

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**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.

**SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND** will be collected next Sunday, November 13th. Along with paper products and cleaning supplies, this month's needs are packs of toothbrushes, pajamas of all sizes, twin and full sheets, and adult slippers. All go to help those living at the Domestic Violence Shelter.

**WE WELCOME GUEST PREACHER** Rev. Jeff Japinga next Sunday, November 13th. Rev. Japinga is the new Executive Presbyter of the John Knox Presbytery. Let's show him a great FPC welcome as he gets to know the congregations throughout the presbytery.

**YOU'RE INVITED: Julien Chamber Choir concert.** The JCC, under the direction of Kristen Eby and accompanied by Jill Klinebriel, presents their fall concert "Vices and Virtues" on Sunday, November 13 at 4:00pm at Lord of Life Lutheran Church (2899 Hales Mill Road, Asbury) and on Monday, November 14 at 7:30pm at Galena Center for the Arts (971 Gear Street). The 20 voice ensemble will perform a variety of styles and genres, including works by Hassler, Chilcott, Lauridsen, and Rutter. Freewill donations accepted.

**JOIN US** for the 40th Annual Dubuque Area Congregations United Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:00pm. The service of gratitude will be held at Resurrection Catholic Church and will feature Dr. Charles Barland on organ, the Dubuque Area Children's Chorale, and will feature the Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet as speaker. Financial contributions for People in Need and donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted as part of the gathering.

**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)

<b>Sun. November 6</b>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Food for the 1st</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
	11:30am	Deacons
<b>Mon. November 7</b>	4:00pm	CE via Zoom
<b>Tue. November 8</b>	7:00am— 8:00pm	Iowa polls open
<i>Election Day</i>		
<b>Sun. November 13</b>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
<i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	10:15am	Worship: guest preacher; Rev. Jeff Japinga
	5:00pm	Youth Group

### GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,600 per month. Offerings received through October 31 totaled \$12,329

- Offerings Year to Date through October 31 - \$104,854
- Expenses Year to Date through October 31 - \$123,290

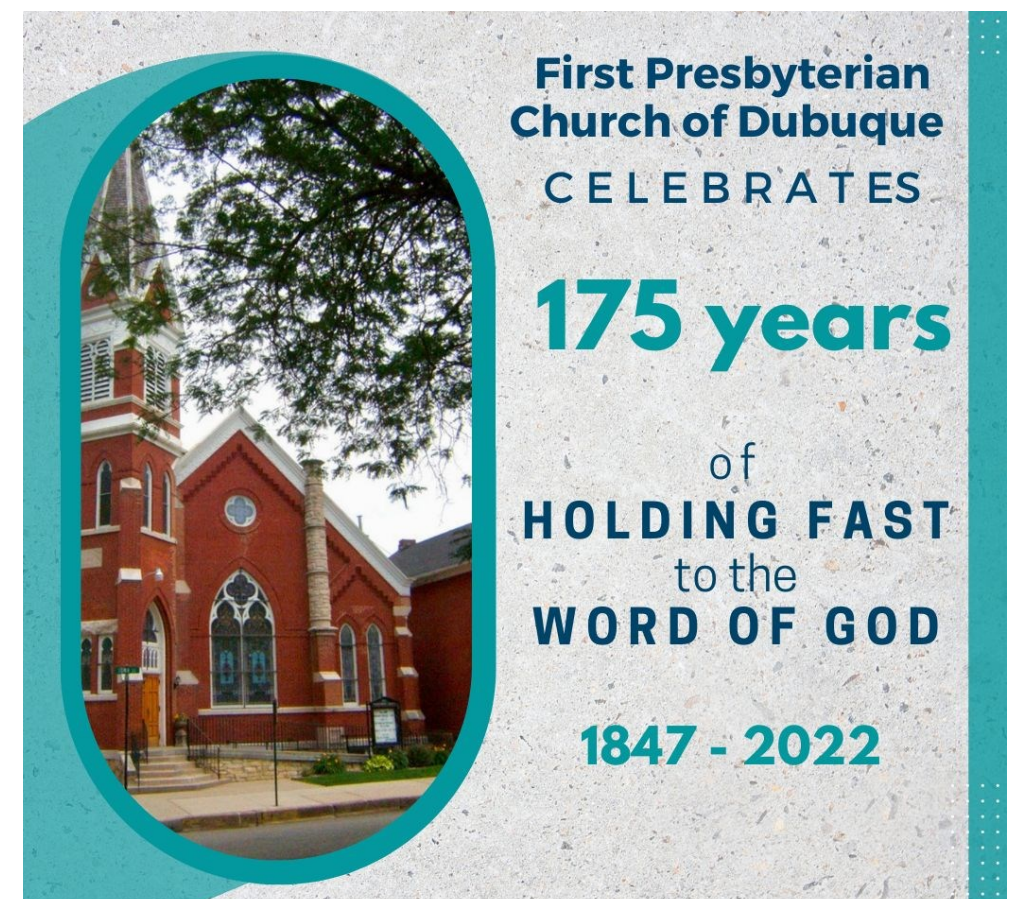
### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Deacons of the month November:** Jamie Dillman & Judy Sheridan

**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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NOVEMBER 6, 2022  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Open My Eyes” arr. Burroughs

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION  
*Holy One, I want to see you today, in this world, with my own eyes. Even though your greatness is unsearchable, today I want to meditate on your wondrous works all around me. Give me the eyes of faith through which to see you. Renew me, that I may praise you with a new song. Amen.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!  
Each day God brings to us new opportunities to learn and grow.  
God is near to all of us.  
We will not fear to call upon the Lord.  
Come, let us praise God who walks with us daily.  
Let us open our hearts and spirits to God who loves and lives with us. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #1  
“God Is Here!” vv. 1-3 Abbott’s Leigh

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Lord, we are people who want instant answers to all our questions. We want to know how everything is going to work out throughout all of our lives so we pose questions in which we do not necessarily seek answers but rather entrap you into giving us what we want. Help us to understand the broader picture: the scope of your faithfulness and love for us. Remind us of all the times when you have lifted us and brought us to new opportunities for learning and growth. Let us place our trust in you totally, without reservation, for you are indeed faithful and just.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
Therefore, we are forgiven  
and freed to try again.

\*GLORIA PATRI #734

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING  
Luke 20:27-40 p. 1634

SERMON “Student and Expert”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #480  
“Open My Eyes, That I May See” Open My Eyes

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
*Selections from The Westminster Confession 6.004-6.006\*\**  
The authority of the Holy Scripture, for which it ought to be believed and obeyed, dependeth not upon the testimony of any human or church, but wholly upon God (who is truth itself), the author; and therefore it is to be received, because it is the Word of God... (and) our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit, bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts. The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for God’s own glory, human salvation, faith, and life, is expressly set down in Scripture.

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY  
“If You But Trust in God to Guide You” arr. Peterson  
\*DOXOLOGY #34  
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
INVITATION  
COMMUNION HYMN #699  
“Let Us Break Bread Together” vv. 1, 3 Let Us Break Bread  
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.  
It is indeed right . . .  
Therefore we gladly join our voices  
to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest . . .

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.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*SENDING HYMN #53  
“I Stand in Awe” Altrogge

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE  
“Postlude” Boellman

*\*Those who are able, please stand.  
\*\*The Westminster Confession was produced by the Westminster Assembly in the mid-1600’s in an effort to reform the worship, doctrine and church government of the Church of England. The Westminster Confession clarified, outlined, and systematized the teachings of the Reformation and remains one of the PC (USA)’s confessional statements.*

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: Tom Boelk  
*Please see the sign up sheet to serve as Coffee Fellowship host*  
Communion Servers: John Dillman, Tom Boelk, Mark Ward,  
Mark Stant  
Nursery Attendants: Lillian Jones & 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  
Liturgist: Beth Elder  
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby  
Musician: John Eby