



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023
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.



Pieter Breugel (1564-1638), "Preaching of St. John the Baptist," | Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest

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

Isaiah 49:17 Psalm 40:1-11 1Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude	<i>Allegro con brio</i> from Organ Sonata no. 4	Felix Mendelssohn
Welcome and Announcements		Patrick Downing
Minute for Mission		Glen Roebuck
Minute for Fellowship		Linda Meadors
Prelude	<i>Andante Religioso</i>	Felix Mendelssohn

Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Head of Staff

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

Finance Manager

Becky Lopez*

Accounting Assistant

Susan Parker

Church Administrative Assistant

Darren Long

Facilities & Custodial Supervisor

Kevin Wilson

Custodian

Chad Dean*

Custodian

Nichole Kerker*

Nursery Coordinator

Kelley Wohlers*

Nursery Caregiver

** Part-time employee*

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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

To all searching for grace and truth,

Come and see!

To all searching for meaning and purpose,

Come and see!

To all searching for courage and faith,

Come and see!

To all searching for abundant life,

Come and see!

Come, worship the Lord our God in joy!

*Hymn #430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,
3. Let cour - age be our friend, Let wis - dom be our guide,
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
Em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
As we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

based on Psalm 49 and Psalm 40

God, who knit us in the womb, knows us completely. God inclines towards us and hears our cry. Let us now confess our sins to our merciful God who knows us and loves us completely.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and gracious God, we confess that we often doubt your plans and your faithfulness, attempting to plan our own lives in our own time rather than trusting in your great wisdom and timing.

Forgive us...

...for the times we have acted in haste and neglected to listen for your voice in our haste

...for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs,

...for the times we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ,

...for the times we have turned away from your children in need.

...for the many ways we fail to follow Jesus each day.

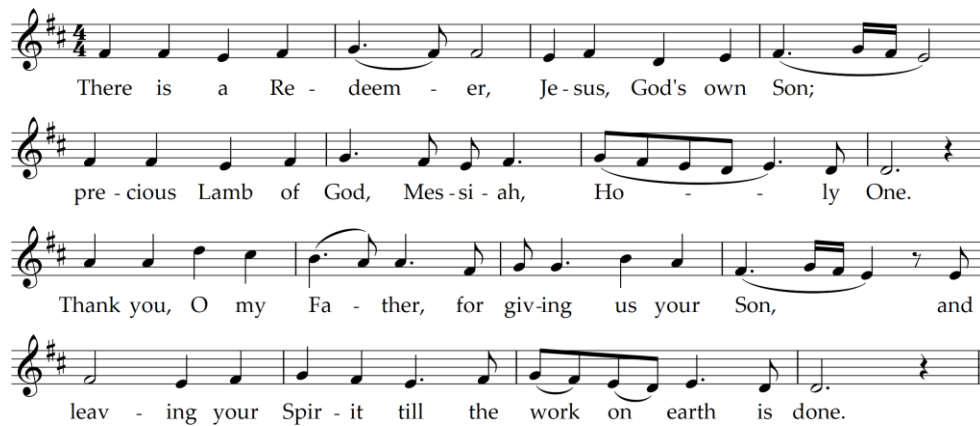
Forgive us, Lord, and invite us again to come and see; to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance

Based on Psalm 40

Hear the good news of the gospel: God will not withhold mercy from us. The steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is with us, now and forever.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen



Listen for God's Word

Children's Message

Director of Christian Education

Elder Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

As we listen for to your Word today, Lord God, we ask that you open our hearts and minds. May we understand these scriptures so fully that we cannot help but respond in faith, hope, wonder and love. Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 49: 1-6

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb, he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the ear.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lesson from the Gospels

John 1: 29-39

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit'. And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples

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 Dwight Wood, Juanita White Daugherty Briggs, Gayle Allard, Betty Nelson, Eleanor Beadles White, Kathy Goldsmith (Ruth Rensberger's daughter), Larry 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 Krik Christie, Lorraine Sewick, John Timm and family, Brandon Bufe, Allison Kennedy, Dylan's grandmother, Karlyn Gomes (Jeff Gomez's mother) Roberta Shadensack, Julia Pedigo, Jim Woods, 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 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 SHAWL GROUP

The Prayer Shawl Group is meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Karla Jones is hosting the group in her home, 5910 Crow Valley Park Drive, Davenport.

All who are interested in making prayer shawls for the church or blankets, hats or sweaters for Knit for Kids are welcome to attend. Questions, contact Karla Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-349-4000).

Bible Basics – January 2023

Are you looking to fulfill a New Year's resolution to learn more about the bible? Join us at Bible Basics. We continue to meet remotely on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 PM. We are currently watching a video series, *History and Archaeology of the Bible*. You do not need to have seen any of the previous videos in this series to appreciate those coming up. Join us.

January 18

Jesus and John the Baptist

January 25

The Ministry of Jesus

In February, we will start a study of Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Please contact Mark Jones (mjkjones@mchsi.com) for more information. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmcwcmFJuZ09a3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdD09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977
Passcode: 215593

Adult Christian Education

Sundays, 10:35 a.m.

Hybrid Zoom

Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BBMU1PdHcrVENEZnVsQT09>

Meeting ID: 87142275458
Passcode: 1702

On 15 we will complete our study of **Advent in Plain Sight** and then on January 22 and 29 we will turn back to our study of the **Heidelberg Catechism** that we began in the fall. We hope to

heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

At the River Aaron Copland/R. Wilding White
The Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

Come and See

Rev. Dr. Kris Ward

Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

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

Offertory

Adagio from Organ Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

To share your treasure, you may use the offering plate that is placed in the narthex; or you may visit the church website at www.fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now;" or you may use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEqm>; or you may mail your check to the church office; or you may donate directly from your phone:



*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low; praise
God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; cre-a-tor Christ and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our care and concern for those in need. Use these gifts to as you see fit to support the ongoing work of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond.

With thanksgiving and joy, we offer our gifts, our thanks and our praise to the Lord our God. Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Devine

SHOWALTER

1. What a fel-low ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-
last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. *Refrain* Lean-ing,
lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing,
lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

The Peace of God
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

Postlude

Improvisation on "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Alex Gilson

have an open conversation with
Pastor Kris Schondelmeyer on
February 5.

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Anthem Text

Text: Robert Lowry

Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel's feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God.

Yes we'll gather by the river, the
beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That Flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Yes we'll gather by the river
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God,
that flows by the throne of God.

Weekly Program Schedule

<https://www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar/>

Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

Online Worship Watch Party

See e-News, website or Facebook

MusikGarten

8:30 a.m. Zoom

10:30 a.m. CE Building #307

Nursery Open

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

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

Kirkwood Choir

9:45 a.m. CE Building #301

Sunday School

10:35 a.m. CE Building 3d Floor

Adult Christian Education

10:35 a.m. Von Maur Hall

Chamber Chorale

10:45 a.m. Sanctuary

Caring Closet

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

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

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday

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

Scout Troop 7/Scout Troop 1107

Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Gym, Game Room, Fellowship Hall, Library

Bible Basics 201

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

Vesper Bells

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Newcomer's Inquiry

Newcomer's Inquiry will be held on January 22, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. We invite anyone interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or exploring the possibility of becoming a church member. This event offers an opportunity to ask questions and meet some members of our congregation and leaders. This does not require making a membership decision. Please let the church office know if you are interested in attending @ 563-326-1691.

Donate Directly from Your Phone!

First Presbyterian Church makes it easy to donate online! Simply open the camera app on your smartphone, take a photo of the QR Code below, and follow the link to our online giving site.



Ways to Give to First Presbyterian Church

It is your generous financial commitment to First Pres 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 give to FPC:

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

As always, thank you for your continued support of First Presbyterian Church. For specific instructions or 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.



Blessing Box Drive

January 16, 2023

KWQC – TV 6

805 Brady Street Davenport, Iowa

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

“A Box Full of Blessings”

Please be a blessing to other by donating

Items Needed

Personal Products

Tooth paste/brushes
Mouthwash
Deodorant
Soap/Body Wash
Lotion/Vaseline
Shampoo/Conditioner
Sanitizer

Cleaning Products

Bathroom Cleaners
Household Cleaners
Disinfectant Wipes
Dish Detergent

Paper Products

Paper towels
Toilet Paper
Kleenex

Laundry Products

Detergent
Bleach
Fabric Softener

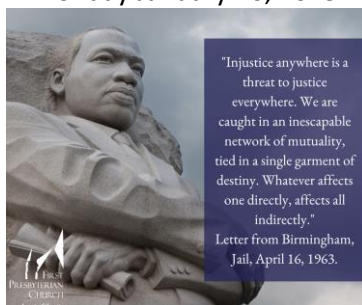
It's Carnival Sunday Time at First Church Jan 22 9:30 AM

Celebrate **Carnival Sunday Jan 22nd 9:30** with New Orleans music, Mardi Gras fun and a delicious brunch after worship. In the United States the principal Carnival celebration is in New Orleans, where the Carnival season opens on Twelfth Night (January 6) and climaxes with the Mardi Gras festivities commencing 10 days before Shrove Tuesday. For the third time, we have invited husband and wife Jazz duo **Jeff** (piano) and **Anne** (flute, vocals) **Barnhart** guest artists along with our Sanctuary Choir and organist, Alex, to lead this jazzy musical service. Our Sunday School children will get in on the action for the family friendly annual celebration.

Sponsored by your Congregational Development/Fellowship and Music/Worship Committees be prepared for great music, and delicious food! Immediately following the service, follow the parade down into Fellowship Hall for a light meal including Jambalaya, and piece of the famous King Cake. A free-will offering for brunch will be taken.

MLK OBSERVANCE

In observance of Martin Luther Kings Birthday the church office will be closed
Monday January 16, 2023.



Please Remember:

Complete your Building Use Forms for 2023

As the calendar turns to the new year, we all need to fill out new Building Use Forms for 2023.

Recurring meetings, one-time meetings, events, meals, gatherings, parties, receptions, classes, discussion groups, book studies, prayer meetings (Even if we've been meeting in the building for decades):

ALL of us need to complete new Building Use Forms for 2023.

Blank forms are available from Church Administrative Assistant Susan Parker or from Facilities Supervisor Darren Long.

Many, many thanks!

Boy Scout Troop 7 is 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.

2023 Stewardship Pledge Campaign Update

GOAL: \$500,000

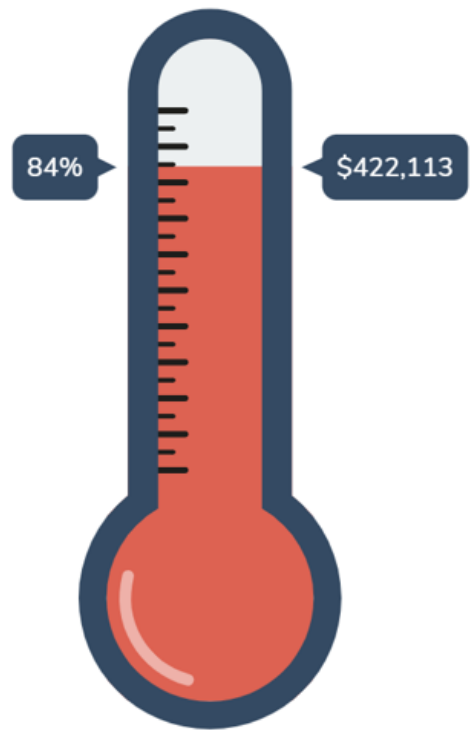
"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are renewed every morning; **great is your faithfulness.**" - Lamentations 3:21-23

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.

Your generosity and commitment to the many missions of FPC has resulted in 144 confirmed pledges totaling \$422,113. If you have returned your 2023 Stewardship Cards or set-up your online pledge already: **a sincere thank you!**

We're making great progress! We've surpassed the number of 2022 pledgers and we've reached 84% of our goal! Prayerfully, we hope to reach our finish line soon. We realize many tune into our worship services virtually and have not been able to turn in your pledge card. **You can still show your faith in God's future by pledging online or sending a picture of your pledge card to Kristine Olson at olson@fpcdavenport.org.**

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



	November 2022		November 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 68,520	\$ 62,522	\$ 35,125	\$ 67,130
Custodial Accounts Income	8,992	-	5,473	-
Compensation Expenses	(51,805)	(55,148)	(39,452)	(48,534)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(16,799)	(17,502)	(25,018)	(15,397)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(8,992)	-	(5,473)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$84)	(\$10,128)	(\$29,345)	\$3,199
PPP2 Grant	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$84)	(\$10,128)	(\$29,345)	\$3,199
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 554,155	\$ 592,178	\$ 670,691	\$ 591,724
Custodial Accounts Income	99,468	-	40,749	-
Compensation Expenses	(489,558)	(554,004)	(426,251)	(487,090)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(208,070)	(246,438)	(186,576)	(188,042)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(99,468)	-	(40,749)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$143,473)	(\$208,264)	\$57,864	(\$83,408)
PPP2 Grant	108,000	108,000	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$35,473)	(\$100,264)	\$57,864	(\$83,408)

All numbers are rounded.