

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR STEPHANIE WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE through December 6. Today we welcome the Rev. Jim Gunn. Rev. Stephanie Schlimm from St. Luke's UMC will supply pastoral emergency coverage. You can contact her by cell (563) 581-5512.

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. Please drop cards in the designated basket in the Coffee Hour Room for collection **by TODAY**.

ADVENT GIVING TREE: This year FPC is supporting three organizations doing God's work through international mission, the Presbyterian denomination, and our local community. We will gather our offerings in church on the following dates: TODAY for our Thailand missionaries; Dec. 5 for the PC (USA) Joy Offering; and Dec. 12 for the Dubuque Rescue Mission. You may also mail checks to FPC C/O treasurer, Bob Monthey. Feel free to contact the mission committee (Hannah Eby, Judy Sheridan, Tom Jack, or Sandy Spencer) with questions.

FOOD FOR THE 1ST donations will be collected next Sunday, December 5th. All items will go to benefit the Dubuque Food Pantry. Drop items in the marked basket in the narthex. **Items needed this month:** hot chocolate, potatoes, graham crackers, canned fruit, oil, toothpaste, lotion, and toilet tissue.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE for VeNita Fawcett will be Saturday, December 11 at 11:00am at FPC. It is followed by a luncheon at the University of Dubuque hosted by Jeff and Dana Bullock.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS for the Elder family as Beth undergoes breast cancer treatment. A meal train has been organized for them. Follow the link to provide a homemade meal or supply a gift card: <https://mealtrain.com/5rr64y>. Follow Beth's journey on Caring Bridge by searching "Beth Elder."

JOIN THE CHOIR: Choir will rehearse December 8 at 5:00pm.

CAFÉ MINISTRY IN DECEMBER: FPC will help serve a meal at Café Ministry in December. Keep your eye out for the sign up sheet.

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.

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)

Pastor out of the office through Dec. 5

Sun., November 28 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	9:00am	Sunday School/play rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Jim Gunn, preaching Bethany Home worship: Tom Jack & Leon Thompson
	1:30pm	
Mon. November 29	9:00am	Newsletter deadline
Sat. December 4	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz
Sun. December 5 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Food for the 1st</i>	9:00am	Sunday School/play rehearsal
	10:15am	Worship: Dr. Mark Ward, preaching Rev. Tim Slemmons, celebrant Sacrament of Holy Communion

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,300 per month. Offerings received through November 21 totaled \$8,697.

- 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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NOVEMBER 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION “Our Friends in Thailand” Tom Jack

PRELUDE “Fling Wide the Door” *arr. Prentiss*

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is near. Faithful God, Your promises stand unshaken through all generations. “Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert, watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.”

LIGHTING OF THE HOPE CANDLE The Elder Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#154 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” *Veni Emmanuel*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who is the beginning and the end, You are coming in power to bring all nations under Your rule. We confess we are tempted to place our trust and hope in other places, things, and ideas, other than looking to You above all. While we long for better days, we are tempted to not expect Your kingdom to come, living instead however we see fit. In Your great mercy, forgive us. Grant us the gifts of faith and wisdom to trust and welcome Your way, and to seek that which is eternal. Hear now, our silent confession.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(tune: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”)

“O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.”

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

*GLORIA PATRI #734

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 5:1-7 p. 1065

SPECIAL MUSIC “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” *arr. Shaw*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:12-21 p. 1573

SERMON “In and Out of Season”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#152 “Prepare the Way, O Zion” *Bereden Väg För Herran*

*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

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 “Peace Unending” *C. Becket*

*DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

#153 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *Hyfrydol*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Savior of the Nations, Come” *arr. Purifoy*

**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.*

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Mark Ward, 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. Jim Gunn
Liturgist: Sara Blair
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Special Music: Kristen Eby & Jill Klinebriel
Musicians: John & Kristen Eby, Jill Klinebriel