

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

YOUR VOICE IS VALUED at our Congregational Meeting on October 31st immediately following worship. We will approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for elders and deacons, as well as to confirm the Terms of Call for Pastor Stephanie put forth by the Session. The streaming will continue after the worship service ends so those who choose to join the congregational meeting virtually may do so.

OCTOBER 31ST IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY. On the 31st you are encouraged to bring your pledge card (coming in the mail soon) to worship and place it in the offering plate as an act of dedication. The act of pledging is a spiritual commitment to God. If you are unable to attend worship in person that Sunday, mail your pledge card to FPC in care of our treasurer, Bob Monthey.

SERMON SERIES: We continue with our Revised Common Lectionary series, "Asking the Questions." It follows the New Testament readings in the book of Mark. The Book of Mark is full of questions about the Kingdom of God. We have questions about God, too, and it is healthy to ask them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES THROUGH MAY. At 9:00am, youth age 5 and up meet in the basement Fellowship Hall and adults meet in the Coffee Hour Room—all ages are learning about the same Scripture passage that will be the focus of the worship service! During this time, children under 5 are invited to the nursery. Join us!

PRAYER REQUESTS—Send joys and concerns to Pastor Stephanie at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com.

WANT TO HEAR IT AGAIN? Pastor Stephanie's sermons are available in print form. If you are interested in receiving a copy of her sermon via email or mail, please contact her directly at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com or 507.227.8537.

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 9:00am during the school year, and worship at 10:15am.

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun., October 17	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:30am	Called Session meeting
Sun., October 24	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship: Leon Thompson

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,300 per month. Offerings received through October 10th totaled \$3,533.

- Offerings Year to Date (YTD) through September 30 - \$103,355
- Expenses (YTD) through September 30 - \$110,060

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacon for the month of October: Mark & Deb Stant

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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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stewardship Florence Siefker

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *arr. Bock*

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

Praise the Lord, for he is great indeed! Let us sing praises for God’s glorious works; for God makes and sustains all things. - Psalm 104

CALL TO WORSHIP

Soloist: “We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise”

We come joyfully to the house of the Lord.

We bring our praise and offer our lives to God.

This is our gift and our sacrifice - an act of devotion to God.

**Let us celebrate God’s love with our voices
and our lives.**

All: #651 “We Bring a Sacrifice of Praise” *Dearman*

All: AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#31 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” *Butler*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gentle God, for far too long we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We have gotten way off the track of discipleship. Bring us back, patient God. Shake the dust of arrogance from us and nourish us with humility and joy. Help us to be the kind of disciples that know your glory through servanthood. All this we ask in your holy name.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHORAL ANTHEM “Make Me a Servant Lord” *Williams/Harlan*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:32-45 p. 1571

SERMON “Asking the Questions: How Are We Different?”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

391 “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” *Gillard*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *selections from Heidelberg Catechism*

Q86. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood,
is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image,
so that with our whole lives
we may show that we are thankful to God
for his benefits,
so that he may be praised through us,
so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits,
and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be
won over to Christ.

Q91. What are good works?

A. Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to
God’s law, and are done for God’s glory; and not those
based on our own opinion or human tradition.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 “The Easy Yoke” *B. Logan*

*DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN “No, Not One!” vv. 1,2,5 *Harper Memorial*

There’s not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
No, not one! No, not one!
None else could heal all our soul’s diseases,
No, not one! No, not one!

Refrain: Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide till the day is done;
There’s not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
No, not one! No, not one!

No friend like Him is so high and holy,
No, not one! No, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly,
No, not one! No, not one! (refrain)

Was e’er a gift like the Savior given?
No, not one! No, not one!
Will He refuse us a home in heaven?
No, not one! No, not one! (refrain)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “The Awakening” *Broughton*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Sandy Spencer, greeter
Lisa Reed & Florence Siefker, nursery attendants
(Children through age 5
are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)

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. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Jill Klinebriel
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: FPC Choir
Musicians: Alex, John, & Kristen Eby, Jill Klinebriel