

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

'TIS (ALMOST) THE SEASON! We welcome your help TODAY following worship to decorate the church for the Advent season beginning next Sunday, November 27. Many hands make light work as we prepare to worship the Christ child.

WHILE PASTOR STEPHANIE IS ON VACATION November 21st - 30th, you may contact the administrative assistant, Ginger, via email at: firstpresdbq@gmail.com for day-to-day needs or to add prayers to the prayer chain (*noting she will be out of the office and unreachable 11/23-11/27*). For emergency pastoral care needs, contact Rev. Stephanie Schlimm at 563-581-5512.

THANK YOU to those who continually and faithfully give to our Food for the 1st and Supplies for the 2nd donations. Your generosity does not go unnoticed and goes a long way to helping those in need in our community.

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for a December/January issue is Monday, November 28 at 9:00am.

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 the Church of the Resurrection 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.

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 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. November 20	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
<i>Pastor on vacation Nov. 21-30</i>		
Wed. November 23	7:00pm	DACU Interfaith Thanksgiving Svc. @ Church of the Resurrection
Thu. November 24		Thanksgiving Day
Church office closed 11/23-11/27		
Sun. November 27	9:00am	1st Sunday of Advent Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Morgan Frazer, guest preacher
Mon. November 28	9:00am	Newsletter deadline

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,600 per month. Offerings received through November 6 totaled \$2,307

- Offerings Year to Date through November 6 - \$107,441
- Expenses Year to Date through November 6 - \$131,606

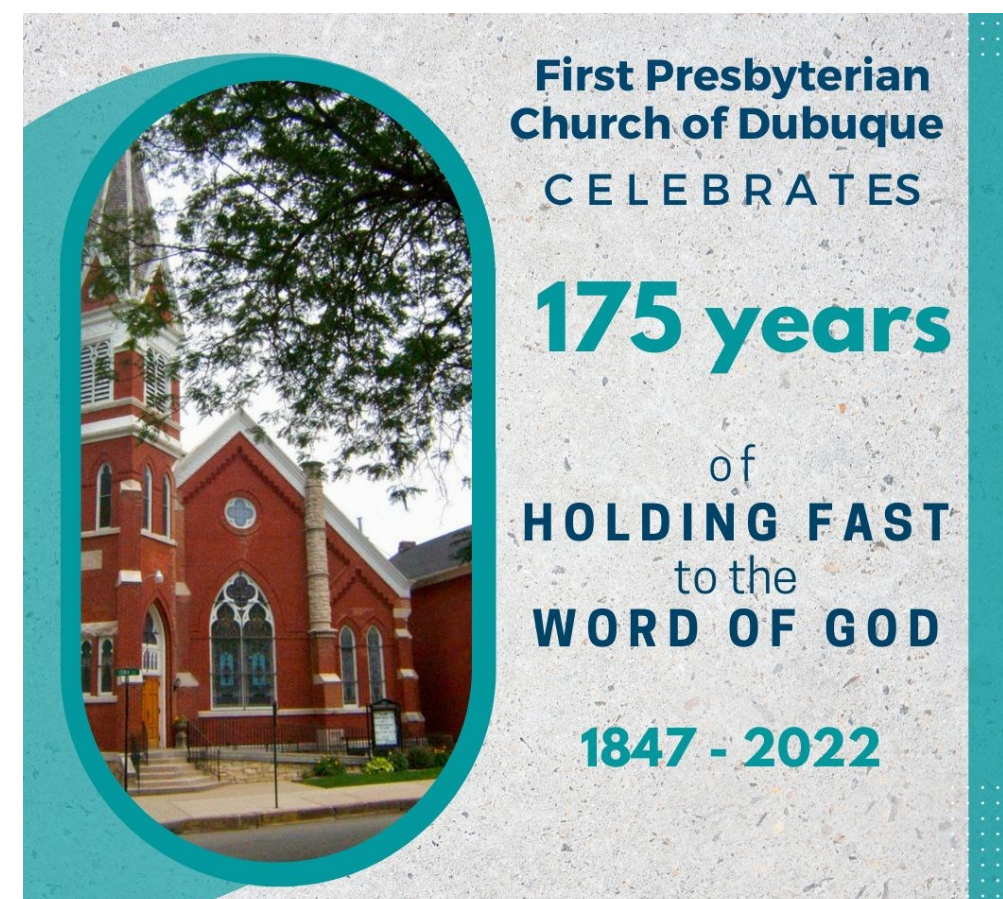
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

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 20, 2022

Christ the King

Today is Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday before Advent begins, which is the start of the new Christian year. Christ the King Sunday focuses our worship on the cosmic character of Christ’s reign over the world. It is a proclamation to all that everything in creation and culture must submit to Christ and an invitation to actively and joyfully submit to his rule.

Leading up to Christmas, we are encouraged to remember that Christmas is about more than a baby in a manger—it is about a sovereign Christ who came to be the “Prince of Peace.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Lead On, O King Eternal” *arr. Long*

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION
Lord God, the words “Jesus is King” come easily to our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean for us. In this service, help us worship you in spirit and truth and give us a vision for how we may live in homage to you every day of our lives through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Good morning! May God’s blessings be with you this day!
Thank you, and may God’s blessings be with you also!
May the light of Christ’s love shine on you today
May the peace of Christ be in your heart.
Open your hearts to celebrate the reign of our Savior Jesus Christ.
With joy we open our hearts and spirits to the Lord. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE #94
“Shout to the Lord” *Zschech*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Forgiving God, how many times have we spoken words of commitment and faith and then turned our backs on these commitments to follow the temptations of the world? We wander after the false prophets of greed, selfishness, arrogance, ignorance, hatred, and stubbornness and then shout our displeasure at how we are being treated. We want you to come in and clean up all our messes, excusing us from any responsibility for them. Forgive us for such foolishness. Help us to remember the power of your healing love, which has been given to us. Teach us to listen and to place our trust in your abiding power. For we ask this in Jesus’ name.

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI #734

CHORAL ANTHEM
“Come Ye Thankful for the Beauty” *arr. Pepper Chopin*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING
Jeremiah 23:1-6 p. 1210

SERMON “Servants and Leaders”

*SONG OF RESPONSE
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" *Watts*
My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back,
When I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy’s sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death
Your presence is my stay;
One word of your supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
Does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest,
But like a child at home.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Michael and Danielle Postma
Paula McNally

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Our World Belongs to God”** slct.
God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to him!
God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!
Jesus ascended in triumph to his heavenly throne.
There he hears our prayers,
pleads our cause before the Father, and rules our world.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.
Our hope for a new earth is not tied to what humans can do,
for we believe that one day

every challenge to God’s rule
and every resistance to his will shall be crushed.
Then his kingdom shall come fully,
and our Lord shall rule forever.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“Andante” in B minor *Rudolph*
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #341
“Jesus Shall Reign” *Duke Street*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE
“Thanksgiving Flourish” *Broughton*

**Those who are able, please stand.*
***This second edition of Our World Belongs to God was approved by Synod 2008 of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. (The first edition was adopted in 1986.) While not having confessional status, it is meant to give a hymn-like expression of faith within the heritage of the Reformed confessions, especially addressing issues that confront the church today.*

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
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
Liturgist: Mark Ward
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Musician: John Eby