



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 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.

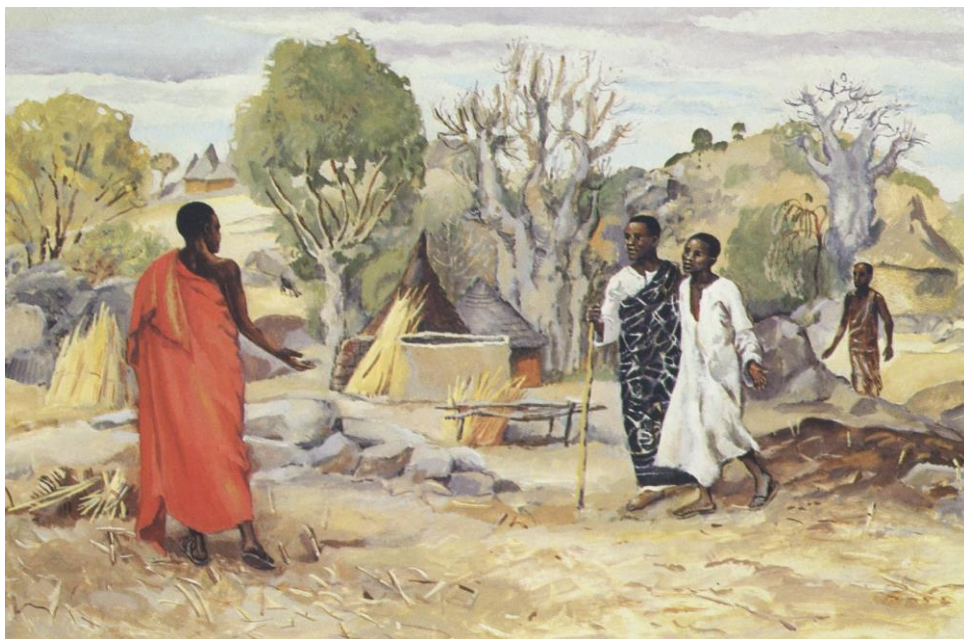
**We are a
Matthew 25 church**



Matthew 25 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, Ojéhéthi 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 First Two Disciples"

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.

The Church Gathers To...

Prelude

Lebhaft

Paul Hindemith

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Introit

God Is Gone Up with a Shout
The Sanctuary Choir

Eric Thiman

Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Pastor/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

Who do we follow...a teacher?

Jesus was a good teacher, full of wisdom and truth, a moral compass and a compassionate guide for this journey of life.

Who do we follow...a prophet?

Jesus was indeed a prophet speaking truth to power, bringing God's Word of love, justice and freedom for this journey of life.

Who do we follow...a friend?

Jesus is certainly a friend to outcasts and sinners, feeding the weak and lightening the load for this journey of life.

Who do we follow?

We follow Jesus, the Savior of the world, for He is so much more. He takes the very least of us and makes the very most of us for this journey of life.

*Hymn #361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3. "When through the deep waters, I will call thee to go,
 5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
 Is laid for am thy sor in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 For The riv - ers of God, will still give thee aid;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
 What I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 For That I soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to bless, shake,
 To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 I'll ne - ver, no, ne - ver, no, ne - ver for - sake."

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

Call to Confession

We are all human and we all fall short of the glory of God, individually and as a society. But it is God's nature to forgive us. God desires reconciliation, with God and with each other. God created us to be compassionate humans with clean hearts. So, let us humble ourselves as we go to God in our prayer of confession and reconciliation. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

God of each of us, God of all of us, we confess that being the church is hard. We do not all agree about who You are, or how to follow Jesus. We don't agree on what faith means, or how we should spend the church's money. We do not always listen well, and we don't always speak kindly.

Sometimes we forget the truth of the church: we are all one body and we stand together on a strong foundation. We know that every part is needed, every part is honored. Forgive our failings. Forgive our shortsightedness. Forgive our stubbornness. Help us, O God, to be the church. Help us to see the blessing in having these companions on our journey of life and strengthen our love for one another. Amen.

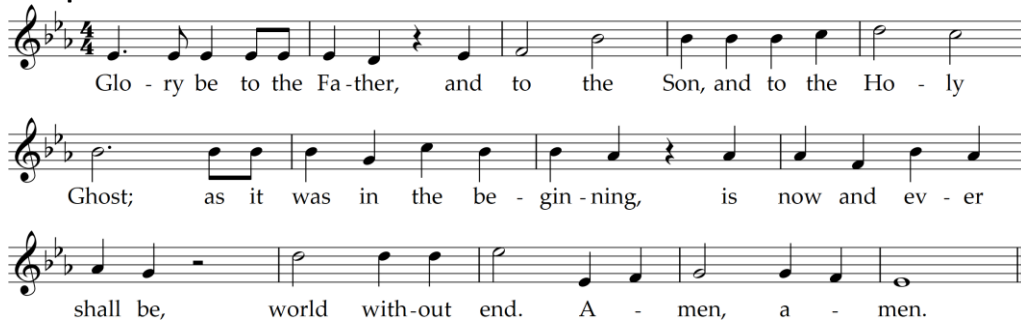
Assurance

In Jesus Christ, God forgives us, knows us and loves us as we are.
We give thanks and choose to be changed by God's amazing grace.

*Response to Grace

Gloria Patri

GREATOR EX



Anthem

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
 The Sanctuary Choir

Libby Larsen

Listen for God's Word

Children's Message

Director of Christian Education Elder Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

Book of Common Worship

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us this day. Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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 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 Kirk Christie, Lorraine Sewick, 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, Karlyn Gomez, David Milnes, Hudson Stoner, Dorothy Downing, Phylis Pecoraro 4 year-old great-granddaughter, Avery, is in need of a heart transplant. 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.

In-Touch 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

Prayer shawls are available for you to give to those you know who are experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coatrack near the main office.

Bible Basics – January 2023

We meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM on Zoom. On January 25th we will finish our video series, *History and Archaeology of the Bible*, with a video called “The Ministry of Jesus.”

On February 1, 2023, we will start an 8-week study of Paul’s letters to the Galatians and the Philippians, using a program offered by Yale Divinity School. If you are able, read the study guide and watch the video for that week’s lesson before the class. If not, join us anyway for our discussion.

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82283095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJuY3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09a3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8309 5977
Passcode: 215593

Adult Sunday School **Sundays, 10:35 a.m.** **Hybrid Zoom**

Zoom Link
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87142275458?pwd=ekt6VTBWd1BBMU1PdHhErVENEZnVsQT09>

Meeting ID: 87142275458
Passcode: 1702

On January 29 we will turn back to our study of the **Heidelberg Catechism** that we began in the fall.

Lesson from the Gospels

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“You Don’t Have to Be on Twitter to Follow Jesus”

Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Respond to God’s Word

Prayers of the People

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 lead us not 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

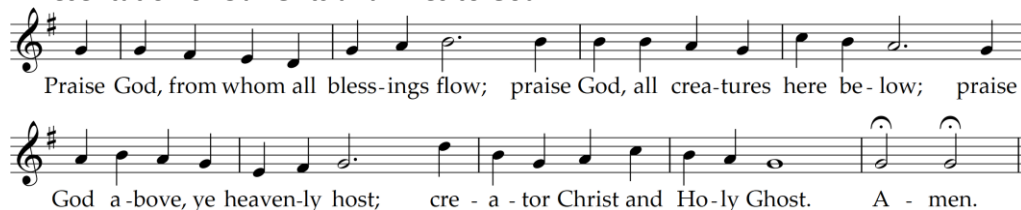
Ruhig bewegt

Paul Hindemith

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**



Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

As part of worship today we take time to ordain and/or install Kristy Owens, Colleen Duenas, and Terri Sheetz who have been elected to the office of Deacon, and Bonnie Johnson, Nathan Kabel, Mark Ruebling, Dan Breinich, Vicki Stegall, and Nancy Chapman who have been elected to the office of Elder.

Questions for Elders/Deacons-elect

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do!

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do!

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will!

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ., under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will!

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with the subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will!

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will!

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do!

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will!

To those elected as elders. Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will!

To those elected as deacons. Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will!

Questions for the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church accept Bonnie Johnson, Nathan Kabel, Mark Ruebling, Dan Breinich, Vicki Stegall, and Nancy Chapman as elders, and Kristy Owens, Colleen Duenas, and Terri Sheetz as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do!

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church?

We do!

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

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Today's liturgical elements are from sources unknown and used in a spirit of gratitude in the worship of God.

Anthem Text

John White Chadwick (1840-1904)

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
Of circling planets singing on their way,
Guide of the nations from the night profound
Into the glory of the perfect day;
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
Guided, and strengthened, and upheld
by Thee.

We are of Thee, the people of Thy love,
Thy children, O thou well-beloved One;
Descend, O Holy Radiance, as a dove
Into our hearts, that we may be as one;
As one with Thee, to whom we ever
tend;
As one with Thee, our brother and our
friend.

We would be one in hatred of all
wrong,
One in our love of all things sweet and
fair;
One with the joy that breaketh into
song,
One with the grief that trembles into
prayer,
One with the pow'r that makes Thy
children free
To follow truth, and thus to follow
Thee.

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 Choral

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.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

*Hymn #377

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

1. You have come up to the lake - shore,
2. You know that I own so lit - tle,
3. You need the car - ing of my hands.
4. You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans,
Look - ing nei - ther for wise nor for wealth - y. You
In my boat there's no mon - ey nor weap - ons, You'll
Through my tired - ness, may oth - ers find rest - ing. You
Ev - er longed for by souls that are wait - ing, My
on - ly want - ed that I should fol - low,
on - ly find there my nets and la - bor.
need a love that just goes on lov - ing.
dear and good friend, as thus You call me.
Refrain
O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me,
And, while smil - ing, have called out my name.
Now my boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me,
Now with You I will seek oth - er seas.

*Charge and Benediction

Sending Anthem

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Arr. Fred Bock

Postlude

Chorale in A minor

César Franck



First Presbyterian Church of Davenport

You are invited to attend a luncheon reception
in appreciation of the ministries of our Bridging Pastors

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala & Rev. Elissa Bailey

**Sunday February 5, 2023
11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall**

Members, Friends & Colleagues are encouraged to attend
and personally thank these faithful saints for their leadership.

A purse will be collected for both Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala and Rev. Elissa Bailey.
Members should designate an amount for each.
Monies should be given to Finance Manager, Kristine Olson by Sunday, February 5th.

Auditions for THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Announcing open auditions for all roles and chorus for First Presbyterian Church-Davenport's Performing Arts Series production of THE ADDAMS FAMILY! Auditions are January 29 and February 5 at 3pm at the church (1702 Iowa St.). Performance dates are July 21-23, with rehearsals set to begin in the spring. To request an audition packet or more information, please email Director of Music Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org). Only songs from the audition packet allowed.

Beginning Handbell Ensemble

Ever been interested in learning the art of handbell ringing? Handbell pro and longtime Vesper Bells member Dianna Darland is launching a class for beginners of all ages! This class will take place most Sundays from 11:20-12:20 in the Chapel. No experience but minimal music-reading experience acquired. To reserve your spot, please contact Director of Music Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org).

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.

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.

Manna and More

Manna & More will also be in recess on February 12 but will resume on March 12. Dates for the breakfast will be the 3rd Sunday of the month in April and May because Easter and Mother's Day fall on the second Sundays.

The requested donation for adults will be \$4.00 beginning in March because of increased food costs. The \$1.00 donation for children 12 and under will remain at this time.

Hope to see you in March!

2023 Stewardship Pledge Campaign Update

GOAL: \$500,000

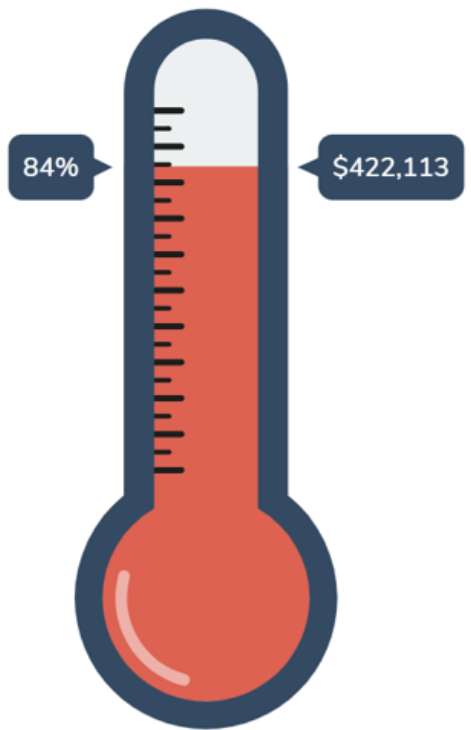
"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are renewed every morning; **great is your faithfulness.**" - Lamentations 3:21-23

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.