



First Presbyterian Church

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14th Sunday After Pentecost
September 3, 2023 at 9:30 AM



The Sower (Sower with Setting Sun), Vincent van Gogh

A congregation of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, a church where EVERYONE is welcome. On behalf of the entire First Pres family, we want you to know that we are so glad you're here. We are a proud congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), where We Choose WELCOME!

We welcome followers of Jesus who are solid in their faith, and we welcome questioning believers seeking deeper meaning in their life. We welcome those who come from different faith backgrounds, such as Methodists, Lutherans, and Catholics, and those with no faith background at all; for we are all one in Christ Jesus. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

We hope you experience the warmth and friendliness of our congregation. It is a place that long-term members have described as their spiritual home for generations. It is also a place where people newer to our community of faith have found a safe and sacred space for themselves and their families.

Nursery care is available during the worship service for children (birth through age 4). The nursery is staffed by trained and background-checked caregivers from 8:45 AM to 12:15 PM. The nursery is on the third floor of the Christian Education (CE) building. Ask a worship host if you need assistance locating this space.

Kirkwood Choir is offered during the service, after the Children's Message, for all children ages five through sixth grade. Kirkwood Choir provides music for worship monthly throughout the program year.

MusikGarten, a program for parents/caregivers and young children (birth through age 4), is provided after the service in room #310 of the CE building. MusikGarten is our unique program that allows participation in a fun, energetic environment while instilling a love and understanding of music in young children.

Sunday school for children (preschool through grade six) and adults is offered after the service. Children's Sunday school is located on the third floor of the CE building. Adult Sunday school is located in Von Maur Hall. Please ask a worship host if you need assistance locating these spaces.



COVENANT NETWORK
OF PRESBYTERIANS

Our Session (church council) has adopted a bold vision of creating safe and sacred space for all. We aren't perfect at it, but we are joyfully beginning to live into this new vision. We are an open and

affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org). The Session and members of First Pres extend a sincere welcome to all persons regardless of race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and communion, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and service as an officer of the church.



We are a Matthew 25 church in the PC(USA). 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.

✠ Worshipers who are comfortably able are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Bold indicates congregational response.

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Order of Worship

To help you get to know the people sitting in your pew/row,
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbors.

*As we begin worship, please silence your cell phones.
Take a quiet moment to center yourself in the presence of God.
We invite you to meditate silently on art, music, and Scripture.*

Preparing for the Word

Prelude

Impromptu No. 3 in G-flat Major, Op. 51

Frédéric Chopin
(1810-1849)

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

(Announcements are generally delivered by the pastor. If you have an announcement, you would like us to consider sharing, please send the information with all important details to the church office by noon on Thursday. Announcements will be selected by relevance to church programming and time limitations.)

Prelude

Verso in E Minor

Domenico Zipoli
(1688-1726)

✠ Call to Worship

Julia Meyer, Liturgist

One: Come with hearts that are fertile soil for seeds of grace.

All: Plant God's Word in us.

One: Pull the weeds so that God's love might take root.

All: Plant God's Word in us.

One: Come to the harvest ready to bear good fruit.

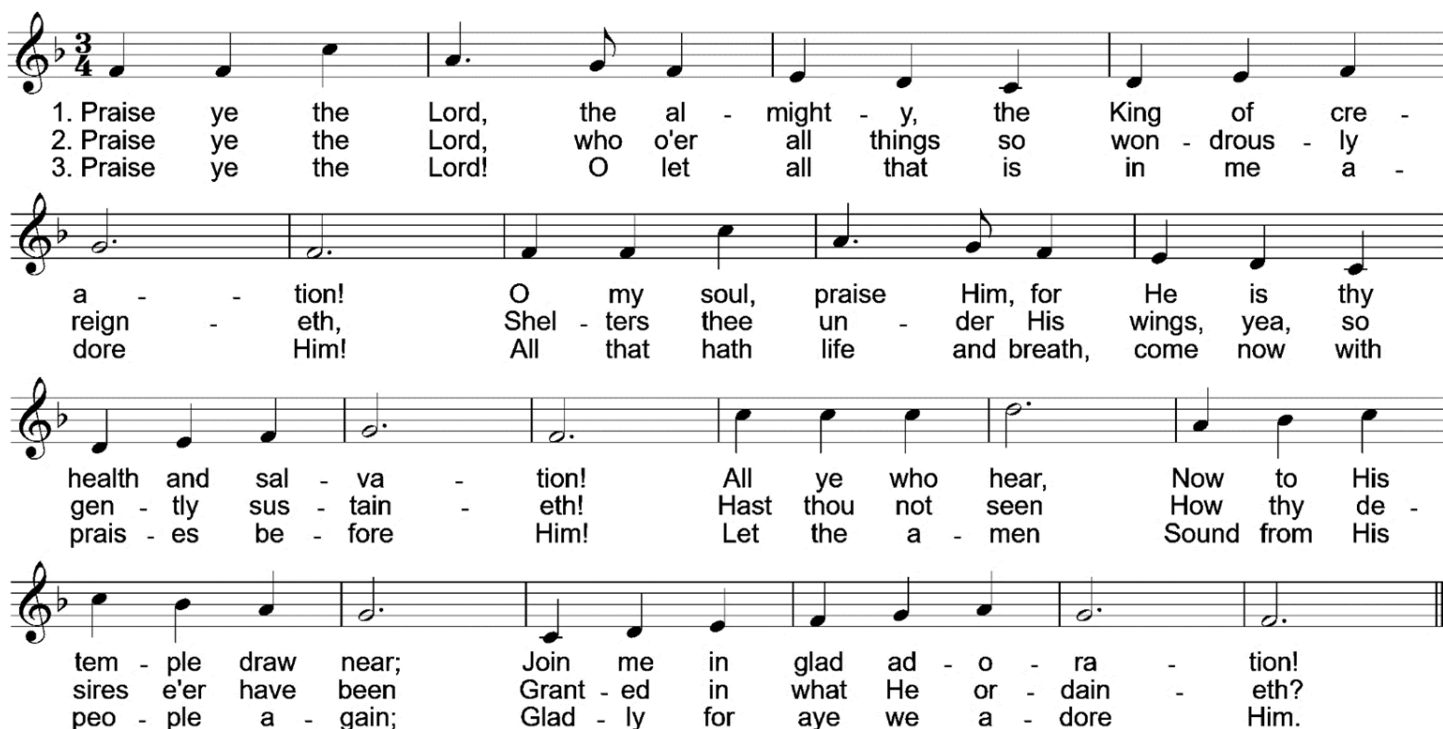
All: Plant God's Word in us.

✠ Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

(In a way that is comfortable for you, please share the Peace of Christ with those around you.)



1. Praise ye the Lord, the al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so is won - drous - ly a -
 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - - - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
 reign - - - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
 dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
 gen - tly sus - tain - - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

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. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

God of the Harvest, we confess that we are sometimes not fertile soil for Your Word to take root in our lives. Our hearts are too often hard, like rocky ground, making it difficult for Your love to grow in us. We allow the weeds of pride, and privilege, and power to crowd out Your grace. Help us to remember that in order for Your Word to take root, to bear good fruit, to produce a harvest of love and compassion, that we need the Water of Life which is Jesus Christ, our Lord. Break ground in us, O God, while in silence we offer our personal confession to You. Amen.

A Time of Silence

(Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from knowing life as God's beloved child.)

Assurance

One: In Jesus Christ, God forgives us, knows us and loves us as we are.

All: We give thanks, and choose to be changed by God's amazing grace.

Listening for the Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Good and gracious God, plant Your Word in us as seeds of grace that we might bear good fruit of compassion and love in the world. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 128

- ¹ Happy is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.
² You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.
³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.
⁴ Thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the Lord.
⁵ The Lord bless you from Zion.
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
⁶ May you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:31-32

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Rooted in Grace: Planting Seeds"
The Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

1. What is the world like when God's will is done?
2. What is the world like when God's will is done?
3. What is the world like when God's will is done?
4. What is the world like when God's will is done?
5. These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

Mus - tard seeds grow more - than we can con - ceive;
Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
No more is neigh - bor - ing al - ly or friend;
Read - y for feast - ing, just we watch through the night,
filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.

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



To share your pledge or offering, you may place it in the offering plate as it is passed down the aisle. If it is more convenient for you, please visit the church website at www.fpcdavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now," or you may donate directly from your smartphone by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera. You may also mail your pledge or offering to the church office.


Offertory

Lord of the Dance
Brighton Greim - Alto, Alex Gilson - Piano

Arr. Mark Hayes

✦ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH




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

✦ Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

✦ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fuga in D, BWV 532,2

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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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 Tim Nelson's father; for God's mercy and grace to touch Melanie Steckel, Dorothy Downing (Patrick Downing's grandmother), Desiree (daughter of Colleen Dueñas), Verna Burrichter, Tom Ervin, Kevin Wilson, and all who are in need of God's healing grace.

(Beginning June 4, names will be listed in the list above for 30 days unless otherwise requested.)

Mission Partners: Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez Cabrera in Zacapa, Guatemala; Ray of Vision in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill in Pakistan.

Hospital Visits: The Pastors and Deacons make hospital visits when patients give permission.

In-Touch Information: For anyone who is homebound and would enjoy contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact Deacon Colleen Dueñas (563-514-6396).

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Visit the First Pres website to view the full calendar

www.fpcdavenport.org/calendar

Sunday, September 3

Nursery Open	8:45 - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Scout Troop 7 & 1107	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Gym, Game Room, Library

Monday, September 4

Pickleball	In Recess for Labor Day	
Office Closed for Labor Day		

Tuesday, September 5

Caring Closet	9:00 - Noon	CE Building 1 st Floor
Staff Worship Planning	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Church Staff Meeting	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Homecoming Dress Giveaway	4:30 - 6:30 PM	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 6

Pickle Ball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Bible Basics 201	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Zoom

Thursday, September 7

TOPS	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Fireplace Room
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Friday, September 8

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, September 9

Memorial to the Lost- (move shirts)	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Third Missionary Baptist Church to First Baptist Church of Davenport
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Sunday, September 10

Nursery Open	8:45 - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Choir Rehearsal	8:45 - 9:15 AM	Sanctuary
Worship Service- Kick Off Sunday	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Kick Off Sunday Picnic	10:30 - 12:30 PM	West Parking Lot
Scout Troop 7 & 1107	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Gym, Game Room, Library

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

KICK-OFF SUNDAY... Save the Date! **Deacons' Community Picnic**

Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us on Sunday, September 10th for our Kick-Off Sunday as we kick off a new season of ministry here at First Presbyterian Church. We will begin with inspiring worship at our regularly scheduled time of 9:30 AM. Immediately following worship, we will participate in a community-wide picnic sponsored by our Deacons.

Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share with the congregation. During the picnic, there will be yard games and activities for all ages, and a bounce house for children.



Upcoming Worship Themes

Sunday, Sept. 10	Preaching Series: We Are One: Love is the Law
Sunday, Sept. 17	Preaching Series: We Are One: I Love Bacon!
Sunday, Sept. 24	Preaching Series: We Are One: Leaning into Transition

Hold the Date!

Congregational Information Meeting

September 24, 2023

We will be having an informational Congregational Meeting following the 9:30 AM church service on September 24th. There will be no formal church business conducted at the meeting, rather it is a time to share information about the activities, goals and plans of the church with the congregation.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Bible Basics September 2023 Schedule

In September, Bible Basics will complete the video series called, *In Search of the Historical Jesus*. This series is created and led by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, a biblical scholar, historian, author, and an engaging presenter. The lessons this month will discuss the arrest & trial of Jesus and the rise of the early church that follows Jesus' death and resurrection. No preparation is needed. We will watch and discuss one 20-25 minute video each week. Please join us on Zoom as often as you are able. All are welcome.

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

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 891 7284 9383

Passcode: 831525

Christian Education at FPC

We are so excited to kick off a new programming year! Among other opportunities for education and faith formation that will be announced throughout the year, the following will be available most Sundays through the end of May 2024.

Adult Christian Education – Our Adult Christian Education class will meet following the worship service in Von Maur Hall. We have a lot of exciting topics lined up for this coming year and would love for you to join us!

Youth and Children's Sunday School – This year we are offering three separate classes following the worship service! The breakup of classes will be pre-k – 2nd grade (Fireplace Room), 3rd – 5th grade (Room 311), and 6th – 12th grade (Room 302/youth room).

Confirmation – Pastor Kris and Kristy will be leading the 2024 confirmation class this year. Confirmation will be open to any youth in 7th through 12th grade and will meet from 5 to 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evening of the month. Dinner will be served.

Youth Group – Our youth group will be open to any youth in 6th through 12th grade! Meetings will be from 5 to 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Dinner will be served.

More information on these programs, including seasonal calendars, will be available in the coming fall newsletter and on the church website. Relevant registrations will be available in the back of the sanctuary, on the church website, and sent via email. If you have any questions, or would like help getting involved, please contact Director of Christian Education, Kristy Woodrow, at woodrow@fpcdavenport.org.

Youth Ministry Dinners

Do you have a gift for cooking for groups? We are looking for folks willing to provide dinner for our youth on Sunday nights at 5 pm. You could also sponsor the cost of a pizza dinner if cooking isn't your gift (or if the time just doesn't allow it)! If you can provide, or sponsor, a youth-friendly meal, please sign up here or scan the QR code: <http://bit.ly/47La4ny>. Trouble with the website? Email or call Kristy and let her know you'd like to provide or sponsor one (or more) dinners.



Youth Ministry Kick-Off

Call all FPC youth in 6th – 12th grades and their families (parents and siblings)! You are invited to join us for the 2023 – 2024 Youth Group Kick-off. We will meet on Sunday, September 17th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for a family dinner (provided by FPC). Around 5:30 PM we will begin our program for the evening; our very own Game Show: "Name That Youth Mentor." The event will include group and individual games involving the audience (that's you), and the Youth Ministry Leaders. Afterwards we will have a quick overview of the 2023 – 2024 Youth Ministry season including Youth Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group.

MISSION & SERVICE

Caring Closet Request

The Caring Closet is in need of towels, sheets and blankets of all sizes, if anyone has some to donate we would be most grateful. Donations can be dropped off at church during regular business hours. Thanks!

Habitat for Humanity work a huge success!

Thanks to the many hands from FPC who contributed to building the Habitat for Humanity house on Nevada Street in Davenport. Given the significant interest in this work from our congregation, we will be working with Habitat to create more opportunities to serve on this site, and others. You can always go out to the Habitat site independently and signed up to work at:

<https://www.habitatqc.org/>

In addition, Deacons will lead an effort for some level of regularly scheduled time for a group from our church to participate together.

As we continue our efforts for greater congregational vitality and working together, we are inspired by the work the past two weeks! Thank you for sharing Christ's love in our community!

Hands-On Ministry Opportunity

The Caring closet has started a sandwich mission on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will be passing lunches out to our patrons that morning as they shop. We felt that this would be very well accepted by our neighbors and so we decided to try it this summer. If you're interested in helping us make sandwiches or want to come and help pass out the sack lunches, we'd be happy to have you join us. Just call or email Ruth Ann Tobey-Brown and we will be sure to include you.

RuthAnn: 563-370-6215 or ruthsobeybrown1@gmail.com

Session Highlights - August 2023

- Welcomed Jim Middleton as the new Director of Office Administration.
- Approved modifications to the Holiday Policy and the Shared Leave Policy.
- Received news that the church received the generous donation of \$100,000 for the Birdies for Charity match. The Birdies donations will be received this fall with a Birdies bonus payment. The church also applied for and received funds through the Federal Employee Tax Credit program.
- Approved Sunday, September 24, 2023 for our fall Informational Meeting of the Congregation. The meeting will follow morning worship. Our Transitional Executive Presbyter, Seth Normington, will preach that day and attend the meeting that follows.
- A fall Leadership Retreat for church leaders will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

Pastor Pilar Establishes New Latino Ministry in Quad-Cities

Less than a year after bringing his family from Guatemala as refugees to the U.S., Rev. Jose Pilar Alvarez Cabrera has a new pastoral position! Pilar has been commissioned by the Iowa/Illinois synods of the ELCA (Lutheran) denomination to develop an outreach to the Hispanic population of the Quad-Cities, with the goal of participating in different mission initiatives in the Quad-Cities.

As a centerpiece to the new mission, Pilar has begun leading weekly services. At 1:00 each Sunday afternoon, he leads the service at Trinity Lutheran, Moline, 1330 13th St. At 5:00 each Sunday, he leads the service at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Davenport, 2383 W. 3rd St. Both services are primarily in Spanish but non-Spanish speaking members would be more than welcome as a way to support both Pilar and the new ministry.

The relationship between First Pres and Pastor Pilar originated in 2006, when a joint mission team from FPC and Grace Lutheran churches visited ILUGUA, the church in La Trementina, Guatemala, led by Pilar and his brother Eduardo. Many subsequent visits have strengthened the bond and provided support for ILUGUA's outreach programs to the indigenous population of the region. Pastor Eduardo continues to lead this ministry since Pilar's departure.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Scotland Travel Fellowship Trip August 2024

Now open to friends and family

If ever there was an opportunity to share your passion for First Church with others, now is the time. Travel experiences are priceless and a trip to Scotland will be life-changing as you discover the roots of Presbyterianism and the beauty and charm of Scotland. Worship at Edinburgh's St. Giles's Cathedral (where John Knox was pastor); attend the famous Military Tattoo; see the Highlands and isles of the West Hebrides; stroll along Loch Lomond; visit castles, battlefields and learn songs, lore and the legends of Scotland with Pastor Kris and local guides.



A refundable deposit of \$698 plus travel protection insurance holds space on this "once only" Travel Fellowship sponsored tour August 9-21, 2024. Brochures are available in the church office.

Scout Troop 7/Scout Troop 1107

Troop 7 would like to introduce their new Scout Master, Dan Darland. Dan grew up in T7 in the 70's and 80's. He has several years' experience as a Scout Master with Troop 92 in DeWitt where his boys attended scouting. Troop 7 and Troop 1107 (our newly formed girls' troop) always welcome new members. If you are 11 years old or older and are interested in Scouting, please feel free to join us at one of our meetings. Meetings are held on Sundays at First Presbyterian Church from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. For more information contact Dan Darland at 563-210-0350.

First Night Out

As the kids start up school, let us look back at the way school was back in 1873. Come join us as we take a tour of the Forest Grove School on September 9 at 3:00. Directions to the school (24040 195th St.) In Bettendorf go to Middle Road, north to Hopewell, turn right to Criswell then left on Forest Grove Rd. After the tour we will gather at the park near school for an ice cream treat.

RSVP to Paula Burnett 349-9046 or prburnett1@gmail.com

FINANCE

Don't Let Your Pledge Take a Summer Vacation

Summer invites us to rest, relax, and re-create ourselves. This time of year finds most of us very active and frequently gone for several weeks at a time, or maybe several weekends at a time.

Even though you may be planning on being away, the church's financial obligations continue during the summer months. We simply ask that you keep your pledge current.

There are a number of ways you can maintain your pledge this summer:

- set up a monthly automatic deduction from your bank account;
- set up monthly credit card payments;
- mail checks in to the Finance Office;
- or pre-pay your summer giving.

If you would like auto deductions or credit card payments, contact Kristine in the Finance Office for set-up.

We appreciate your ongoing and timely giving of your pledges and offerings. Your contributions make all the difference here at First Presbyterian Church!

July Financial Report

	July 2023		July 2022	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 43,999	\$ 49,127	\$ 41,289	\$ 47,962
Custodial Accounts Income	16,364	-	45,572	-
Compensation Expenses	(56,008)	(60,420)	(45,119)	(53,623)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(15,234)	(17,836)	(14,965)	(23,792)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(16,364)	-	(45,572)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$27,243)	(\$29,129)	(\$18,795)	(\$29,453)
Birdies Donor Challenge	100,000			
Pandemic Relief Funds	151,059	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$223,816	(\$29,129)	(\$18,795)	(\$29,453)
	2023 Year-To-Date		2022 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 401,014	\$ 415,153	\$ 351,681	\$ 400,300
Custodial Accounts Income	43,318	-	76,270	-
Compensation Expenses	(395,585)	(420,542)	(298,000)	(334,936)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(113,579)	(132,731)	(129,990)	(169,560)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(43,318)	-	(76,269)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$108,150)	(\$138,120)	(\$76,308)	(\$104,196)
Birdies Donor Challenge	100,000	-	-	-
Pandemic Relief Funds	151,059	-	108,000	108,000
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$142,909	(\$138,120)	\$31,692	\$3,804

All numbers are rounded.

In late July, FPC received some excellent news related to our financial position:

1. The 2023 Birdies Challenge of \$100,000 was not only met, but blown away due to the enormous support from the members of FPC. The donor who so generously made the challenge match of \$100,000 was informed and submitted the donation to FPC in July. A check for total 2023 Birdies for Charity donations designated to FPC, estimated at \$172,000, is expected to be received by early November. A second check for the 2023 Birdies for Charity/John Deere Classic Bonus (5%-10%) should also arrive at that time. **A Special Thank You to the generous donor initiating the challenge, to all those who were able to give, and to those who helped to spread the word about this amazing opportunity!**
2. In April of this year, FPC determined that it was eligible to apply for additional federal government pandemic relief in the form of the Employee Retention Tax Credit. This resulted in total refundable payroll tax credits and interest of \$151,059, which were received in July.

These two extraordinary items resulted in an additional \$251,059 of income that were not anticipated at the time the 2023 budget was finalized. These items are not a result of "normal" activities in the church and are reported below the "normal" financial results of the church. It is amazing to have received these one-time-only items in July, but we need to continue to support FPC financially and by controlling costs.

STAFF

Staff Summer Vacation/Continuing Education Schedules

Our staff work hard to serve the congregation and community, and it is important for them to take time to rest, or to continue growing in their own knowledge and faith to better serve the church. To help respect the staff during their time away, please note the following vacation/continuing education dates for our staff.

Kristy Woodrow

August 28 - September 7 Vacation

FPC STAFF

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Rev. Pat Halverson*, <i>Parish Associate</i>		
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