

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY and we are celebrating by serving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. World Communion Sunday celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. For those worshipping in person, elements will be provided. For those joining us online, you are invited to prepare elements at home before worship.

THANK YOU! to those who donated either their time or food items or both for Café Ministry this past Thursday. The next Café Ministry is December 30th. Your continued support of this ministry is invaluable!

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE BEAUTIFUL WORSHIP BANNERS adorning our sanctuary? On the South wall, "It is Good to Give Thanks to the Lord!" is in memory of Ruth Muir; on the West wall, "Sing to the Lord All the Earth," is in memory of Betty Gronau; and the banner on the North wall, "Go Into the World and Make Disciples" is in memory of Lydia Sturman. See the October newsletter for more information about all of the FPC worship banners.

YOUNG AT HEART will meet this Tuesday, October 5th, at Village Inn at 11:30am. All are welcome.

SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND will be collected next Sunday, October 10. Along with the regular need for paper towels, toilet paper, and disinfecting wipes or sprays; **packs of toothbrushes, pajamas of all sizes, twin and full sheets, and** adult slippers are needed to gear up for the winter. Drop donations in the marked tub in the narthex. Thank you!

CHOIR HAS RESUMED once a month with COVID precautions in place. Enjoy singing praises at rehearsal on Wednesday, October 13 at 5:15pm; singing in worship on Sunday, October 17. All are welcome!

DEACONS OF THE MONTH for October are Mark & Deb Stant.

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

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 9:00 a.m. during the school year, and worship at 10:15 a.m.

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., October 3 <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
	11:30am	Deacons
Tue., October 5	11:30am	Young at Heart @ Village Inn
Sun., October 10	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:30am	Mission Committee

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,300 per month. Offerings received through September 26th totaled \$10,491.

- Offerings Year to Date (YTD) through August 31 - \$92,664.
- Expenses (YTD) through August 31 - \$95,469

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons for the month of October: Mark & 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 Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Monday (home), Wednesday (home) and Thursday (at FPC) from 9:00am-1:00pm

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 3, 2021
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Today is World Communion Sunday.
We join with churches around the world to celebrate our
oneness in Christ by gathering at the Communion table.
The Communion table today includes a display of a variety
of breads, from a variety of origins, to represent the
solidarity we share with the church around the world.*

*“There is one body, but it has many parts. . .
So it is with Christ.”*

1 Corinthians 12:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Christians, We Have Met to Worship” *arr. Hayes*

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

*Let us create a space for the love of God to be shared, to hold us,
and know us as we are; a space that holds our fragility and our ques-
tions, our regrets and our longings. This is that place: God-shaped
and love-filled. Come all of you and know that the love of God shares
our journey through all things and speaks our name with grace and
love, always.*

CALL TO WORSHIP from Heb. 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets,
**but in the last days he has spoken to us through
his Son Jesus Christ.**

Jesus is the reflection of God’s glory, and he sustains all things in
the world by his powerful Word. It was fitting that God, for whom
and through whom all things exist,
should give his only son to suffering for our salvation.

Therefore we will proclaim God’s name.

In the midst of the congregation, we will praise God.

OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE “Siyahamba” *South African Hymn*

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God. (2x)

We are marching, we are marching,
O, we are marching in the light of God. (2x)

Si-ya hamb’e ku-kha-nye-ni kwen-khos (4x)

Si-ya hamb’e, Si-ya hamb’e,
O si-ya hamb’e ku-kha-nye-ni kwen-khos, (2x)

We are living in the love of God...

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to
love and serve one another, and to care for all your creatures.
Yet, in the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your command-
ments and seek to go our separate ways. We forget the names
of our neighbors. We let the lonely remain lonely. We turn our
back on the weakest among us. We let those who are vulnerable
stay vulnerable. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and
re-create us for the sake of Christ our Savior.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:2-16

p. 1570

SERMON “Asking the Questions: What is lawful?”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#617 “A Place at the Table”

Tablesong

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed” *(Back cover of hymnal)*

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Lá Catedral”

Barrios

*DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN

#689 “One Bread, One Body” v. 1 *Foley*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING WITH SUNG RESPONSE

Congregational Response: Halle, halle, halle - lu - jah (3x)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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.

(Congregational Response)

. . . We give you thanks for calling us to be your children.

(Congregational Response)

. . . We give you thanks for Jesus Christ and for this meal.

(Congregational Response)

. . . We give you thanks, Holy Trinity, now and forever.

(Congregational Response)

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold the elements until all have been served.

All items are gluten-free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN

#708 “Go Forth for God” vv. 1,2,4 *Geneva 124*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Joy in the Morning” *Birchwood*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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.*

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Rev. Timothy Slemmons
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: Marcus DeJesus
Musicians: John Eby, Linda Longfield

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Sandy Spencer, *greeter*
Lisa Reed & Florence Siefker, *nursery attendants*