

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

'TIS (ALMOST) THE SEASON! We are decorating the church for the Advent season following worship TODAY. More hands make light work as we prepare to welcome the Christ child.

PASTOR STEPHANIE WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE November 23rd—December 6. Rev. Jim Gunn and Dr. Mark Ward will be preaching. Rev. Stephanie Schlimm from St. Luke's UMC will supply pastoral emergency coverage. You can contact her by cell (563) 581-5512.

A GIFT BOX FOR SAM: The Deacons are sending a Christmas gift box to Sam Morales who is away from home doing basic training for the National Guard. We will be collecting cards and letters from his church family. Please drop them in the designated basket in the Coffee Hour Room for collection **by Sunday, Nov. 28th.**

ADVENT GIVING TREE: This year FPC is supporting three organizations doing God's work through international mission, the Presbyterian denomination, and our local community. We will gather our offerings in church on the following dates: Nov. 28 for our Thailand missionaries; Dec. 5 for the PC (USA) Joy Offering; and Dec. 12 for the Dubuque Rescue Mission. You may also mail checks to FPC C/O treasurer, Bob Monthey. Feel free to contact the mission committee (Hannah Eby, Judy Sheridan, Tom Jack, or Sandy Spencer) with questions.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS for the Elder family as Beth undergoes breast cancer treatment. A meal train has been organized for them. If you'd like to provide them with either a home-made meal or a gift card you can follow the link provided: <https://mealtrain.com/5rr64y>. Beth has a Caring Bridge site as well. You can find it by searching Caring Bridge for "Beth Elder."

PER CAPITA: Per Capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. It is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century. **This year's per capita amount is \$33.70 per member.** If you wish to help offset the cost for FPC, please write "per capita" in the memo line of your check and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to FPC in care of our treasurer, Bob Monthey.

JOIN US for the 39th Annual Dubuque Area Congregations United Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00pm. The service of gratitude will be held at Resurrection Catholic Church and will feature Dr. Chuck Barland on organ, the Dubuque Children's Chorale, and the president-elect of DACU, Morgan Frazer as speaker.

FPC IS OPERATING IN STAGE 4 of our COVID-19 Response plan. This requires all persons attending worship in person, vaccinated or unvaccinated, to wear masks and maintain appropriate social distances while in the church. You can find the COVID-19 Response Plan on our website at <http://www.firstpresdbq.org/>.

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., November 21	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:30am	Decorating for Advent season

Nov. 23—Dec. 5 pastor out of the office

Wed. November 24	7:00pm	DACU Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service @ Resurrection Catholic Church
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Thu. November 25		Thanksgiving Day
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Sun., November 28 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9:00am	Sunday School/play rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Jim Gunn, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack & Leon Thompson

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,300 per month. Offerings received through November 14 totaled \$6,147.

- Offerings Year to Date (YTD) through October 31 - \$114,473
- Expenses (YTD) through October 31 - \$122,435

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacon for the month of November: Hannah Eby

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 Monday (home), Wednesday (home) and Thursday (at FPC) from 9:00am-1:00pm

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NOVEMBER 21, 2021
CHRIST THE KING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Coronation” arr. B. K. Smith

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:
Christ is King, and reigns over the world. Everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ. Christ invites each of us to actively and joyfully submit to his rule. Today is the day!

CALL TO WORSHIP
This is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the church year.
These are the symbols of our king, Christ Jesus:
A loaf of bread,
to feed the hungry.
A purple sheet,
to wrap divine love around all people.
A crown of thorns,
to stand with the suffering.
A cross,
a symbol of the life Jesus gave for others,
the grace he offers all.
The King of Kings is raised in glory!
Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.
Come, let us bow down and worship the King of kings,
the Lord of Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE “Crown Him (Majesty)” Tomlin
Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for me
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity
Chorus: Majesty Lord of all
Let ev’ry throne before Him fall
The King of kings
O come adore
Our God who reigns forevermore
Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die (Chorus)

All hail Redeemer hail
For He has died for me
His praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity (REPEAT)
(Chorus)
Praise God who reigns forevermore
You’re the God who reigns forevermore

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Forgive us, Lord, for the meagerness of our faith and the weak-
ness of our witness. The words “Jesus is King” come easily to
our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they
mean for us. Rule our lives again with your powerful love, that
we might truly be worthy disciples of yours. Help us to find the
forgiveness which you have given to us and give us a vision for
how we may live in homage to you every day of our lives,
through Christ, our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION
(Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS
... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
and freed to try again.

*GLORIA PATRI #734

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
Revelation 1:4b-8 p. 1912

SPECIAL MUSIC “For The Beauty Of The Earth” Dix

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
John 18:33-37 p. 1683

SERMON “Asking the Questions: What Is Truth?”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #453 “Christ Be My Leader” Slane

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *selcs. from Our World Belongs to God***
As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—which some
seek to control, but which others view with despair— we de-
clare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! From the be-
ginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom
fully comes, God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to
him! God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule
has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing the crea-
tion. Praise the Lord! Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly
throne. There he hears our prayers, pleads our cause before the
Father, and rules our world. Blessed are all who take refuge in

him. Our hope for a new earth is not tied to what humans can
do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God’s rule
and every resistance to his will shall be crushed. Then his king-
dom shall come fully, and our Lord shall rule forever.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Back cover of hymnal)*

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY “Chapel Aria” Scott
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #341 “Jesus Shall Reign” Duke Street

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Praise Canon” Taylor

**Those who are able, please stand.*
***This second edition of Our World Belongs to God was approved by Synod
2008 of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. (The first edition was
adopted in 1986.) While not having confessional status, it is meant to give a
hymn-like expression of faith within the heritage of the Reformed confessions,
especially addressing issues that confront the church today.*

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

You are warmly invited to join us for a time of fellowship in the Cof-
fee Hour Room next to the sanctuary immediately following the ser-
vice. *Due to COVID no snacks will be served. Please maintain proper
social distancing.*

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Mark Ward, greeter
Lisa Reed & Florence Siefker, nursery attendants
*(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery
for any or all of the service)*

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Deb Stant
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: Katy Perreard & Leon Thompson
Musicians: Hannah, John & Kristen Eby, Jill Klinebriel