPP2 Grant	108,000	108,000	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$31,692	\$3,804	\$48,512	(\$5,658)

All numbers are rounded.