### IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL UNTIL FALL: TODAY was our last Sunday of Sunday School until fall. We offer our deep gratitude to each of the Christian Education facilitators and teachers who have fostered space for us to grow in our faith this past year: Joe Klinebriel, Sara Blair, Mark Stant, Lindsey Ward, Pastor Stephanie, Jean Holdener, Michelle Daniels, Thomas Blair and Casey Postma. Nursery care will continue to be provided throughout the summer during the Worship Service.
- PASTOR ON STUDY LEAVE: Pastor Stephanie will be on study leave Monday, April 25 through Monday, May 2. She is attending the PC(USA)'s course on "Pastor as Transitional Leader." Rev. Timothy Slemmons will be providing worship leadership on May 1. In case of emergency pastoral care needs, you may contact: Rev. Stephanie Schlimm (St. Luke's UMC) at (563) 581-5512.
- FOOD FOR THE 1ST IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 1. Please drop your non-perishable food donations to support the ministry of the Dubuque Food Pantry in the basket in the narthex. Thank you!
- **THANK YOU FOR GIVING!** We have an updated total Of \$875 collected for One Great Hour of Sharing during this Lenten season.
- A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENT PASTOR, Dani Postma, for her contributions to the life and ministry of our congregation over this spring semester. We are so thankful for her gracious and insightful presence among us. The Postma family will still be around as they continue to worship with us; and as Dani joins us for a summer SPM term beginning May 23rd!
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CREATOR'S CAMP! FPC has committed to providing volunteers to help at Creator's Camp. Volunteers will not need to prepare anything ahead of time, but simply show up on the Wednesday afternoon of your choosing between June 15-August 10 from 1pm-4pm to share God's love with kids and join them in their activities. Volunteer for one Wednesday or more! Contact Pastor Stephanie ASAP if you are willing to help. Let's show our community we care about kids.
- PRAYER REQUESTS—Send joys and concerns to Pastor Stephanie at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com.
- PRINTED SERMON AVAILABLE: If you are interested in receiving a copy of Pastor Stephanie's sermon via email or mail, please contact her directly at <a href="mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com">fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com</a> or 507.227.8537.
- CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: First Presbyterian Church Dubuque. Share posts so folks can see what God is doing here at FPC!

### 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. April 24 9:00am Last Sunday School until Rally Day

10:15am Worship:

Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching

11:30am Officer meeting

Pastor on study leave 4/25-5/2

Mon. April 25 9:00am Newsletter deadline

Sun. May 1 10:15am Worship:

Rev. Timothy Slemmons preaching

# **GIVING**

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,600 per month. Offerings received through April 17 totaled \$8,933.

- Offerings Year to Date through March \$34,985
- Expenses Year to Date through March \$38,209

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons for the month of April: Alex Jack & Franklin Yartey

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 <a href="mailto:fpcdbg.pastor@gmail.com">fpcdbg.pastor@gmail.com</a>

Admin Office Hours for Ginger Vander Broek are Monday (home), Wednesday (home) and Thursday (at FPC) from 9:30am-12:30pm

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# APRIL 24, 2022 2nd Sunday of Easter

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRFI UDF "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. limaes

#### FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

The eternal God, the source of love and light, created all people. Jesus Christ, the risen one, lives among all people. The Spirit, the holy fire, is available to renew people. May we be awakened to and inspired by God's surprising work among us.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 150

Madrid

Happy Easter Season!

The joy of Easter still sings in our hearts.

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in the sanctuary.

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

Praise God in the earth and skies.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Shout and sing praises to God. We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

We have seen the Lord's greatness.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #87

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Must we see you in order to believe you, Lord?

Is seeing truly believing?

Are we to be prisoners of our senses, distrusting and rejecting

whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear?

Yet you are faithful—

you give sight to the blind,

you carry us when we are weary,

you call us to your side.

The locked room of our hearts opens at the turn of your key.

Speak your words of life to us again:

"Do not doubt, only believe."

Speak your words of life, that we might live.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

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

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

. . . In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and freed to try again!

#### \*GLORIA PATRI #734

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:14-24 p. 956

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Quia Respexit" Bach

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 5:27-32 p. 1699

**SERMON** "The Unexpected Acts of God: A Surprising Turnaround"

#### \*SONG OF RESPONSE

"I Will Change Your Name" I will change your name, You shall no longer be called Wounded, Outcast, Lonely or Afraid.

I will change your name, Your new name shall be Confidence, Joyfulness, Overcoming One, Faithfulness, Friend of God, One who seeks My face.

### \*RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 88-91\*\*

What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new.

What is the dying-away of the old self?

To be genuinely sorry for sin and more and more to hate and run away from it.

What is the rising-to-life of the new self?

Wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a love and delight to live according to the will of God by doing every kind of good work.

What are those good works?

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 (Back cover of hymnal)

#### THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "Living for Christ" Smith

\*DOXOLOGY #34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*SFNDING HYMN #289

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" vv. 1,2,4

Hymn to Joy

#### \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Butler

"Song of Easter"

arr. Paxton

\*Those who are able, please stand.

\*\*The Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1563, was conceived originally as a teaching instrument to promote religious unity in the Reformed tradition. It is one of the confessions included in the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Confes-

# 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.

# WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Greeter: Mark Ward Coffee Fellowship hosts: Leon & Betty Thompson Nursery Attendants: Lisa Reed & Florence Siefker (Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery

for any or all of the service)

### LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells Liturgist: Franklin Yartey Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel Special Music: Katie Galliart Musicians: John & Kristen Eby