

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 23RD.** On the 23rd you are invited to bring your pledge card (coming in the mail soon) to worship and place it in the offering plate as an act of dedication. The act of pledging is a spiritual commitment to God. If you are unable to attend worship in person that Sunday, mail your pledge card to FPC in care of our treasurer, Stephenie Morales.

**WE WELCOME REV. KAT ACHEMEIER BACK TO THE PULPIT** on October 23rd to help us celebrate 175 Years of Stewardship and what better way than with a BODACIOUS Coffee Hour following worship?! Don't miss it!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** *Your voice is valued at our congregational meeting on October 30th, immediately following worship.* We will approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for elders and deacons, as well as, confirm the Terms of Call for Pastor Stephanie as put forth by the Session. Streaming will continue when the worship service ends so those who choose to join the congregational meeting may do so.

**P-P-P-PARTY TIME!** All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Sunday, October 30th from 5:00-6:30pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church for a PJ, PG, and PIZZA party. Wear your goofiest slippers and 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?).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES** at 9:00am on Sunday mornings. Youth age 5 and up meet in the basement Fellowship Hall and adults meet in the Coffee Hour Room. Both groups discuss the sermon passage. During this time, children under 5 are invited to the nursery.

**FALL SERMON SERIES:** We continue to journey through the book of Luke together exploring the question of identity. We ask "Who Am I?" in relationship to ourselves, one another, and God. Through the words of Luke, we discover that what we presume about ourselves in these relationships is mirrored by how we live. How do we reflect the image of God? If you want to explore these questions more deeply, we invite you to Sunday School at 9:00am to discuss the sermon text for the week with your church community through open conversation where no one person is the expert.

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!** All spots beyond this Sunday are open 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](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com) or 507.227.8537.

## 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 16	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	5:00pm	Youth Group
<i>Pastor leading worship @ Omaha Pres. Seminary Foundation retreat Oct. 17 &amp; 18</i>		
Wed. October 19	7:15pm	Choir
Sat. October 22	9:00am	Officer visioning meeting
Sun. October 23 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: <b>Guest preacher;</b> <b>Rev. Kat Achtemeier</b>
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship

### GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,600 per month. Offerings received through September 25 totaled \$6,882

- Offerings Year to Date through September 15 - \$89,098
- Expenses Year to Date through September 15 - \$122,368

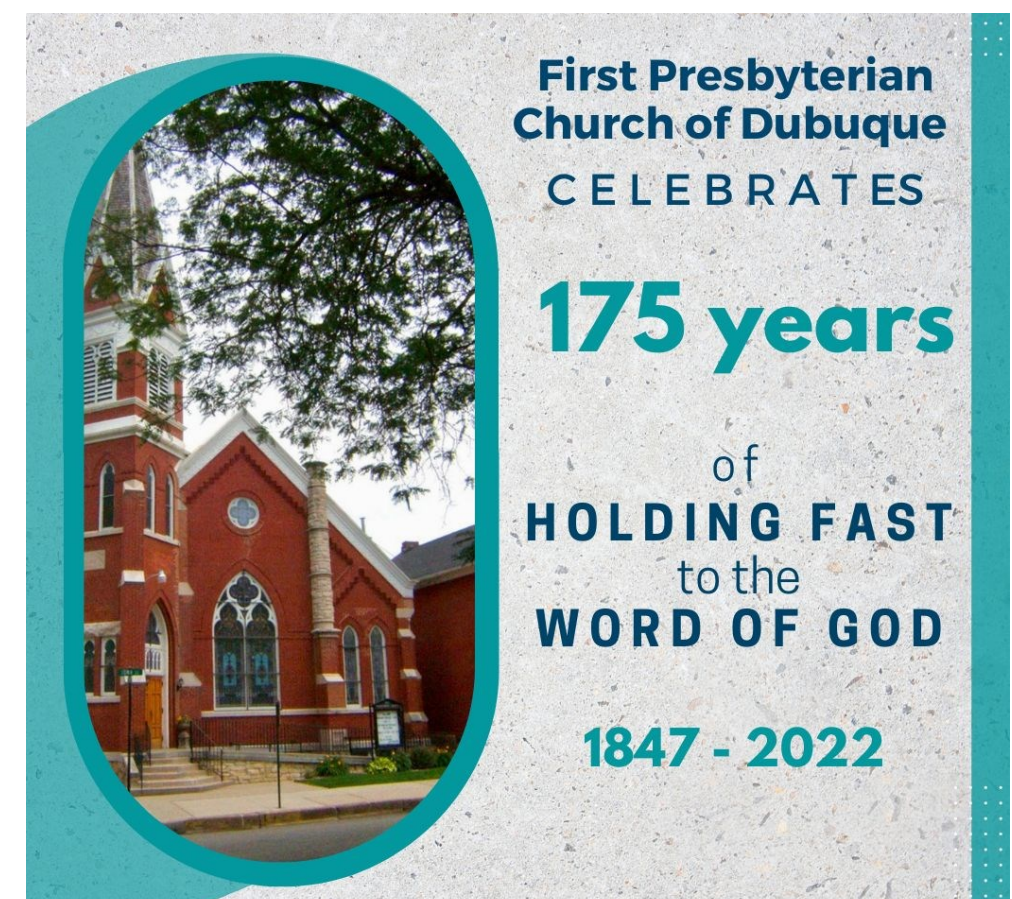
### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Deacon of the month October:** Alex 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](mailto: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 16, 2022  
18th Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE

"Meditation for Prayer"

Turner

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION  
*Our Eternal God remains constant through all of our striving, and patient with our ceaseless prayers. May this truth sustain us, ever and always.*

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Soloist: singing #651 "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" 1x

We come joyfully to the house of the Lord.  
We bring our praise and offer our lives to God.  
This is our gift and our sacrifice - an act of devotion to God.  
Let us celebrate God’s love with our voices and our lives.

All: singing "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" 1x

Amen.

\*SONGS OF PRAISE

#62

"In the Lord Alone"

Harrah

"Lord, I Need You"  
Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart,  
You're the one that guides my heart  
  
Lord I need You, oh I need You,  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh God how I need You  
  
Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found, is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free,  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are, Lord, I am free,  
Holiness is Christ in me  
  
So teach my song to rise to You,  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You,  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You,  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
  
Lord I need You, oh I need You,  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness,  
Oh God, how I need You

Nockels

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my requests. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Therefore, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, through the power of Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
Believe the good news of the gospel:  
our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI (#734 in Hymnal)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

p. 1628

SERMON  
"Wanting and Supplied"

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #473  
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"  
Converse

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
- a variation on the Apostles’ Creed by Bruce Prewer

ALL: In spite of many unanswered questions, I believe.

FONT SIDE:  
I believe in the living God, the joy of the universe,  
who is the pulse and purpose of all things seen and unseen,  
who from the dust of earth calls up living beings to be children of eternity,  
who through countless ages has provided for us many liberators  
and tirelessly seeks to bring victory out of defeat and life out of decay.

BANNER SIDE:  
I believe in Jesus the Christ, God’s true Son,  
who is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,  
who took upon himself the healing of the human race,  
who bearing the burden of our sins went to Golgotha carrying his cross,  
who was betrayed, crucified, dead and buried in a borrowed tomb,  
who on the third day was found to be gloriously alive,  
meeting with those who trust him and serve him to the end of the world.

FONT SIDE:  
I believe in the Holy Spirit of God,  
within and among all who cherish Christ and his way,

who brings hope out of despair, love out of apathy, and joy out of sorrow,  
who unceasingly regenerates and reforms the church  
that it may always be the contemporary body of the risen Christ,  
loving the world through prayer, word and deed.

BANNER SIDE:  
I believe that even I am caught up in the resurgent life of Christ Jesus,  
and that nothing in life or death can separate me from his love and joy.

ALL: In spite of unanswered questions, yes I believe. Amen!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL OFFERTORY MUSIC  
"Sonata #3, 2nd Movement"  
Handel

\*DOXOLOGY #34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SENDING HYMN #349

"Seek Ye First"  
Lafferty

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

"The Lord Reigneth!"  
Glyncannon

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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:

Greeter: John Dillman

Please see the sign up sheet 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)

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music: Alex Eby

Musician: Alex & John Eby