

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: John Eby
Music Director: Kristen Eby

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

BIBLE PRESENTATION: Today we present Bibles to third graders Sloane Postma and Kip Ward. As a congregation, we hope this gift will encourage them in their journey of faith; that they will find it a source of confidence that they are each a wonderful creation of God and that God has a plan for their lives. Feel free to share your favorite Bible verse with them after worship today, and even help them find it and underline it in their new Bibles!

YOUTH GROUP BEGINS! The Faith Exploration Program (aka Youth Group) for students in grades 6-12 begins TONIGHT from 5:30 -7pm at Westminster PC(USA) Church. Join us for fun, hanging out, and learning what it means to follow Jesus – all while connecting with other Christian youth from around Dubuque. Bring a friend or two! Dinner will be served each Sunday night as part of this program.

THANK YOU to those who faithfully give to our Food for the 1st and Supplies for the 2nd donations. Your generosity goes to support two local ministries and the people they serve. Many thanks!

RALLY DAY UPDATE: It is with gratitude and joy that the Christian Education Committee is able to announce a kick-off for Sunday School on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 9:00am for ages 4-grade 6 and the adults! This year, we will all gather at 9:00am in the Coffee Hour room for a brief OPENING and then head off to our age-group classes.

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.

PRINTED SERMON AVAILABLE: If you are interested in receiving a copy of Pastor Stephanie's sermon via email or mail, please contact her directly at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com or 507.227.8537.

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 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 10	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:30am	Worship committee meeting
	5:30pm	Youth Group @ Westminster
Tue. September 12	5:00pm	Session meeting
Wed. September 12	7:00pm	Choir
Sun. September 17	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	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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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” *arr. Shackley*

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:
Holy, holy, holy God, we worship and adore you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Today, in our worship, we long for a glimpse of your glory; seen perfectly in Christ, our Lord. As we worship, may we gain new insight about the mystery and wonder of your love. And may we sense new ways to mirror that love in our world, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER
The words God speaks are the life and sustenance of all that exists.

The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.

The Spirit’s stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

**Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God;
may our whole lives be worship.
In all things, may we seek to connect with
and to reflect your love and your hope. Amen.**

*SONGS OF PRAISE
#138 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” vv, 1,4 *Grosser Gott*

“Great Are You Lord” *Ingram/Jordan/Leonard*
You give life, You are love,
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

Chorus: It’s Your breath in our lungs
 So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
 It’s Your breath in our lungs
 So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love,
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord (Chorus)

Bridge (3x): All the earth will shout Your praise
 Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
 Great are You, Lord

Chorus 2x

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you.

We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us.

We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SPECIAL MUSIC
“Oh, How Good It Is” *Getty, Holmes and Townend*
Chorus: So with one voice we’ll sing to the Lord
 And with one heart we’ll live out His word
 Till the whole earth sees
 The Redeemer has come
 For He dwells in the presence of His people

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES Sloane Postma & Kip Ward

CONGREGATION: **We present to you your very own Bible.
Learn its stories and study its words.
May you be encouraged and challenged
as God meets you in these pages.**

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

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #670
“O Word of God Incarnate” v. 1 *Munich*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
John 1:1-14 p. 1645

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
Proverbs 8:22-31 p. 995

SERMON “Call to Community: A Reflection of the Trinity”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #542
“They Did Not Build in Vain” *Darwall’s 148th*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“Jesus in the Morning” *arr. Sewell*
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #143
“Father, I Adore You” *Coelho*
Father, we adore You, lay our lives before you.
How we love You.

Jesus, we adore You, lay our lives before you.
How we love you.

Spirit, we adore You, lay our lives before you.
How we love you.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE
“Ye Servants of God” *arr. Wagner*

**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.*

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: Tom Jack
Nursery Attendants: Florence Siefker & Baylee Vincent
(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)