

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Lindsey Ward
Music Director: Kristen Eby

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME! We welcome Rev. Marsha Wilfong to the pulpit today. Pastor Marsha is a retired PC(USA) pastor and active participant at Westminster Presbyterian Church here in Dubuque. Thank you Pastor Marsha for sharing God's Word with us today.

FUTURE FOCUS: We continue to seek God's direction for the future focus and design of FPC's ministry. The Session is working with a small group to bring the feedback we heard during our congregational gatherings this spring to fruition. God is indeed doing good work. Please prayer for what is ahead.

MINISTRY MODELS: Are you wondering what the future holds for our congregation? Join folks from First Presbyterian, Westminster, and FPC Bellevue as we gather with representatives from John Knox Presbytery to learn more about different models of ministry and how we might step into the future to which God may be calling us. *On Sunday, August 13 from 5:00-7:00pm at Westminster* we'll examine some possible "Roadmaps to the Future" together. This is not a decision-making meeting. This is simply an opportunity to gather with our sister churches, enjoy food and fellowship, hear helpful information, ask questions, and better understand the possibilities.

CREATORS CAMP SUNDAY CELEBRATION: On Sunday, August 20th at 10:00am, we will be having worship at the Dubuque Arboretum pavilion in celebration of Creators Camp. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on, bug spray, and a water bottle. Come and hear the Bible lessons that our kiddos have been interacting with all summer long! *There will be NO worship service held in FPC's building on August 20.*

YOUTH GROUP COMING THIS FALL! We are excited to announce that the joint youth group for grades 6-12 will be continuing AND EXPANDING this fall! FPC, St. Luke's UMC, First Congregational, UCC, and Westminster PC(USA) are joining forces to offer an incredible night of "Faith Exploration" and fun for our youth. Combining will provide the youth a unique opportunity to grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus while connecting with other Christian youth in Dubuque. Participants will be offered a chance to be confirmed at their individual churches through this program. Youth Group begins Sunday, September 10th from 5:30-7:00pm. The group will meet at Westminster each Sunday night.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY! Thanks to Dani Postma's initiative, we received a grant from the City of Dubuque to fund projects in and around FPC. Watch for more opportunities to contribute time and a helping hand soon!

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. August 6	9:30am 10:15am	Deacons meeting Worship:
Wed. August 9	1:00-4:00pm	Creators Camp @ St. Luke's UMC
Sun. August 13	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

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 June - \$53,727
- Expenses Year to Date through June - \$77,042

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons of the month August: Alex Jack & Tom 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

Admin Summer Office Hours* for Ginger Vander Broek are 1:00pm-4:00pm Monday & Wednesday at home, and 10:30am-12:00pm Thursday at FPC. **Office hours may change slightly week to week.*

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COMMUNION SUNDAY

AUGUST 6, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “O Thou, In Whose Presence” arr. Ritter

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:
Grant us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP
In the morning when the sun rises
We shall praise you, O Lord.
 You have delivered us through every long night,
 And given us safe passage across rivers of struggle.
The darkness is past; the Light has come.
 In joy we raise our song and prayer to you, O Lord!

*SONGS OF PRAISE
“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” Redman
 Bless the Lord
 Oh my soul, oh my soul
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before
 Oh my soul
 I'll worship Your holy name
 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing Your song again
 Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
 Let me be singing when the evening comes

 Bless the Lord...

 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind
 For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
 Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

 Bless the Lord...

 And on that day when my strength is failing
 The end draws near and my time has come
 Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
 Ten thousand years and then forever more

 Bless the Lord...

 Worship Your holy name
 Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

“As We Seek” Bilbrough
 As we seek your face,
 May we know your heart;
 Feel your presence, acceptance,
 As we seek your face.

 At your feet we fall,
 Sovereign Lord;
 We cry “Holy, Holy,”
 At your feet we fall. (repeat first verse)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. We called upon to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI (#734 in Hymnal)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 p. 1799

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
 Genesis 32:22-31 p. 53

SERMON “Meeting God Face to Face”

*HYMN OF REPSONSE #429 Neumark
 “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You”

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 Pontius 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 Almighty; 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.

THE OFFERING
 OFFERTORY
 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” arr. A.L. Page

*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
INVITATION
COMMUNION HYMN #705
 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” v. 1 *Finest Wheat*
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
 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.
 ...we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Back cover of hymnal)
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
 Please hold the elements until all have been served.
 Gluten-free bread is available in the tray insert.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN #409 Sandon
 “God of Our Life”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Birchwood
 “Joy in the Morning”

**Please stand if you are able.*
***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: Judy Sheridan
Coffee Fellowship host: Paula McNally
Nursery Attendants: Florence Siefker, Lillian Jones
(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)