



First Presbyterian Church

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Epiphany of the Lord
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Lauren Wright Pittman, <http://www.lewpstudio.com/>

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 (1st - 6th grade) and Cherub Choir (PreK - K) is offered during the service, after the Children's Message. Kirkwood Choir provides music for worship 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 classes for children, youth, and adults are offered after the service. Children and youth Sunday school is located on the third floor of the CE building. Adult Sunday school is 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.



MATTHEW 25

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.

Epiphany of the Lord

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

Presto from Sonata in E minor, Hob. XVI: 34

Franz Joseph Haydn
(1732-1809)

Welcome and Announcements

Kristy Woodrow

(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

Morning Prayer

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
(1840-1893)

✠ Call to Worship

Jay Williams, Liturgist

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

All: For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the people,

One: But the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

All: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

***For he delivers the needy when they call, the
poor and those who have no helper. He has
pity on the weak and the needy, and saves
the lives of the needy.***

♣ Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a
 5. Glor - ious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and

gifts we tra - verse a - far, Field and foun - tain
 bring to crown Him a - gain, King for - ev - er
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and Sac - ri - fice; Al - le - lu - ia,

moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.
 we are rais - ing, Wor - ship - ping God Most High.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty
 bright; West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light!

Call to Confession

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom. Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness.

Prayer of Confession

God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Lift up your eyes and see the grace of God poured out into your lives.

All: The light of God shines through the darkness. Our hearts rejoice for Christ is in our midst.

✠ 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.)

Listening for the Word

Children's Message

Kristy Woodrow

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, giver of all light, lift our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

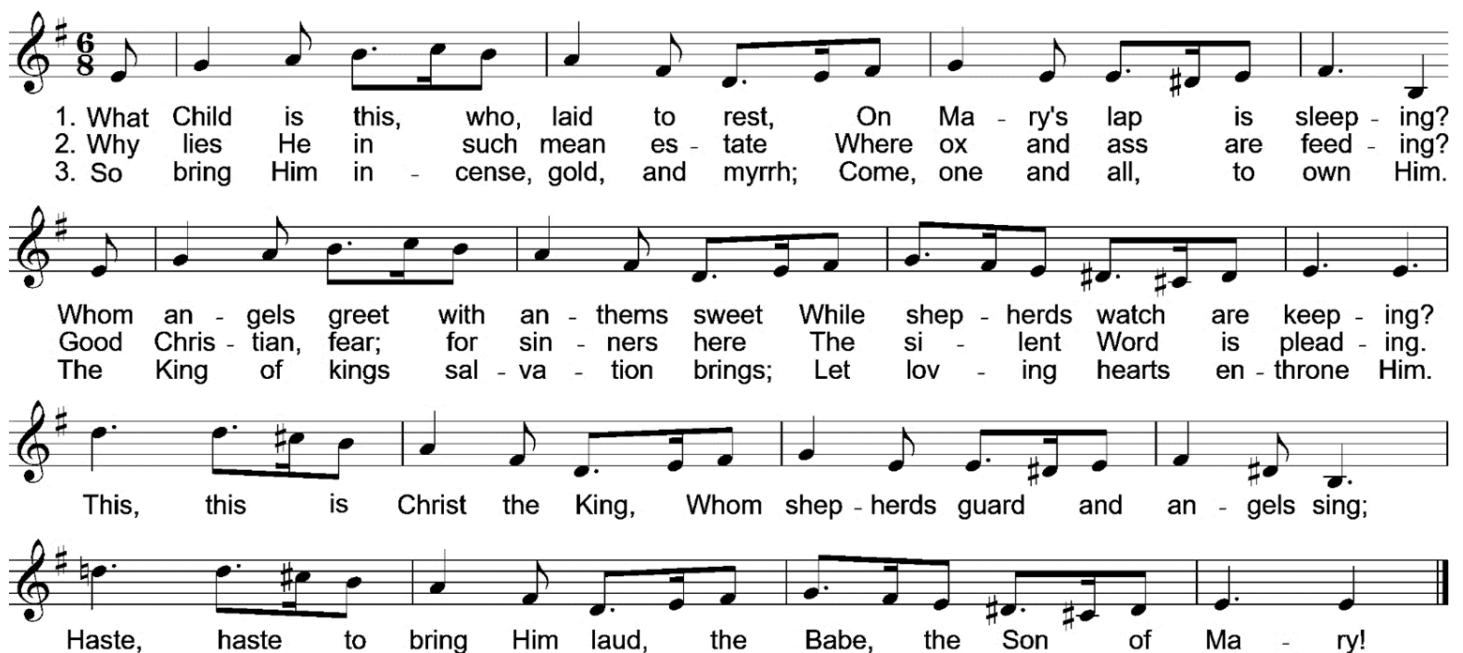
"Shining Hope"
Kristy Woodrow

Responding to the Word

✠ Hymn

What Child Is This?

GREENSLEEVES



1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

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.

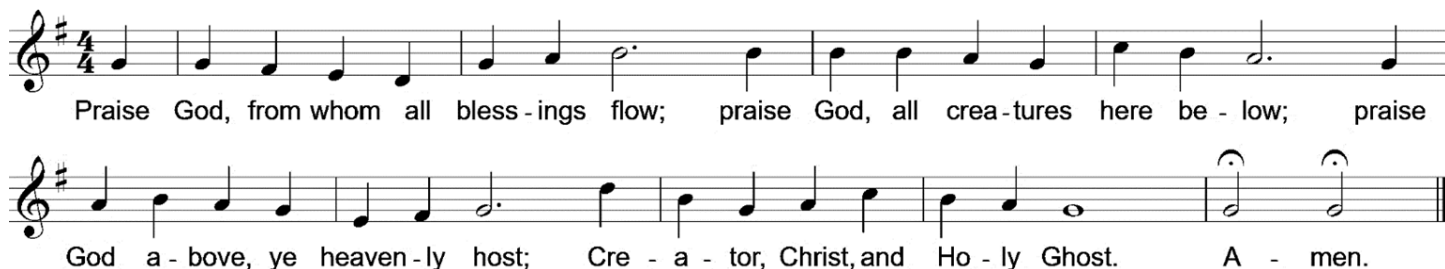
Offertory

Pastorale (Christmas Night)

Arcangelo Corelli
(1653-1713)

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

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,
all the earth; Ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
beam a - far; Seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing
Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and wor - ship,
Yon - der shines the in - fant light:
Ye have seen His na - tal star:
To the e - ter - nal Three in One:
come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Variations on "O for a Thousand Tongues"

Joyce Jones
(1933-2022)

WORSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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Joyce Jones, "Variations on 'O For A Thousand Tongues'" (©1979 Bradley Publications Inc.)

Today's liturgical elements are from sources unknown and used in a spirit of gratitude in the worship of 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 Charles Gilbert Bowles (Marty Bowles Edwards's father), for the friends and family of Barb Thede who passed away November 17th, for those grieving the loss of Donna Middleton (Jim Middleton's mother), and for all in need of God's healing grace.

(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, January 7

Musikgarten	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Zoom
Nursery Open	8:45 - 12:15 PM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Worship Service	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Online
Kirkwood Choir	10:00 - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
PreK-K Cherub Choir	10:00 - 10:30 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Sunday School	10:35 - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Musikgarten	10:35 - 11:05 AM	CE Building 3 rd Floor
Adult Christian Education	10:35 - 11:20 AM	Von Maur Hall
Chamber Chorale Rehearsal	11:20 - 12:20 PM	Choir Room
Confirmation	5:00 - 7:00 PM	CE Building
Scout Troops 7 & 1107 Meeting	7:00 - 8:30 PM	CE Building

Monday, January 8

Pickleball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
CDF Meeting	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Parlor
Deacon's Outreach	6:15 - 7:00 PM	Parlor
Member Care	6:30 - 7:00 PM	Library
Mission Connection	6:30 - 7:00 PM	Von Maur Hall & Zoom
Board of Deacons	7:00 - 8:00 PM	Von Maur Hall & Zoom

Tuesday, January 9

Caring Closet	9:00 - Noon	CE Building 1 st Floor
Caring Closet Lunches	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	CE Building Entrance
Staff Meeting	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Von Maur Hall
Worship Planning	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Von Maur Hall

Wednesday, January 10

Pickle Ball	9:00 - 11:00 AM	Gym
Women of Hope	10:00 - Noon	Parlor
PEIA Planning Team	3:00 - 4:30	Parlor
Buildings & Grounds Meeting	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Parlor
Bible Basics 201	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Zoom
CEFY Meeting	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Zoom

Thursday, January 11

TOPS	5:30 - 7:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
Foundation	5:30 - 6:45 PM	Parlor
Vesper Bells Rehearsal	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Chapel
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Choir Room

Friday, January 12

Caring Closet	2:00 - 5:00 PM	CE Building 1 st Floor
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Saturday, January 13

Officer Training	9:00 - 1:30 PM	Von Maur Hall
Session Meeting	1:30 - 2:30 PM	Von Maur Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Welcome Center

The Welcome and Hospitality Committee has opened a Welcome Center in the back of the sanctuary to help in the greeting of members and visitors to FPC. If you are new and would like information about our church, feel free to stop at the Welcome Center. We would be happy to connect with you. If you are a member who would be willing to assist at the Welcome Center, please speak with Andy Edwards.



Verbal Worship Announcements

As we find a new sense of vitality and have more going on in the life of FPC, our verbal announcements on Sunday morning need to keep pace. We want to make sure we can communicate as much as possible about the wonderful opportunities here at First Pres. To do that while respecting the liturgy and musical offerings of worship, our first prelude will conclude around 9:25 AM. At that time, Pastor Kris (or whomever is leading worship) will share the verbal welcome and announcements. This will allow our worship to begin closer to our 9:30 AM start time with a second prelude or an introit. Please be in the sanctuary a few minutes early to hear the announcements, and to prepare your hearts and minds for worship to start at 9:30 AM.

Session Highlights - December 2023

- The Session approved a motion that FPC will serve as the charter organization for a new Cub Scout Pack 7. Sean Jacobsmeier will lead this new group that will serve elementary-aged boys and girls. This will be in addition to the Scout Troops 7 and 1107 already in place for older ages.
- Approved Sunday, February 25, 2024 as the date of our congregation's Annual Meeting.
- Approved changes in the Deacons Endowment Fund. Because of the decrease in grant applications, the fund will now become the Deacon Mission Fund. Annual mission-related contributions from this fund will be recommended by the Deacons and approved by Session.
- The Finance Committee provided a look at a preliminary 2024 budget and a projection on how the 2023 finances will end. A final budget proposal will be voted on by Session in January and presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.
- Set Saturday, February 3, 2024 for a day-long Session retreat.

MISSION & SERVICE

Caring Closet Request

Now that the weather is getting colder, there is a growing need for adult winter coats, sweatshirts, and blankets of all sizes. In addition, the Caring Closet needs towels, sheets, and diapers. If anyone has some to donate, we would be most grateful. Donations can be dropped off at church during regular business hours.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Bible Basics for January

In January, we will continue our video series called *Reading Biblical Literature, Genesis to Revelation*. As the title suggests, this is a survey of both OT and NT with insights into the stories and characters found there. The lessons in January will start with the Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. Each week we watch and discuss one 30-minute video. This series lets you join in at any part along the way. You will be welcome no matter what your level of bible knowledge might be. It is a good way to check in each week with a small group of the FPC family.

Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com) for more information. We meet on Zoom.

Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 881 1687 5549 Passcode: 630481

FINANCE

2024 Per Capita - \$42.17 per member

"Per Capita provides the means to strengthen the connections of our work and build lasting relationships to help all Presbyterians share God's love through mission and ministry." *PC(USA)*

The 2024 Per Capita is \$42.17 per member. A member is one who has been confirmed or has been welcomed into the congregation by confession of faith, letter of transfer from another congregation, or reaffirmation of faith. If you wish to pre-pay your 2024 Per Capita prior to 12/31/2023, please indicate as such with your payment. You can submit your annual Per Capita by mail or you can pay online.

November 2023 Financials

	November 2023		November 2022	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 73,382	\$ 63,017	\$ 68,520	\$ 62,522
Custodial Accounts Income	3,175	-	8,992	-
Compensation Expenses	(55,208)	(61,385)	(51,805)	(55,148)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(23,359)	(18,596)	(16,799)	(17,502)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(3,175)	-	(8,992)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,185)	(\$16,964)	(\$84)	(\$10,128)
Birdies Donor Challenge	-	-	-	-
Pandemic Relief Funds	-	-	-	-
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,185)	(\$16,964)	(\$84)	(\$10,128)
	2023 Year-To-Date		2022 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	\$ 700,338	\$ 610,691	\$ 554,155	\$ 592,178
Custodial Accounts Income	56,583	-	99,468	-
Compensation Expenses	(614,618)	(665,115)	(489,558)	(554,004)
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	(178,987)	(205,770)	(208,070)	(246,438)
Custodial Accounts Expenses	(56,583)	-	(99,468)	-
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(\$93,267)	(\$260,194)	(\$143,473)	(\$208,264)
Birdies Donor Challenge	100,000	-	-	-
Pandemic Relief Funds	151,059	-	108,000	108,000
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$157,792	(\$260,194)	(\$35,473)	(\$100,264)

All numbers are rounded.

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ELDERS AND DEACONS

Elders

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Jim DeReus	Peter Bawden	Dan Breinich
Patrick Downing	Paula Burnett	Nancy Chapman
David Bowles Edwards	Kirk Christie	Bonnie Johnson
Michael Ferris	Nancy Foster	Nathan Kabel
RuthAnn Tobey-Brown	Bev Koos	Kristine Oswald
Jim Woods	Diane Roebuck	Mark Ruebling
	Karla Ruiter	Vicki Stegall
	Jay Williams	
		<i>Clerk of Session</i>
		Mark Jones

Deacons

<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>
Ted Brown	Paula Hartmann	Mitch Doremus
Al Frohlich	Anna Putman	Colleen Dueñas
John Gere	Glen Roebuck (Moderator)	Julia Meyer
Matthew Hennes	Tom Vaccaro	Kristy Owens
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