



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2022
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, 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.



Jesus MAFA (1973), "The Good Shepherd"

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 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 51: 1-10

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15:1-10

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Excerpt from Choral No. 3

César Franck

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Kristine Oswald

Minute for Mission

Board of Deacons

Prelude

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Arr. George Shearing

Our Staff

Rev. Elissa Bailey
 Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
Bridging Pastors
 Rev. Pat Halverson*
Parish Associate
 Kristy Woodrow
Director of Christian Education
 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
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Church Administrative Assistant
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Nursery Coordinator
 Darren Long
Facilities & Custodial Supervisor
 Kevin Wilson
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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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 Flower" (©1977 The Sacred Music Press) "Jerusalem, My
 Happy Home" (©1977 The Sacred Music Press)
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Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

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Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That save a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
 Let us worship.

*Hymn #280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

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We often get lost, wandering off the path of faith. Through this time of
 confession, let us redirect ourselves and return to God.

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from *Spill the Beans*, Issue 44

retrieved from: www.spillthebeans.org/uk

Holy One, life giver, shepherd and guide, we come before you in humble
 adoration. We are delighted to offer this time of worship. We come to sing
 of your amazing love for us, revealed in Jesus. We come to hear your word
 anew and to learn more of you. We come to offer our prayers and gifts.
**We come aware of our faults and failings. We come glad that when we
 choose to lose our way and walk away from you, you are patient and wait
 for us to return. We acknowledge that we have failed you on many
 occasions and are glad to know that each time, when we return to the
 fold, you forgive us.**

We are encouraged to know that when we are lost, you are always looking
 for ways to help us return to the fold and never give up on us. We are
 humbled by your unconditional love and desire to be in a full relationship

with us. You are always willing to forgive and ready to restore us into a right relationship with you.

Thank you. May we learn to love as you do and create relationships with others as you do with us. So be it. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Book of Common Worship

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

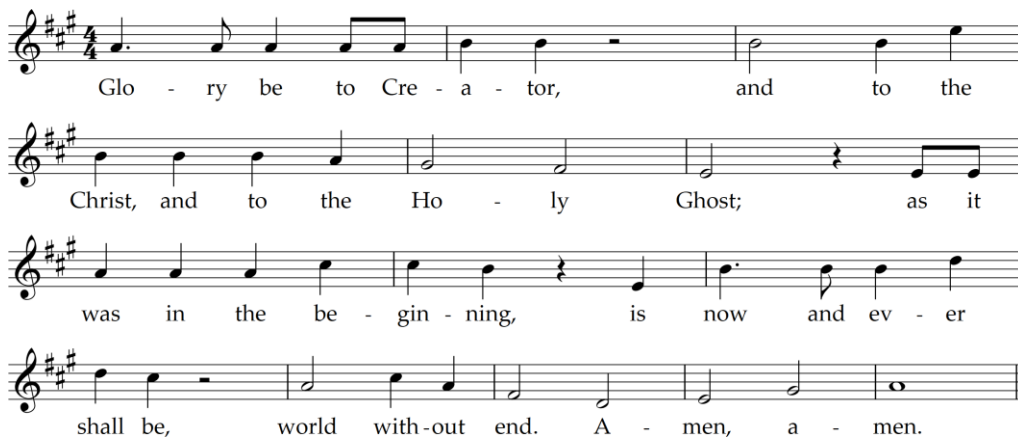
May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

*Response to Grace

GLORIA CREATOR

MEINEKE



Anthem

When in Our Music God Is Glorified
The Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Mary McDonald

Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Illuminating Spirit, guide our hearts and minds as we hear the Word and the words today. Help us find what we seek today as your word is proclaimed. And show us what has been lost to us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 NRSV

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights and toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish; they do not know me; they are like ones with no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil but do not know how to do good." I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos, and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. For thus says the LORD: the whole land shall be a desolation, yet I will make a full end. Because of this

in the public domain.

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 Betsy Kisler, 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: September Schedule

It does not matter where you are in your spiritual journey or how much you know about the bible, please consider joining us at Bible Basics this fall. All are welcome.

Wednesdays
6:15 p.m. on Zoom.

This summer our discussions have been 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 shares well known bible stories using history, geography, and archaeology to help in our understanding. It has been a wonderful study. Here are our topics for the next two weeks:

- From our continuing video series, *The History and Archaeology of the Bible*.
 - September 14 – The Persian Era
 - September 21 – The Empire of Alexander the Great

This past year we have enjoyed several on-line bible studies created by Yale Divinity School. We are returning to this source for an 8-week study of Isaiah from September 28 until Thanksgiving week. This study will look at major themes in chapters 1-39 and will run until Thanksgiving.

In Advent, we will return to the video series *The History and Archaeology of the Bible* with lessons focused on Jesus' birth and ministry.

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

the earth shall mourn and the heavens above grow black, for I have spoken; I have purposed; I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Director of Christian Education Elder Kristy Woodrow

Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

"Becoming Found"

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)

Selected by Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

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We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every gender, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott

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Our God is a generous God. Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

Offertory

Impromptu

Louis Vierne

To share your treasure, please visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now;" use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEqm>; 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 your Spir - it, may we off - er glimpses of your kin - dom here.

Prayers of the People

Adapted from *Spill the Beans, Issue 44*
retrieved from: www.spillthebeans.org/uk

Merciful and Mighty God, your offer of unconditional love and forgiveness overwhelms us and humbles us. We are grateful to know that there is nowhere we can go that you will not find us and nothing we can do that you will not forgive. We pray for our world, for people and situations where your love and your healing touch is needed. We hold before you the faithful people continuing the work of your kingdom, taking the good news to all who need it today and who continue to share your love with people and help them come to know you and follow you. We pray especially for the people who continue to do this work in places where they are not welcome and where persecution and physical danger is a constant threat to their work. We are grateful for your worldwide church, for people and places where your love is taught and lived out daily. We pray especially for those whose ministry is seeking out lost souls and helping them find their way back to you, even when that does not necessarily bring them back to the church. We offer our prayers for people and situations around the world where your loving presence is needed. For people seeking you and longing to know you as we do. For situations where natural disaster or war and threats of violence make life a daily struggle and where your presence is needed by so many. We pray especially for all who work in these areas and who try to show your love by acts of kindness and compassion. Lord, we are grateful to the great cloud of witnesses who have faithfully served you over the centuries. For all, the young, the old, and every age in between, who have taught us and continue to teach us how to live and act in the world. May we continue to be your faithful people, loving and serving in the world, revealing your kingdom here and now. And with the company of all those who have gone before us and those who are with us now, let us say the words that Christ himself taught us, saying...

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.

Anthem Text

Author: Fred Pratt Green

Alleluia!

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia.

So has the church in spoken word and song, in faith and love through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!

Praise him with the trumpet; Praise him with strings; praise him with cymbal; praise him with singing; let everything that has breath praise God!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always, Alleluia! Amen!

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 Service

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

See e-news, website or Facebook

MusikGarten

Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Zoom

Kirkwood Choir

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., CE Building 301

Congregational Informational Meeting

Today, 10:35 a.m. Sanctuary

Caring Closet

Sundays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 15,

Prom Night – 4:30 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

Deacons Outreach Committee

Monday, 6:00 p.m. Fireplace Room

Deacons Mission Connection Committee

Monday, 6:30 p.m. Von Maur Hall

Board of Deacons Meeting

Monday, 7:00 p.m. Von Maur Hall

Boy Scouts Troop 7

Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Gym and Fellowship Hall

Church Staff Meeting

Lunch and Learn

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

Von Maur Hall, Hybrid Zoom

Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. Zoom

Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

Women of Hope Bible Study

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. Parlor

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

PUNCH Leaders Meeting

Thursday, 1:00 pm.

Hybrid Zoom, Von Maur Hall

Vesper Bells Rehearsal

Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

FPC Families S'Mores Party

Friday, 6:30 p.m., Greim's House

1660 W 51st ST Davenport

Meet-n-Greet with DCE Kristy Woodrow

Sunday, September 18

10:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Chamber Chorale

Sunday, September 18

11:20 a.m. Choir Room

Newcomers' Inquiry

Sunday, September 18

12:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn #396

O for a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS

1. O for a closer walk with God, a sweet calm
2. Re- turn, O ho- ly Dove, re- turn, sweet calm
3. The dear- est i- dol be- close with God, what calm
4. So shall my walk be with God, calm

calm and heaven- ly frame, a light to shine up -
mes - sen - ger of rest! I hate the sins that
e'er that i - dol be, help me pur - er tear it
and se - rene my frame; so pur - er tear it shall

on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
made thee mourn that and drew thee from my breast.
from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
mark the the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*Charge and Benediction

Friends, even in moments we felt lost, we have never been. For there is nowhere we can go from God's presence. As we go from this moment of worship, we are reminded of the calling to continue to be found and to help seek out those who feel lost in all ways. For that is what it means to be the body of Christ. So let us go, let us live, let us seek, let us love. In the name of the Creator, of the Redeemer, and of the Sustainer, Amen.

Sending Anthem

A Gaelic Blessing
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

Postlude

Triumphal March

Robert Lind

Welcome Reception for Director of Christian Education Kristy Woodrow

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

Newcomers' Inquiry

Sunday September 18 at 12:30 p.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.

Informational Meeting of the Congregation, Sunday, September 11, 2022 - TODAY

The Session has scheduled an Informational Meeting of the Congregation for today - Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 10:35 AM, following morning worship. We hope you will want to attend. You can attend in person or on Zoom.

These reports are on our agenda today: PNC update, CEFY, Adult Christian Ed, the Deacons, Congregational Development and Fellowship, Buildings and Grounds, and the Finance Committee.

Hear about

- opportunities for Christian education for children and adults
- fellowship activities
- mission opportunities
- our financial position
- the search for our new Pastor/Head of Staff and Director of Christian Education.

This meeting is different than a called meeting of the congregation. No official business will be conducted. No motions will be appropriate.

Zoom log-in: Informational Meeting of the Congregation

Time: Sep 11, 2022 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82873447653?pwd=UG5xYlc5OXoyaTA1bVU5SXlwUIBnQT09>

Meeting ID: 828 7344 7653

Passcode: 447873

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.

Library Committee:

Kirk Christie (chair)
Bev Koos
Vicki Stegall

Dan Breinich
Irene Huffman

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.

S’more Fun with FPC Families!

Calling all Families! Join us on Friday Sept 16th 6:30-8:30 for fellowship, food, fun and S’mores!

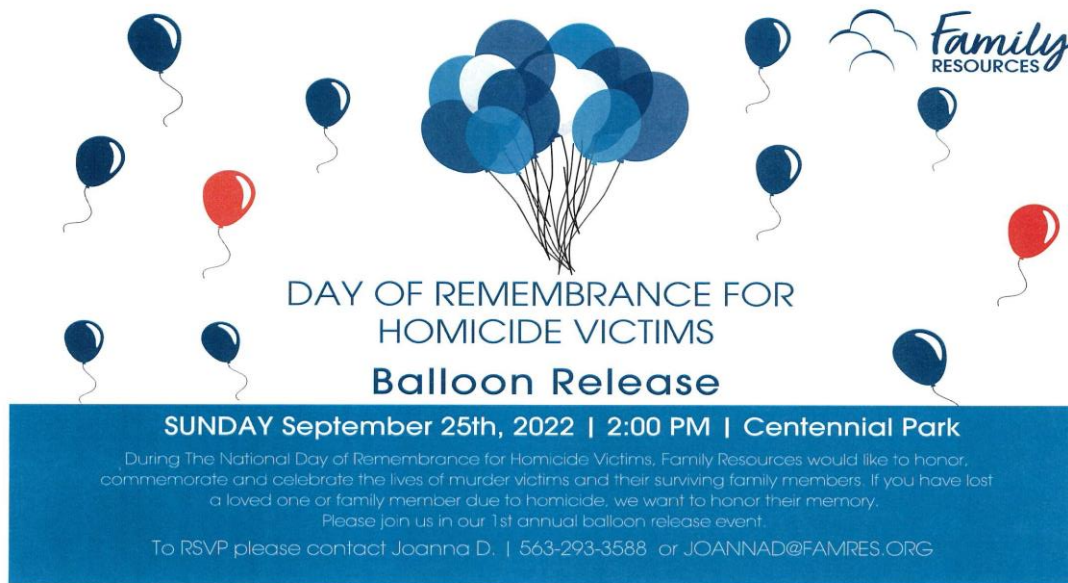
Where: The Greim’s Residence: 1660 W 51st ST Davenport, IA 52806 Please bring a dish to share. We will have s’more fixings and the main dish. RSVP to Sarah Greim segreim@gmail.com so we have enough food!

Let’s kick off this year with “s’more”fellowship!

Memorial to the Lost

Centennial Park for Balloon Release

September 25



	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.

The Organ Swell Shade Project

This week, The Bogue Pipe Organ Company finished an overdue repair for FPC's own Magnusson Memorial Organ. The pneumatic shade operators of our Casavant Frères Organ were in such a state of disrepair that the shades of our enclosed divisions were constantly open and not operational. This removed the dynamic possibilities for thousands of the pipes in our organ. The Worship and Music Committee recently approved a contract to replace these old broken mechanisms with new, electric motor operators. Aaron Bogue of The Bogue Pipe Organ Company spent the last two weeks installing these new motors and calibrating them to work perfectly. This project has given us back the rich possibilities of sound for choral accompaniment and solo repertoire.