

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

YOUR VOICE IS VALUED *at our congregational meeting following worship TODAY.* We will approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and the Terms of Call for the Pastor.

The 2022 Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of candidates for elder: Terri Gronau (2025), Lindsey Ward (2025), Scott McCaw (2023); for deacon: Tom Jack (2023); two 3-year terms for Deacon are vacant; and for 2023 Nominating Committee at-large members: Annette Boelk, Dedee Cosgrove, John Eby, and Annalee Ward.

The streaming will continue when the worship service ends so those who choose to join the congregational meeting may do so by typing their name into the chat box. We need a quorum of 23 members to take action on these items.

P-P-P-PARTY TIME...TONIGHT! All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us from 5:00-6:30pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church for a PJ, PG, and PIZZA Party. Wear your goofiest slippers, loungewear, and bring a blanket and pillow so we can relax while watching a PG movie and scarfing down some PIZZA. It will be PRETTY POPPIN' (see what I did there?).

TWO FPC FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK: Young at Heart on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 11:00am at Village Inn and/or Men's Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 8:00am at Papa Ozz. Join us!

STEWARDSHIP RECAP: On Sunday, October 23rd, we celebrated Stewardship Sunday by dedicating our time, talent, and treasure to God in worship. Folks were also able to contribute an extra financial gift in honor of our 175th Anniversary. Pastor Kat reminded us of the privilege it is to decorate our lives with symbols and actions reflective of the kingdom of God.

If you missed the chance to do this on the 23rd, there's still time! We encourage you to mail in your 2023 Pledge Card and/or your 175th Anniversary gift to the church office, care of our treasurer, Stephenie Morales. We are experiencing a financial shortfall so your contributions are especially appreciated at this time.

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.

WORSHIP NOTE: The pouring of the water into the font at the beginning of worship engages our physical senses in worship of God. Hearing the water and seeing it poured connects us to the sacrament of Baptism, a sign & seal of our being marked as Christ's own forever. By carrying in the water during the prelude, children are offered an opportunity to participate in worship leadership.

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 30	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
Wed. November 2	11:15am	Congregational Meeting
	5:00pm	Youth Group @ Westminster
Wed. November 2	11:00am	Young at Heart @ Village Inn
Sat. November 5	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz
Sun. November 6	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,600 per month. Offerings received through October 17 totaled \$8,354

- Offerings Year to Date through October 17 - \$98,869
- Expenses Year to Date through October 17 - \$123,315

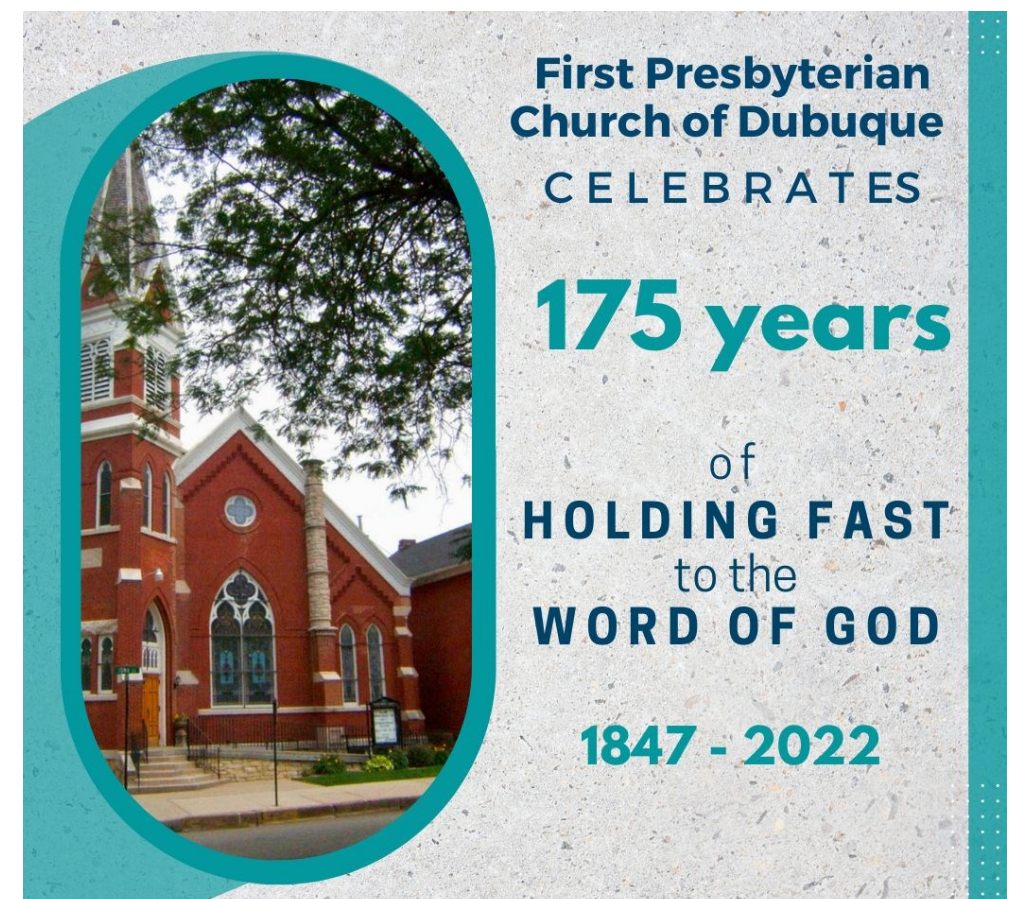
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacon of the month October: Alex Jack
November: Jamie Dillman & Judy Spencer

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 30, 2022
21st Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE “Grace Greater Than My Sin” *arr. Innes*

We sometimes imagine that we must earn God's love. In the story of Zacchaeus, however, Jesus offered him companionship even before Zacchaeus made restoration to those he had cheated. We are also beloved by God despite our bungling ways. We do not have to earn love, but we can rejoice in the love gifted to us because that is who God is. That is what makes "grace" grace.

Sometimes we feel too small and insignificant
to be of any notice to Jesus.

**Yet the Lord provides a tree for us to climb
so that we can see Jesus.**

That tree is faithfulness, compassion, love, hope, joy.

**We are given the opportunity
to witness to the Savior's presence in our lives.**

Lord, help us when we forget how much we are loved by Christ.
Open our hearts to receive his invitation this day. Amen.

#59 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” vv. 1,3,4 *Hymn to Joy*

I will not fear when darkness falls;
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun, the Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord;
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades I know spring will come;
the Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach my final day,
He will not leave me in the grave;
But I will rise, He will call me home;
The Lord is my salvation. CHORUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Abiding and loving God, all of our lives you have been present to us, whether or not we knew it. Your love is always surrounding us, even when we fail to look for you, fail to listen to you, fail to trust you. Remind us again that you are not looking for us to be perfect before we come to you, for you will take our rough edges and make them smooth. You will find the sparkling gem in the rough stone. Let us place our trust and our lives in your loving care. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI (#734 in Hymnal)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE John Emery

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 19:1-10 p. 1630

SERMON “Bungling and Beloved”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #109**
 “O, How I Love Jesus” *O, How I Love Jesus*

***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 Pon-
tius 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 Al-
mighty; 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

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;*

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY SPECIAL MUSIC
“How Can I Keep from Singing?” *arr. Walters*
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #372
"I Then Shall Live" *Finlandia*

***BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE
"Ein' Feste Burg" *arr. Logan*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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.

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

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Sara Blair
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music: Kristen Eby
Musician: John Eby