

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 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 Kiiikaapoi, Myaamia, Očhéthi 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.



Ferdinand Bol (1616-1680), "Judah and Tamar" (1653) | Pushkin Museum, Moscow

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

Genesis 38:13-19, 24-27

Luke 1: 26-38

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Mike Bawden

Prelude

My Lord, What a Morning

Richard Billingham

Our Staff

Rev. Elissa Bailey
Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
Bridging Pastors
Rev. Pat Halverson*
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Kristy Woodrow
Director of Christian Education
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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

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

In this new season, in this new moment, in this new turning to God,

We gather.

In an old story, in an old promise, in an old truth,

We gather.

In a fresh word for our time, in a fresh hope for our world,

In a fresh invitation into life,

We gather.

In God, and God's great love, in Jesus, and in the Advent promise,

In Spirit, and in a new hearing,

We gather. We wait. Worship.

*Hymn #2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and
peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King. Born to reign in us for - ev - er,
Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal
la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -
ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

For Tamar who was cheated and devised and created a cunning plan,

We come and light the Advent Candle.

For Tamar who conceived the child she wanted and exposed a faithless man,

We come and light the Advent Candle.

For all who make the best of life by doing what they can,

We come and light the Advent Candle.

We light this first Advent Candle now, this candle of hope,

So it will shine for all to see.

Let us pray: Almighty God, we light this first candle of hope this day in remembrance of all who have come before us, those who will come after us, and those among us now who have had to face the hard road before them and walk forward. We remember, O God, that you were with Tamar then and you are with us now. Because of the gift for which we anxiously wait, we are called to live in hope. And so, in name of the one who brings, gives, and is hope, we pray. **Amen.**

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

We gather our hearts, our minds, and our words to lift before God what separates us from one another and from God. We do so while knowing God is a God of love and a God of hope. Let us confess our sin before God.

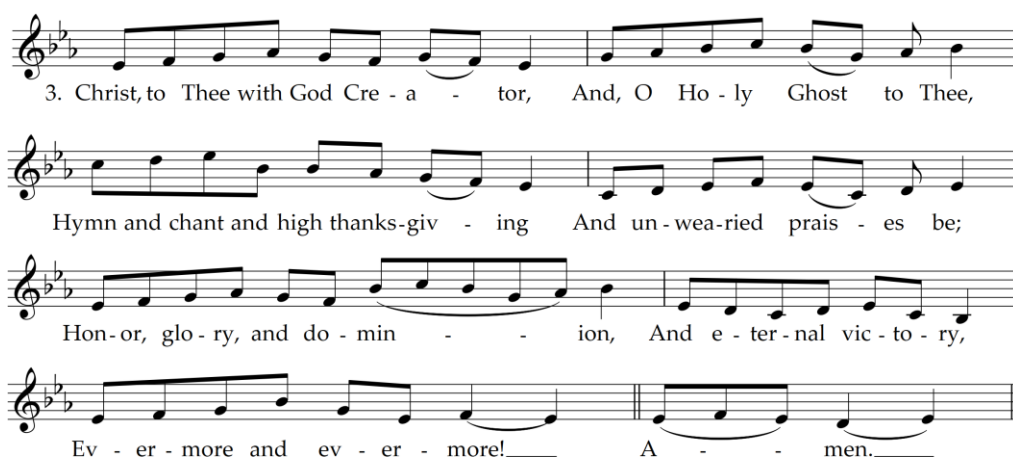
Prayer of Confession

All hopeful God, you are the God of risk-taking. As we gather today to remember and celebrate the life of Tamar and Mary, we remember the way you called them to be risk-takers in their worlds, yet in two very different ways. You, O God, even took a risk in giving us free will. How often we misuse it. How often we risk-take for the wrong reasons instead of risk-taking for reasons of love. Help us to learn from our mistakes and show us your path ahead. In Christ's name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's greatest gift of risk is coming and we anxiously await. Friends, in this season of Advent and waiting for God's gift to come, let us remember the love that God has for us and let us find ways to help others feel love and cherished by God. For it is through this love we are forgiven. Amen! **Thanks be to God!**

*Response to Grace Of the Father's Love Begotten (Verse 3) DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



3. Christ, to Thee with God Cre - a - tor, And, O Ho - ly Ghost to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing And un - wea-ried prais - es be;
Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - - men.

Listen for God's Word

Children's Message

Director of Christian Education Elder Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

Most amazing God, show us your will and your way through the Word presented to us this day. Open our hearts and minds that we might hear your calling on our lives. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lesson from the New Testament

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting might be. The angel said to her,

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 Juanita White Daugherty Briggs, Gayle Allard, Betty Nelson, Eleanor Beadles White, Kathy Goldsmith (Ruth Rensberger's daughter), 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 John Timm and family, Brandon Bufe, Allison Kennedy, Dylan's grandmother, Roberta Shadensack, Julia Pedigo, Jim Woods, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, Erin Middleton Cavan, Danielle, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Gloria Osborne, Hudson Stoner, Dorothy Downing (Patrick's grandmother), Julie Bennett (Nancy Foster's Sister), 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 Cabrera 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 contact 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 a joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coatrack near the church office.

Bible Basics – Study of Isaiah

Currently, we are studying the Old Testament book, Isaiah, using a course available from Yale Divinity School. This particular study looks at major themes in Isaiah, chapters 1-39. Here is the link to the study guide, discussion questions and video: [First Isaiah | Yale Bible Study](#). Then join us for the discussion on Wednesday night.

Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information.

Here is the Zoom link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJuY3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

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Adult Christian Education

Sundays, 10:35 a.m.

Hybrid Zoom

Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BBMU1PdHErVENEZnVsQT09>

Meeting ID: 87142275458
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“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 38: 13-19, 24-27

When Tamar was told, “Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep,” she put off her widow’s garments, put on a veil, wrapped herself up, and sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. She saw that Shelah was grown up, yet she had not been given to him in marriage. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a prostitute, for she had covered her face. He went over to her at the roadside and said, “Come, let me into you.” For he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, “What will you give me, that you may come in to me?” He answered, “I will send you a kid from the flock.” And she said, “Only if you give me a pledge until you send it.” He said, “What pledge shall I give you?” She replied, “Your signet and your cord and the staff that is in your hand.” So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. Then she got up and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

About three months later Judah was told, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar has prostituted herself; moreover, she is pregnant as a result of prostitution.” And Judah said, “Bring her out, and let her be burned.” As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, “It was the owner of these who made me pregnant.” And she said, “Take note, please, whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff.” Then Judah acknowledged them and said, “She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he did not lie with her again. When the time of her delivery came, there were twins in her womb.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Without Whom: Tamar

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Respond to God’s Word

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of grace and mercy...

Lord's Prayer

And now, let us join our voices together as we pray the words Christ taught us to pray, saying:

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 let us not fall into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

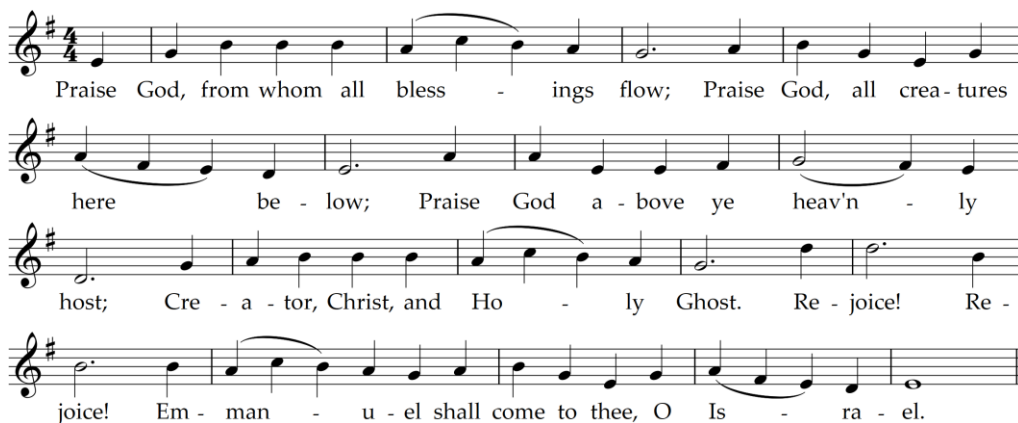
Parent God, you have given us life and love, you are generous beyond measure. We bring to you our offerings, may they help to build your kingdom, here and now. They are but a sign of all that we offer, may be generous with our time and talents taking the light of Jesus with us wherever we go this week. Amen.

Offertory

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Arr. Mark Hayes
Kristine Oswald – Soprano, Alex Gilson – Piano

To share your treasure, please visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now" or use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEqm>; or mail your check in to the church office.

*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be - low; Praise God a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn #309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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Today's liturgical elements are from the liturgy: *Spill the Beans*, Issue 45, retrieved from: www.spillthebeans.org.uk and the Book of Confessions.

Vaccine Booster and Flu Shot

The Pandemic Task Force strongly recommends and encourages our community to stay up to date on your immunization and receive your COVID-19 booster shot when appropriate and your influenza vaccine at your soonest convenience. Both shots are readily available from area pharmacies; consult your physician with any questions. Let's all stay healthy this fall and winter!

Your church staff members are doing their part: all church staff are up to date on both COVID boosters (when appropriate) and flu shots. Your staff is working to keep you safe – please help to keep them safe, too!

Weekly Program Schedule

For details, check the online calendar
<https://www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar/>

Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Online Worship Watch Party
See e-News, website or Facebook

MusikGarten

In Recess

Kirkwood Choir

In Recess

Adult Christian Education

10:45 a.m.

Von Maur Hall

Sunday School

In Recess

Nursery

Thursdays 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Sundays 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Chamber Chorus

10:45 a.m. Sanctuary

Caring Closet

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Fridays, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Toy Fest Tuesday 12/6 @ 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Gym

Scout Troop 7/Scout Troop 1107

Monday, 6:00 p.m.

Gym, Game Room, Fellowship Hall, Library

Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.

Von Maur Hall, Hybrid Zoom

Bible Basics 201

Wednesday 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Foundation BOT

Thursday 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Vesper Bells Rehearsal

Thursday 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Choir Room

Presbytery of Eastern Iowa Meeting

Thursday 6:00 via Zoom

Cocoa & Caring

Tuesday 12/6 3:00-5:00

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the world be - gan to be,
2. O ye heights of heav'n a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;
3. Oh, that birth for - ev - er blessed when the vir - gin, full of grace,
He is Al - pha and O - meg - a, He the source, the end - ing He,
Pow'r's, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King;
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - cei - ving, bore the Sa - vior of our race,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his sac - red face
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - - - men.

*Charge and Benediction

May God send us out this day to take risks, to speak truth to power, to unbind those who are bound, and be committed to following the way of Jesus.

God bless us as we go to walk in the way of Jesus. May our spirits continue to guide us and encourage us in our risk taking. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Postlude

March Triomphale

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Nursery News

At long last, FPC Davenport nursery is open! Our nursery staff absolutely love working with kids and have lots of experience taking care of little ones! The nursery will be open most Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 9 pm and Sunday mornings from 8:45 to 12 noon. All children that visit the nursery must have a nursery information form filled out – these will be available upon sign-in at the nursery or email Kristy at woodrow@fpcdavenport.org for a form to fill out ahead of time. We are excited to get this ministry going again and appreciate your patience until this point! If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery on occasion, please reach out to Kristy as well.

Boy Scout Troop 7 and Girls' Troop 1107 are back in our church building!

First Presbyterian's 110-year-old Boy Scout Troop 7 and our brand-new Girls' Troop 1107 are seeking youth to become members. The troops meet in the FPC gymnasium, Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Spread the word around! All are welcome.

Catch the Bus for the Clinton Christmas Lights Dec 2 at 5:00 PM

Our Travel Fellowship is back on the road again! Join the Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee on Friday Dec 2 for dinner (pay on your own) at Clinton's Candlelight Restaurant overlooking the Mississippi River before continuing up to Eagle Point Park to cast your eyes on thousands of Christmas lights following a magical path of displays through the park.

\$20 per person is all it takes for your seat on our school bus. Tickets are transferable, but non-refundable. Sign up & pay (cash or check) in Fellowship Hall during Nov 12 after Sunday Worship. (or until all seats are sold). For further information contact Linda Meadors 309-235-5806

Angel Tree Season

It is time once again to help our friends at Bethany for Children and Families by providing Angel Tree gifts!

Starting November 20th following the service, you may select one or more tags from the tree located in Fellowship Hall. PLEASE sign your name and cell number so we know where the tags have gone and can contact you if necessary.

Gifts are to be placed UNWRAPPED in a gift bag, with the tag attached to the outside of each bag. Gifts are due back at the church by Tuesday December 6th.

Thank you for making a difference in a child's life this Christmas!

Pastor Kathy's Remote Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m./

Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00 p.m./Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85045399699?pwd=aWVxZjR3dIM2NnRveFhsYWk4aVFXQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 4539 9699 Passcode: 709546

If you need assistance to enter the zoom room,

Church Administrative Assistant Susan Parker will set up a zoom call for you in a room at the church. Susan's phone number is (563) 326-1691 x200

Year-End Reminder

We ask all of our members to fulfill their 2022 pledge prior to December 31. Donors must deliver checks on or by Friday, December 30, in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2022. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2023 (January 1) will not qualify for a charitable deduction in 2022, even if the check is predated to or actually written in 2022.

However, under the so-called "mailbox exception," checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2022 will be deductible in 2022 though they are not received by the church until 2023.

As always, thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at olson@fpcdavenport.org or 563.326.1691 Ext. 219.

Way to Affect Church Giving

It is your gracious financial commitment to FPC that allows FPC to continue its ministries and missions to help support church members, community, and staff. With new technology and changes in tax law, the very meaningful act of placing your gift in the offering plate each Sunday is no longer the only way to financially support FPC. For anyone looking for alternative ways to give, below are additional options to affect giving to FPC:

- Donate online by visiting www.fpcdavenport.org
- Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)
- Gifting Stock

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2023 Stewardship Pledge Campaign Update

"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are renewed every morning; **great is your faithfulness.**" - Lamentations 3:21-23

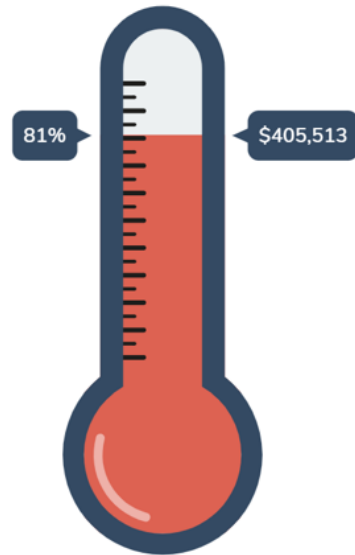
Giving, one of the ultimate acts of faith, demonstrates our belief in God who helps us provide for and serve others. Giving manifests our faith in First Presbyterian's role in God's future.

Already, your generosity and commitment to the many missions of FPC have resulted in 129 confirmed pledges totaling \$405,513. If you have returned your 2023 Stewardship Cards or set-up your online pledge already: a sincere thank you!

We realize many tune into our worship services virtually and so you can also show your faith in God's future by **pledging online or returning your pledge card. We hope to reach our goal of \$500,000 by November 30, 2022.**

If you want help setting up your online pledge, please contact Kristine Olson, Finance Manager, at olson@fpdavenport.org or (563) 326-1691 x219.

GOAL: \$500,000



	October 2022		October 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 62,325	\$ 46,002	\$ 89,565	\$ 41,520
Custodial Accounts Income	5,786	-	4,070	-
Compensation Expenses	(49,146)	(55,148)	(35,343)	(51,690)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(16,052)	(14,452)	(10,720)	(12,482)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(5,786)	-	(4,070)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$2,873)	(\$23,598)	\$43,502	(\$22,652)
PPP2 Grant	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,873)	(\$23,598)	\$43,502	(\$22,652)
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 485,636	\$ 529,656	\$ 635,566	\$ 524,594
Custodial Accounts Income	90,476	-	35,276	-
Compensation Expenses	(437,753)	(498,856)	(386,797)	(438,556)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(191,274)	(228,936)	(161,559)	(172,645)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(90,474)	-	(35,276)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$143,389)	(\$198,136)	\$87,210	(\$86,607)
PPP2 Grant	108,000	108,000	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$35,389)	(\$90,136)	\$87,210	(\$86,607)

All numbers are rounded.

Chancel Guild Announcement About Poinsettias

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, the Chancel Guild will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be a part of this wonderful tradition, please complete and return the form below to the church office or place in the offering plate. The deadline for making memorials is Wednesday, November 30. You are welcome to pick up your poinsettia after the service on either Sunday, December 25th, or Sunday, January 1st, or leave it for another congregation member to enjoy.

In Memory or Honor of: _____
(Circle one)

Given by: _____