

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Dani Postma, MDiv.
Liturgist: Rev. Tim Slemmons
Music Director: Kristen Eby

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THANK YOU TO DANI POSTMA for sharing the Word of God this morning. Dani recently graduated from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary with her Master of Divinity degree. We are blessed to have her family as members here at FPC.

Pastor Stephanie will return to regular working hours on Tuesday, August 29th. If you are in need of pastoral care prior to that time, please contact Rev. Stephanie Schlimm on her cell: 563-581-5512.

RALLY DAY UPDATE: At this time, Rally Day has been postponed. The CE Committee is still recruiting teachers for our Sunday School program. We have a good group of kids (ages 4-10) and adults who participate each Sunday morning but we are unable to offer faith formation until we folks step forward. There are many ways to contribute to fulfilling our baptismal vows to nurture one another in the Christian faith. Please contact Sara Blair to donate your time: bryansarablair@gmail.com/563-543-5784.

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.

JOIN US TODAY in caring for our neighborhood in partnership with our Unitarian Universalist Fellowship friends across the street. Just walk across the street to the front door of UUFD after worship (11:30ish) to grab some gloves and trash bags as we clean-up the Jackson Park area.

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES:

[First Presbyterian Church Dubuque](#) and [firstpresdbq](#) respectively. Share posts with friends so folks can see what God is doing here at FPC!

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)

Pastor out of office through 8/28

Sun. August 27	10:15am	Worship: Dani Postma, MDiv., preaching
	11:30am	Neighborhood cleanup
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship: Rev. Dan Emmert
Mon. August 28	9:00am	September Newsletter deadline
Sat. September 2	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Kelly's Cafe
Sun. September 3 <i>Food for the 1st</i>	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
	11:30am	Deacons meeting
Mon. September 4		Labor Day—Offices closed

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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AUGUST 27, 2023

13th Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION	“Christian Education”	Sara Blair
PRELUDE	"Serenity"	Cumbie

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. (Attributed to Francis of Assisi)

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP
God has called us like Joseph in Egypt,
the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.
They shared their blessings
so that we might know God’s presence here.
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us
also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.
Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #93
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" *Nettleton*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Gracious God, we use a lot of words, but do little to turn them
into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose
sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great
grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the
most. Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our
shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI (#734 in Hymnal)

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #480
“Open My Eyes, That I May See” *Open My Eyes*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 18:1-6a; 16-19; 28-35 *p. 855*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
Genesis 45:1-15 *p. 75*

SERMON “Family Dynamics: Radical Reconciliation”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE
"Do It Again" *Elevation Worship*
Walking around these walls;
I thought by now they'd fall,
But you have never failed me yet.
Waiting for change to come;
Knowing the battle's won,
For you have never failed me yet.

Chorus: Your promise still stands;
Great is your faithfulness,
Faithfulness.
I'm still in your hands;
This is my confidence:
You've never failed me yet.

I know the night won't last.
Your word will come to pass.
My heart will sing your praise again.
Jesus you're still enough.
Keep me within your love.
My heart will sing your praise again. (chorus)

I've seen you move.
You move the mountains
And I believe
I'll see you do it again.
You made a way
Where there was no way,
And I believe
I'll see you do it again.

You've never failed me yet;
I never will forget.
You've never failed me yet;
I never will forget.

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 Pon-
tius 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 Al-
mighty; 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.

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY "Chapel Aria" *Scott*
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #372
“I Then Shall Live” *Finlandia*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Let Praise Ring Forth” *Broughton*

**Please stand in spirit or in body*
***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 comforta-
ble to you.

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.

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)