

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THANK YOU to the Sunday School teachers who were commissioned last Sunday. Your dedication to teaching God's Word to children of all ages is deeply appreciated by your church family.

CAFÉ MINISTRY IS THIS THURSDAY! Thank you to those who have already donated your time or food items. **We are still in need of 2 servers and 1 dozen cookies or bars.** See the sign up sheet in the back of the church or [email](#) the church office. Items can be dropped off at FPC by 9/29. Thanks!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 3RD and FPC will celebrate by serving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. World Communion Sunday celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. For those worshipping in person, elements will be provided. For those joining us online, you are invited to prepare elements at home before worship.

PASTOR ON VACATION—Pastor Stephanie will be on vacation from through the 27th. **For pastoral emergencies while the pastor is away**, please contact the Rev. Marsha Wilfong at 563-583-6571.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NURSERY CAREGIVER, LISA REED. Lisa, a student at Loras, joins Florence Siefker in providing love and care to God's littlest ones in our congregation. Please welcome Lisa to our church family.

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: [First Presbyterian Church Dubuque](#). Share posts with friends 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 9:00 a.m. during the school year, and worship at 10:15 a.m.

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., September 26	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Marsha Wilfong, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack & Leon Thompson

Pastor on vacation through **September 27**

Thu., September 30	4:45pm-7:00pm	Café Ministry @ 1st Congregational Church
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Sat., October 2	8:00am-10:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz Session
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Sun., October 3 <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
	11:30am	Deacons

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,300 per month. Offerings received through September 19th totaled \$9,890.

- Offerings Year to Date (YTD) through August 31 - \$92,664.
- Expenses (YTD) through August 31 - \$95,469

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacon for the month of September: Hannah Eby

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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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus” *arr. Courtney*

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

O God of love, you have called us into the church. We thank you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for one another. May our congregation be knit together through worship and prayer, that we might make visible your love and mercy, within and beyond our church doors; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, bless his name!
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE “Rain Down” *Cortez*
#444

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of endless patience, we confess that we have too little respect and compassion for others. Instead of being open to what others are like, we try to make them like us. We are too quick to criticize and too slow to listen; too quick to condemn and too slow to forgive; too quick to become angry and too slow to serve. We have caused people to question their worth rather than affirming it. We have not learned to say, “I love you” to those who are troubled, and to those who do not respond with affection. Forgive us, and fill us with the spirit of Christ, who did not refuse to give his life for those he loved.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

*GLORIA PATRI #734

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20 p. 1885

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art” *arr. Ahn*
Preludes Op. 28 Nos. 8 & 16 *Chopin*

SERMON

“United in Prayer”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#473 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus ” *Converse*

*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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Meditation” *arr. L. Smith*

*DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

#393 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” *Dennis*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “God of Grace and God of Glory” *arr. Wagner*

**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.*

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Marsha Wilfong
Liturgist: Franklin Yartey
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: JeeHae Esther Ahn
Musicians: John Eby & Kristen Eby

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Jamie Dillman, *greeter*
Lisa Reed & Florence Siefker, *nursery attendants*