

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Betty Thompson
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: Dick Sturman
Musicians: John & Kristen Eby, Jill Klinebriel

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

YOU'RE INVITED! Dubuque Area Congregations United invites you to attend their gathering this Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7:00pm at FPC. Representatives from the Dubuque Food Pantry, the Dubuque Rescue Mission, and People in Need will be giving updates on their organizations and how they are serving the community. Come and hear how your donations are having an impact!

YOUR VOICE IS VALUED at our Congregational Meeting on October 31st immediately following worship. We will vote on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for elders and deacons, as well as to consider the Terms of Call for Pastor Stephanie put forth by the Session. The streaming will continue after the worship service ends so those who choose to join the congregational meeting virtually may do so.

OCTOBER 31ST IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY. On the 31st you are encouraged 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, Bob Monthey.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FPC is planning a **church bowling** outing on Nov. 14 from 2:00-4:00pm at Fischer Lanes. More details and a sign-up are coming!

VENITA'S MEMORIAL SERVICE: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, we entrusted VeNita Fawcett to his heavenly care on September 11. It was VeNita's wish that her memorial service be held at FPC when all her loved ones could gather together in remembrance. The date and time chosen by those closest to her is 11:00am on Saturday, December 11th, 2021. A luncheon will follow at the University of Dubuque hosted by Rev. Dr. Jeffrey & Dana Bullock.

Check out our Facebook page: [First Presbyterian Church Dubuque](#). Share posts so folks can see what God is doing here at FPC!

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

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., October 24	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship: Leon Thompson
Tue., October 26	7:00pm	DACU
Sun., October 31 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Receiving of Pledge Cards
	11:15pm	Annual Congregational Meeting

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,300 per month. Offerings received through October 18th totaled \$7,399.

- Offerings Year to Date (YTD) through September 30 - \$103,355
- Expenses (YTD) through September 30 - \$110,060

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacon 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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OCTOBER 24, 2021 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stewardship Deb Stant

PRELUDE "Immortal, Invisible" arr. Hayes

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

Mystical, transcendent God of light, let your Holy Spirit come into our darkness and open our hearts, that your word may show us the blessings you intend for all creation. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

From the storms and struggles of life we come.

Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.

Come, in the midst of darkness, there is light.

From the struggle of blindness, we will be given sight.

Come, open your hearts to receive the healing of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Let the light of Jesus' love break through our blindness and fill our world with glory.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Christ, Be Our Light" vv. 1,2,5

Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Chorus: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Chorus)

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. (Chorus)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light.

SILENT CONFESSION

(Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven,
and freed to try again.

*GLORIA PATRI #734

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22 p. 871

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:46-52 p. 1572

SERMON "Asking the Questions: What Does It Take to See?"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#319 "Shine, Jesus Shine" Kendrick

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed" *(Back cover of hymnal)*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Andante"

Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

"Go Light Your World"

Rice

There is a candle in ev'ry soul
Some brightly burning some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

So carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Take your candle and go light your world

Frustrated brother see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely the tired and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Take your candle and go light your world

We are a fam'ly whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

So carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Carry your candle run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Postlude in D Major"

Broughton

**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. *Due to COVID no snacks will be served. Please maintain proper social distancing.*

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Sandy Spencer, greeter
Lisa Reed & Florence Siefker, nursery attendants
*(Children through age 5
are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)*