



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

6th Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 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,
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.*



Celtic Cross designed by Caitlin Bishop

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	Allegro Vivace from Organ Symphony V	Charles-Marie Widor
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer
Minute for Mission		Paula Hartmann
Introit	Safari na Yesu The Kirkwood Choir	Jeremy Russell

Our Staff

Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Pat Halverson*

Parish Associate

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Sarah Greim & Paula Hartmann

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For more information, see the

e-news, church website or

Facebook www.fpcdavenport.org

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship and Confession

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

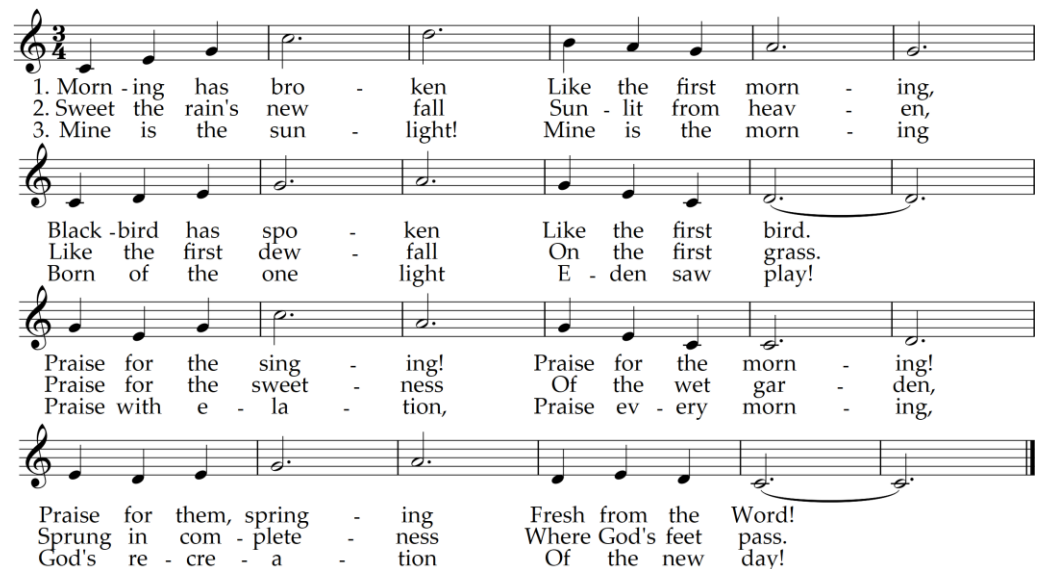
When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

The Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.

*Hymn #469

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

Black - bird has spo - ken Like the first bird.
Like the first dew - fall On the first grass.
Born of the one light E - den saw grass. play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - every morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

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 Israel and God of Jesus Christ, we would not be here if you had not chosen to touch our lives with your love. We cannot hide our wonder that you should choose to enter our world and our lives in person - in Jesus. Yet we confess that we sometimes have trouble in our decision-making when faced with questions of whether we wholeheartedly serve you or not. We are often tempted to put other people and other things first in our lives. We are faced, often daily, with choices which affect how we live as your faithful people, choices about how we share the gifts you have given us.

Forgive us when the choices we make reflect not your glory but our own selfishness. Forgive us when the choices we make revolve around judging or condemning others without first listening to their stories. Gracious and loving God, strengthen us where we are weak with the renewing power of your Spirit so that the choices we make clearly reveal our identity as your faithful people. 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.

Listen for God's Word

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Prayer for Illumination

Source Unknown

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Joshua 24:1-13

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³ Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, ⁴ and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵ Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I brought you out. ⁶ When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷ When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterward you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸ Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹ Then King Balak, son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰ but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you, so I rescued you out of his hand. ¹¹ When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, as well as the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I handed them over to you. ¹² I sent swarms of hornets ahead of you that drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³ I gave you a land on which you had not labored and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards you did not 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, Eleanor Beadles White, Kathy Goldsmith (Ruth Rensberger's daughter), Larry Kisler, Ella Johns, , Gloria Wadsworth, , Bruce Kahler, Jim Calhoun, for God's mercy and grace to touch Kirk Christie, Lorraine Sewick, Brandon Bufe, Allison Kennedy, Dylan's grandmother, Julia Pedigo, Jim Woods, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, Erin Middleton Cavan, Danielle, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Brenda Cole, Karlyn Gomez, David Milnes, Dorothy Downing, Avery (Phylis Pecoraro's 4-year-old great-granddaughter). 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 – February 2023

We are in the midst of an 8-week study of Paul's letters to the Galatians and the Philippians, a program offered by Yale Divinity School. Here is a link to the free lessons.

[Galatians and Philippians | Yale Bible Study](#). Central to this letter is Paul's teaching that we are justified by faith, not the law. On February 15th, Lesson 3 on Galatians will look at Galatians, Chapter 4.

We meet on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM on Zoom.

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

Zoom Link

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

Meeting ID: 87142275458
Passcode: 1702

Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Joshua 24:14-18

¹⁴ "Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Fairweather Fans"

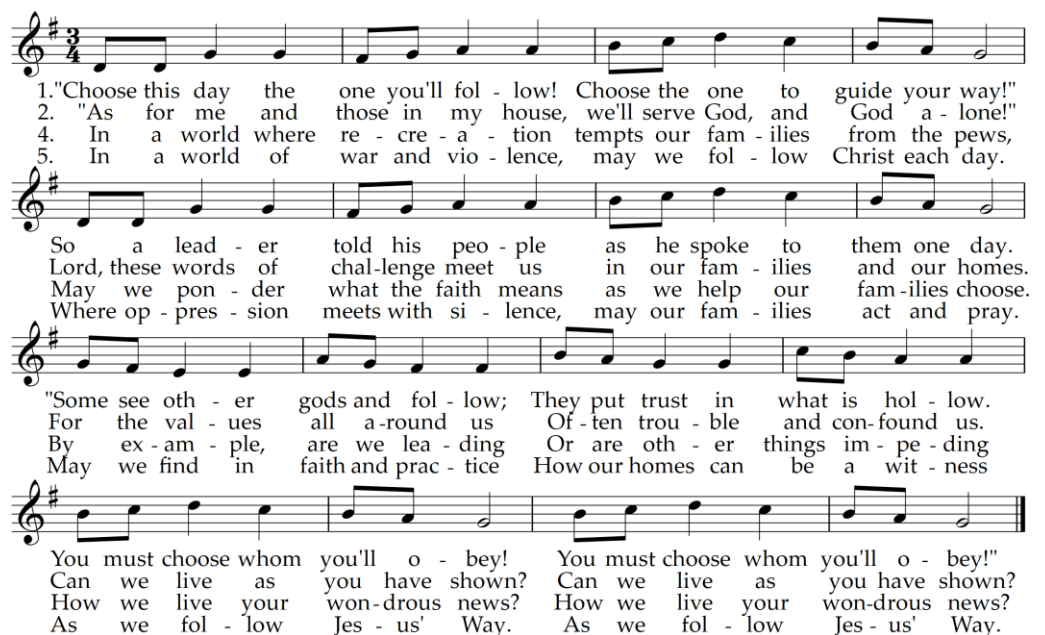
Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer

Respond to God's Word

*Hymn #469

Choose This Day The One You'll Follow

W ZLOBIE LEZY



1. "Choose this day the one you'll fol - low! Choose the one to guide your way!"
2. "As for me and those in my house, we'll serve God, and God a - lone!"
4. In a world where re - cre - a - tion tempts our fam - ilies from the pews,
5. In a world of war and vio - lence, may we fol - low Christ each day.

So a lead - er told his peo - ple as he spoke to them one day.
Lord, these words of chal - lenge meet us in our fam - ilies and our homes.
May we pon - der what the faith means as we help our fam - ilies choose.
Where op - pres - sion meets with si - lence, may our fam - ilies act and pray.

"Some see oth - er gods and fol - low; They put trust in what is hol - low.
For the val - ues all a - round us Of - ten trou - ble and con - found us.
By ex - am - ple, are we lea - ding Or are oth - er things im - pe - ding
May we find in faith and prac - tice How our homes can be a wit - ness

You must choose whom you'll o - bey! You must choose whom you'll o - bey!"
Can we live as you have shown? Can we live as you have shown?
How we live your won - drous news? How we live your won - drous news?
As we fol - low Jes - us' Way. As we fol - low Jes - us' Way.

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

Trio Super *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

J. S. Bach

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/2V8nEgm>; 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

Go To Serve with God's Blessing

*Hymn

In My Life

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

1. In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
2. In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
3. In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
4. In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.

In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

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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

Jeremy Russell

Safari na Yesu
(Journey with Jesus)
Amen

We walk the Lord's road,
Amen

Hebu sifa Yesu
(Let's Praise Jesus)
Amen

We sing the Lord's Praise
Amen

Kufuata Yesu
(Follow Jesus)
Amen

We live the Lord's word
Amen

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

IN RECESS

Caring Closet

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Tuesdays, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Friday, 2:00 - 5:00pm

Pickle Ball

Monday and Wednesday
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Gym

Scout Troop 7/Scout Troop 1107

Sunday, 4:30 - 6:00 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.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has scheduled the 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 10:35 AM, following morning worship. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary. Members will also be able to attend via Zoom. The purposes of the meeting include receiving the 2022 Annual Report, voting on the 2023 Terms of Call for Rev. Schondelmeyer, and electing an additional elder to serve on Session. Look for more information soon.

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.



This Lent, take time to journey with God each day through a special Lenten Devotional. The Lenten Devotional, which will be sent out via email, will accompany Pastor Kris' sermon series through the season of Lent.

This Lent we are seeking: seeking clarity, seeking wisdom, seeking a love that makes us whole. The Seeking...Honest Questions for Deep Faith Lenten Devotional reminds us that Christians have a long tradition of embarking on spiritual quests, which invite us to look with fresh eyes at our life and the world, and listen for the longing in our souls. All you need to begin is a willing heart. May you join us on the journey with bravery, and discover how trust meets you along the way.

Each person is invited to journey with God each day this Lenten season. And, you are invited to join Pastor Kris for a Devotional Discussion Group. Groups will meet either in-person on Sunday mornings immediately following the worship service or Sunday evenings at 7:00PM on Zoom.

Devotional Discussion Group Dates:

Sunday, February 26 / Sunday, March 5 / Sunday, March 12 / Sunday, March 19 / Sunday, March 26 / Sunday, April 2



tacklehunger.org

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country. Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to our Tackle Hunger Charity of Choice: Café on Vine. Pots will be available for collection following worship on February 12. If you prefer to give electronically, there is a way to do so through our online giving platform.

Deacons Paper Hearts Drive

Once again, the Deacons are sponsoring a toilet paper drive to benefit the Humility of Mary emergency shelter. From now until March 31 you may bring your toilet paper donations to the church; our Deacons will deliver them to the Humility of Mary Shelter services. Our goal is 1,500 rolls. Not shopping during the pandemic? Send your monetary donations to the church office. Our Deacons are delighted to do your toilet paper shopping for you! Let's demonstrate love in action by supporting this worthy cause.



BTC Book Club

The BTC Book Club of FPC will meet Monday, February 20 @ 12:30pm. Irene Huffman will be leading Code Breaker by Walter Issacson. Please come! Any questions call Bev Koos 563-676-0292

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, Sunday evenings from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Spread the word around! All are welcome.

Manna & 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

"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 new every morning; **great is your faithfulness.**" - Lamentations 3:21-23

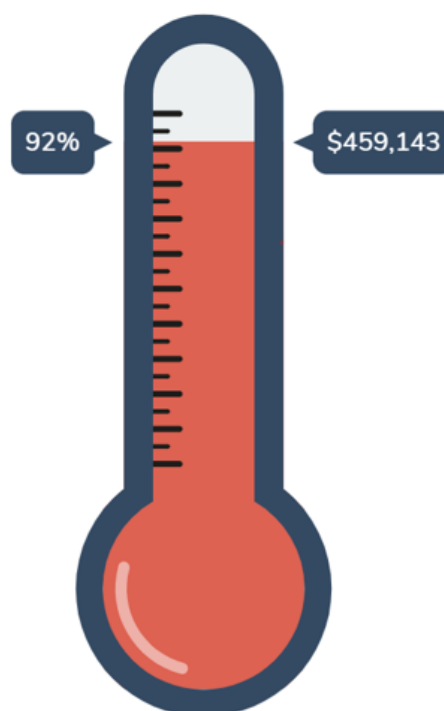
Giving, one of the ultimate acts of faith, demonstrates our belief in God who helps us provide for and serve others. Giving manifests our faith in First Presbyterian's role in God's future.

Your generosity and commitment to the many missions of FPC has resulted in 151 confirmed pledges totaling \$459,143. If you have returned your 2023 Stewardship Cards or set-up your online pledge already: **a sincere thank you!**

We've surpassed the number of 2022 pledgers and we've reached 92% 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.

GOAL: \$500,000



	December 2022		December 2021	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 118,758	\$ 71,842	\$ 85,945	\$ 67,380
Custodial Accounts Income	31,200	-	12,543	-
Compensation Expenses	(52,257)	(55,148)	(40,444)	(51,690)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(39,513)	(24,447)	(90,295)	(19,047)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(31,200)	-	(12,543)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	\$26,988	(\$7,753)	(\$44,794)	(\$3,357)
PPP2 Grant	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$26,988	(\$7,753)	(\$44,794)	(\$3,357)
	2022 Year-To-Date		2021 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 672,913	\$ 664,020	\$ 756,636	\$ 659,104
Custodial Accounts Income	130,669	-	53,292	-
Compensation Expenses	(541,813)	(609,152)	(466,695)	(538,780)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(247,596)	(270,885)	(276,871)	(207,089)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(130,669)	-	(53,292)	-
Surplus (Deficit) Before PPP2 Grant	(\$116,496)	(\$216,017)	\$13,070	(\$86,765)
PPP2 Grant	108,000	108,000	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$8,496)	(\$108,017)	\$13,070	(\$86,765)

All numbers are rounded.