

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHURCH BOWLING TODAY! Join us from 2:00-4:00pm today at Fischer Lanes. *FPC will cover the cost of shoe rental and your first game.* Additional games: \$2.75 per adult and \$2.50 per kid.

THANK YOU to those who continually and generously donate to Food for the 1st and Supplies for the 2nd!

'TIS (ALMOST) THE SEASON! Decorating the church for the Advent season will take place next Sunday, November 21 following worship. More hands make light work as we prepare to welcome the Christ child.

A GIFT BOX FOR SAM: The Deacons are sending a Christmas gift box to Sam Morales who is away from home doing basic training for the National Guard. We will be collecting cards and letters from his church family. Please drop them in the designated basket in the Coffee Hour Room for collection **by Sunday, Nov. 28th.**

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS for the Elder family as Beth undergoes breast cancer treatment. A meal train has been organized for them. If you'd like to provide them with either a home-made meal or a gift card you can follow the link provided: <https://mealtrain.com/5rr64y>. Beth has a Caring Bridge site as well. You can find it by searching Caring Bridge for "Beth Elder."

PER CAPITA: Per Capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. It is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century. **This year's per capita amount is \$33.70 per member.** If you wish to help offset the cost for FPC, please write "per capita" in the memo line of your check and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to FPC in care of our treasurer, Bob Monthey.

PLEDGE CARDS: We are still accepting pledge cards. Extra pledge cards are at the back of the sanctuary. Please put your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to FPC in care of our treasurer, Bob Monthey. Thank you.

JOIN US for the 39th Annual Dubuque Area Congregations United Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 24th at 7:00pm. The service of gratitude will be held at Resurrection Catholic Church and will feature Dr. Chuck Barland on organ, the Dubuque Children's Chorale, and the president-elect of DACU, Morgan Frazer as speaker.

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. 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 14 <i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:30pm	Mission Committee
	2:00pm	Bowling @ Fischer Lanes
Tue. November 16	9:00am	John Knox Presbytery via Zoom
	4:15pm	CE via Zoom
Sun., November 21	9:00am	Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:30pm	Decorating for Advent season

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,300 per month. Offerings received through November 7 totaled \$1,725.

- Offerings Year to Date (YTD) through October 31 - \$114,473
- Expenses (YTD) through October 31 - \$122,435

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacon for the month of November: 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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25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “For the Beauty of the Earth” *arr. P. Taylor*

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 16

Let us say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; apart from you we have no good thing.”

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me nor will you let your
faithful one see decay.

You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Blessed Be Your Name” *Matt & Beth Redman*

Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow,

Blessed be Your Name.

Blessed be Your Name when I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your Name.

(Pre-Chorus) Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

(Chorus) Blessed be the Name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your Name
Blessed be the Name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your Glorious Name

Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your Name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your Name.

You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say, Lord Blessed be Your Name.
(repeat 2nd time to chorus)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church and to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, and legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC “Drive Out the Darkness” *Porter's Gate*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 25:1-9, 23-25, 31-34 & Exodus 26:1 p. 125

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-2, 28-31 p. 1577

SERMON “Asking the Questions: When Will This Happen?”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#424 “How Can I Keep From Singing?” *Endless Song*

*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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Rondeau” *arr. Ryan*

*DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

#72 “Great is Thy Faithfulness” *Faithfulness*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Ein' Feste Burg” *arr. B. Logan*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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. *Due to COVID no snacks will be served. Please maintain proper
social distancing.*

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

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

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Thomas Blair
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: Kate Meyrick
Musicians: John & Kristen Eby, Kate Meyrick