

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Elaina & Breck Biechler
Music Director: Kristen Eby

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR STEPHANIE WILL BE ON VACATION following worship this Sunday morning through the evening of August 6th. For **day-to-day** needs and **Prayer Chain requests** you may contact Admin. Assistant, Ginger, via email at: firstpresdbq@gmail.com. For **emergency pastoral care needs**, please contact Rev. Stephanie Schlimm at 563-581-5512.

FUTURE FOCUS: We continue to seek God's direction for the future focus and design of FPC's ministry. The Session is working with a small group to bring the feedback we heard during our congregational gatherings this spring to fruition. God is indeed doing good work. Please prayer for what is ahead.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY! Thanks to Dani Postma's initiative, we received a grant from the City of Dubuque to fund projects in and around FPC. Watch for more opportunities to contribute time and a helping hand soon!

MINISTRY MODELS: Are you wondering what the future holds for our congregation? Join folks from First Presbyterian, Westminster, and FPC Bellevue as we gather with representatives from John Knox Presbytery to learn more about different models of ministry and how we might step into the future to which God may be calling us. *On Sunday, August 13 from 5:00-7:00pm at Westminster* we'll examine some possible "Roadmaps to the Future" together. This is not a decision-making meeting. This is simply an opportunity to gather with our sister churches, enjoy food and fellowship, hear helpful information, ask questions, and better understand the possibilities.

CREATORS CAMP CONTINUES on Wednesdays from 1-4pm at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. We are having a blast encouraging children ages 4-12 to grow in their understanding of and relationship with God. If you have a child in your life who would like to attend, feel free to bring them any Wednesday!

CREATORS CAMP SUNDAY CELEBRATION: On Sunday, August 20th at 10:00am, we will be having worship at the Dubuque Arboretum pavilion in celebration of Creators Camp. We will be joined by the congregations of St. Luke's UMC, Westminster PC (USA), First Congregational UCC, and First Baptist. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, bug spray, and a water bottle. Come and hear the Bible lessons that our kiddos have been interacting with all summer long! *There will be NO worship service held in FPC's building on August 20.*

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 Sunday mornings at 9:00am for Sunday School (September-April). Worship follows at 10:15am. Nursery care is located in the basement and is provided for both the Sunday School and worship hours for children through age 5.

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun. July 30	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching <i>Pastor on vacation 7/30-8/6</i>
Wed. August 2	1:00-4:00pm	Creators Camp @ St. Luke's UMC
Sun. August 6	9:30am 10:15am	Deacons meeting Worship: Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$14,563 per month. Offerings received through July 23 totaled \$11,224

- Offerings Year to Date through June - \$53,727
- Expenses Year to Date through June - \$77,042

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons of the month July: Judy Sheridan & Deb Stant
August: Alex Jack & Tom Jack

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 Summer Office Hours* for Ginger Vander Broek are 1:00pm-4:00pm Monday & Wednesday at home, and 10:30am-12:00pm Thursday at FPC. **Office hours may change slightly week to week.*

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JULY 30, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE“Lord, Speak to Me”arr. L. Smith

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:
Are there dilemmas or relationships in which you feel separated from the love of God? Can you imagine that God might be at work there, bringing life in unexpected ways? What would change if you were to claim the promise that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord?

*CALL TO WORSHIPbased on Psalm 105
O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
SING: Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.
SING: Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God
Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
SING: Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

*SONGS OF PRAISE
#398“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”Ebenezer
“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”Davidson
The steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning.
Great is thy faithfulness, O Lord, Great is thy faithfulness.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we

have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Deliver us, and forgive us, for your name’s sake.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SONG OF GRATITUDE #117
“There is a Redeemer” (v. 1)Green

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING
Genesis 29:15-28p. 45

SERMON“Family Dynamics: Sibling Rivalry, Pt. 2”

*SONG OF RESPONSE
"Same God"Elevation Worship
I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant
I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need you now to do the same thing for me

Chorus Oh God my God I need You
Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible
I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath
But I've got my own giants

You heard Your children then, You hear Your children now
You are the same God (2x)
You answered prayers back then And You will answer now
You are the same God (2x)
You were providing then, You are providing now
You are the same God (2x)

You moved in power then, God move in power now
You are the same God (2x)
You were a healer then, You are a healer now
You are the same God (2x)
You were a Savior then, You are a Savior now
You are the same God

You freed the captives then, You're freeing hearts right now
You are the same God (2x)
You touched the lepers then, I feel Your touch right now
You are the same God (2x)

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit
Almighty river come and fill me again
Come and fill me again
Come and fill me again

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH“The Apostles’ Creed”
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Back cover of hymnal)

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“In the Shadow of the Almighty”Becket
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #84
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”St. Anne

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE
Partita on “Blessed Name”arr. Hudson

**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.
**Please take a moment to extend the peace of Christ to one another by greeting those around you. Say “hello,” wave, learn each other’s names - whatever feels most comfortable to you.*

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:

Officer in Charge of Greeting: Tom Jack
Coffee Fellowship hosts: Mark & Deb Stant
Nursery Attendants: Florence Siefker, Lillian Jones
(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)