

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Mark Stant
Music Director: Kristen Eby

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND will be collected next Sunday, September 10th. This month's needs are disinfecting wipes and sprays and paper products. All go to help those living at the Domestic Violence Shelter.

RALLY DAY UPDATE: At this time, Rally Day has been postponed. The CE Committee is still recruiting teachers for our Sunday School program. We have a good group of kids (ages 4-10) and adults who participate each Sunday morning but we are unable to offer faith formation until we folks step forward. There are many ways to contribute to fulfilling our baptismal vows to nurture one another in the Christian faith. Please contact Sara Blair to donate your time: bryansarablair@gmail.com/563-543-5784.

YOUTH GROUP COMING THIS FALL! We are excited to announce that the joint youth group for grades 6-12 will be continuing AND EXPANDING this fall! FPC, St. Luke's UMC, First Baptist, and Westminster PC(USA) are joining forces to offer an incredible night of "Faith Exploration" and fun for our youth. Combining will provide the youth a unique opportunity to grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus while connecting with other Christian youth in Dubuque. Participants will be offered a chance to be confirmed at their individual churches through this program. Youth Group begins Sunday, September 10th from 5:30-7:00pm. The group will meet at Westminster each Sunday night.

OUTDOOR PROJECT WORKDAY: On Tuesday, September 5 at 6:15pm, help the Mission Committee move tarps and make some adjustments as we prepare the soil for our new plantings coming in May! No tools needed, but the work will require bending, kneeling, and some light lifting. Hope to see you there!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED: Most spots for fall are open and 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS—Send joys and concerns to Pastor Stephanie at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com.

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES: First Presbyterian Church Dubuque and [firstpresdbq](https://www.firstpresdbq.org) respectively. Share posts with friends so folks can see what God is doing here at FPC!

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. September 3 <i>Food for the 1st</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
	11:30am	Deacons meeting
Mon. September 4	Labor Day—Offices closed	
Tue. September 5	4:00pm	CE meeting
	6:15pm	Outdoor Project workday
Sun. September 10 <i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
	11:30am	Worship committee meeting
	5:30pm	Youth Group @ Westminster

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 July 23 - \$64,951
- Expenses Year to Date through July 23 - \$80,522

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons of the month September: Judy Sheridan & Deb Stant

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 11:00pm-3:00pm Monday & Wednesday at home, and 10:30am-12:00pm Thursday at FPC. *Office hours may change slightly week to week.

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COMMUNION SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
14th Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “The Healing Hand of God” Ritter

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:
God of revelation, by your Spirit, divine truth is revealed. Be in my breath and voice, be in our ears and understanding, that through this gift, You may be known. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!
Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!
Our help is in God’s name, the One who calls us here.
We come with songs of praise,
with prayers too deep for words.
Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!
Blessed be the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #56
“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Mit Freuden Zart

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of love and mercy, be with us this day. Slow us down, Lord. Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Help us to mirror Jesus who loved and healed others who were rejected by “polite” society. Remind us that we are called to be strong voices of hope for those who feel alienated and lost; we are called to be a home to strangers; to quench thirst and to give nourishment; to welcome and bring words of hope. Forgive us when we have forgotten these things.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI (#734 in Hymnal)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING
Exodus 1:8-2:10 p. 88

SERMON “Family Dynamics: Protective Pedigree”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" Tomlin, Ingram, Barrett
It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus: Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free (Chorus)

Bridge: It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows (Chorus)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
selection from The Confession of Belhar***
We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;
We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“Come, Heavenly Dove” arr. L. Smith
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
INVITATION
COMMUNION HYMN #617
“A Place at the Table” vv. 1 & 5 Tablesong
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks & praise.
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Back cover of hymnal)

*SENDING HYMN #590
“Rise Up, O Saints of God!” Festal Song

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Celebration for Trumpet” Thygerson

*Please stand in spirit or in body
**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.
***The 222nd General Assembly (2016) approved an amendment to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s Book of Confessions that added the Confession of Belhar. The Confession of Belhar was written as a protest against a heretical theological stance by the white Dutch Reformed Church that used the Bible and the Confessions to justify the harsh and unjust system of Apartheid.

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: Lindsey Ward
Coffee Fellowship host: Lindsey Ward
Nursery Attendants: Florence Siefker
(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)