

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUPPLIES FOR THE 2ND is collected TODAY. Thank you to those who faithfully give to our Food for the 1st and Supplies for the 2nd collections. Your donations help those in need in the greater Dubuque community and is greatly appreciated!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 23RD. On the 23rd you are invited to bring your pledge card (coming in the mail soon) to worship and place it in the offering plate as an act of dedication. The act of pledging is a spiritual commitment to God. If you are unable to attend worship in person that Sunday, mail your pledge card to FPC in care of our treasurer, Stephenie Morales.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE. Interested in what FPC is all about? Wondering how to get connected on a deeper level? Thinking about what becoming a member of the church may look like? Pastor Stephanie would love to talk with you. Simply contact her at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com or (507) 227-8537.

FALL SERMON SERIES: We continue to journey through the book of Luke together exploring the question of identity. We ask "Who Am I?" in relationship to ourselves, one another, and God. Through the words of Luke, we discover that what we presume about ourselves in these relationships is mirrored by how we live. How do we reflect the image of God? If you want to explore these questions more deeply, we invite you to Sunday School at 9:00am to discuss the sermon text for the week with your church community through open conversation where no one person is the expert.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED! All spots beyond this Sunday are open in need of hosts. Fellowship time is a precious chance to express and experience the gift of hospitality. A sign-up sheet and directions for hosting are available in the Coffee Hour room. Please consider serving.

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: [First Presbyterian Church Dubuque](#). Share posts with friends so folks can see what God is doing here at FPC!

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this worship service. If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name. We invite you to join us every Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:00am during the school year, and worship at 10:15am. Nursery care is located in the basement and is provided during both the Sunday School and worship hour for children through age 5.

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun. October 9 <i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	9:00am	Nominating Com. meeting
	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:30am	Mission Com. meeting
Fri. October 14	9:30am	Pastor @ John Knox Presbytery Council meeting
Sun. October 16 <i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	5:00pm	Youth Group

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,600 per month. Offerings received through September 25 totaled \$6,882

- Offerings Year to Date through September 15 - \$89,098
- Expenses Year to Date through September 15 - \$122,368

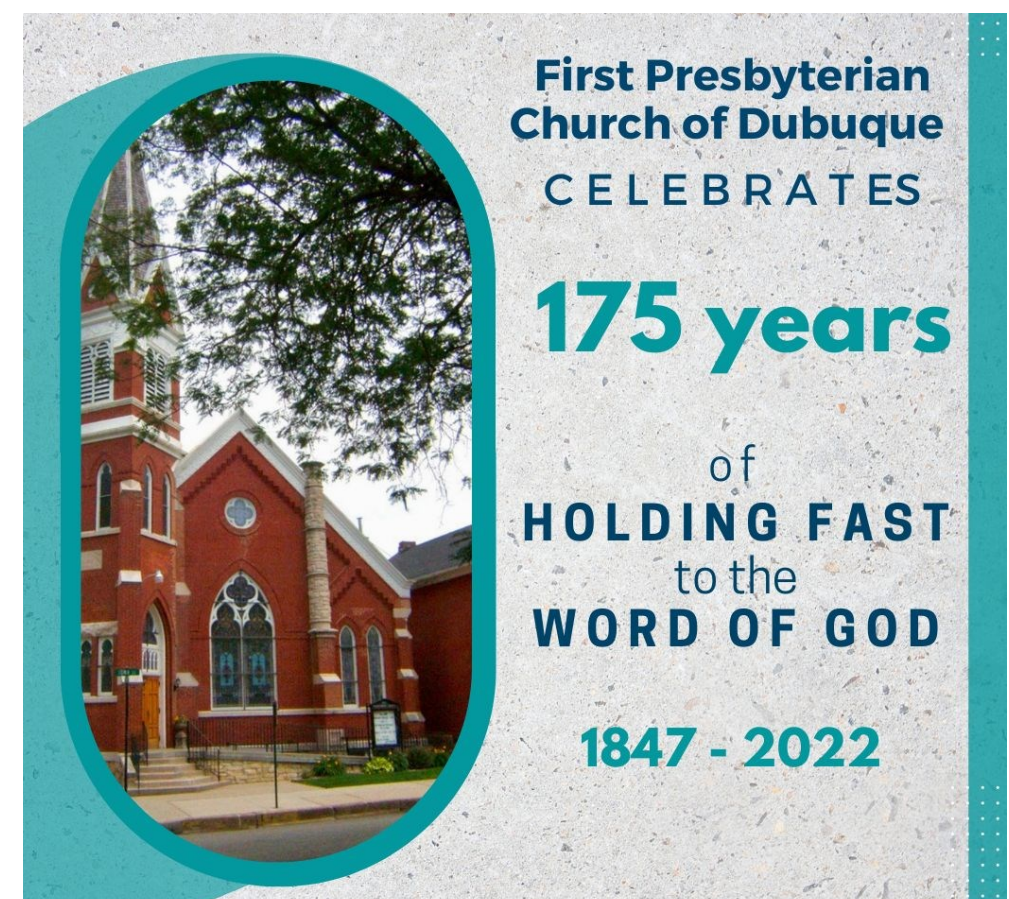
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons of the month October: Alex Jack & Franklin Yartey

Pastor Stephanie's office hours are 9:00am-1:00pm on Monday and Wednesday. Contact her anytime with prayer requests or pastoral care needs at 507-227-8537 or fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com

Admin Office Hours* for Ginger Vander Broek are 10:30am-2:30pm Monday (home), Wednesday (home), and 10:30am-12:00pm Thursday (at FPC). *Office hours may change slightly week to week.

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OCTOBER 9, 2022
18th Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Stewardship” Kristen Eby

PRELUDE “Now Thank We All Our God” arr. R. K. Boesiger

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION
For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 66
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
Come and see what God has done!
God has turned our sea into dry land.
We have passed through the river on foot.
Bless our God, O peoples.
Let the sound of God’s praise be heard!
When you tested and tried us, O God,
you brought us out to a spacious place.
You kept us among the living
and prevented our feet from slipping.
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
How awesome are the deeds of our God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #22 “Let All Things Now Living” Ash Grove

WORDS OF RECONCILIATION
To whom else, Lord, can we go?
In you we live and move and have our being.
We believe that although we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we are justified by the gift of grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.
Since we believe this,
we can celebrate with joy and thanksgiving!

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #726 “We Praise You, O God” Kremser

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19 p. 1627

SERMON “Grateful and Ambivalent”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #721 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” St. George’s Windsor

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Litany of Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People
We take our food for granted, but most of the world cannot. For many, life is a daily struggle for enough to eat.
“The children beg for bread, but no one gives it to them.” (Lamentations 4:4)
We also take our plentiful water for granted. Most of the world cannot turn on a faucet and have pure drinking water.
“O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.” (Psalm 63:1)

Prayer
Our human community is one of God's richest and most complex gifts to us—our parents and children, as well as the community of God, our siblings in Christ.
How good and pleasant it is when siblings live together in unity!
But not everyone has a community. Some have lost family members. There are those without a faith group to connect with. Many are alone even in the midst of a city full of people, they stand like an island. What can we do for these people?
We can be their community, share in their hurts, wrap them in our love, assure them of your promises. We can visit the lonely and estranged (James 1:27) and show them your mercy.

Prayer
We are surrounded with the beauty of Creation, and have been given the privilege of caring for it - the water, the soil, the air, the animals, and plants.
You heavens above, rain down my righteousness; let the clouds shower it down. Let the earth open wide, let salvation spring up, let righteousness flourish with it; I, the Lord, have created it. (Isaiah 45:8)
But we have not cared for the earth with the self-sacrificing and nurturing love that God asked of us. We mourn the broken relationships in creation. We repent for our part in causing the current environmental crisis that has led to climate change. A spirit of gratitude for creation necessitates that our actions bear witness to the truth...
Our world belongs to God.

Prayer
THE LORD’S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

HYMN OF GRATITUDE #14 “Now Thank We All Our God” Nun Dankett Alle Gott

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY “The Gifts We Bring” arr. Paxton
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #748 “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” Sicilian Mariners

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens” arr. North
*Those who are able, please stand.

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship in the Coffee Hour Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the service.

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Greeter: John Dillman
Please see the sign up sheet to serve as Coffee Fellowship host
Nursery Attendants: Lillian Jones & Florence Siefker
(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Lindsey Ward
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Musician: John Eby