

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!** You are invited to place your pledge card (extras in the back of the sanctuary) in the offering plate as an act of dedication. The act of pledging is a spiritual commitment to God. You may also mail your pledge card to FPC in care of our treasurer, Stephenie Morales.

**TODAY WE WELCOME REV. KAT ACHTEMEIER** back to the pulpit to help us celebrate 175 Years of Stewardship. Rev. Kat, who served as pastor of FPC from 2003-2018, will be helping us consider together the meaning of godly stewardship.

Following worship, there will be a BODACIOUS coffee hour with cake and goodies to celebrate 175 Years of Spiritual Leadership at FPC. Be sure to stick around to catch-up with Mark and Pastor Kat!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** *Your voice is valued at our congregational meeting on October 30th, immediately following worship.* We will approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for elders and deacons, as well as, approve the Terms of Call for Pastor Stephanie as put forth by the Session. Streaming will continue when the worship service ends so those who choose to join the congregational meeting may do so.

**P-P-P-PARTY TIME!** All youth grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Sunday, October 30th from 5:00-6:30pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church for a PJ, PG, and PIZZA party. Wear your goofiest slippers and loungewear and bring a blanket and pillow so we can relax while watching a PG movie and scarfing down some PIZZA. It will be PRETTY POPPIN' (*see what I did there?*).

**CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:** [First Presbyterian Church Dubuque](#). Share posts with friends so folks can see what God is doing here at FPC!

**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 [fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com) or 507.227.8537.

## 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. October 23 <i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Guest preacher; Rev. Kat Achtemeier
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship: Pastor & Mark Ward
Thu. October 27	7:00pm	Children of Abraham @ Temple Beth El
Sun. October 30	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:15am	Congregational Meeting
	5:00pm	Youth Group @ Westminster

### GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,600 per month. Offerings received through October 17 totaled \$8,354

- Offerings Year to Date through October 17 - \$98,869
- Expenses Year to Date through October 17 - \$123,315

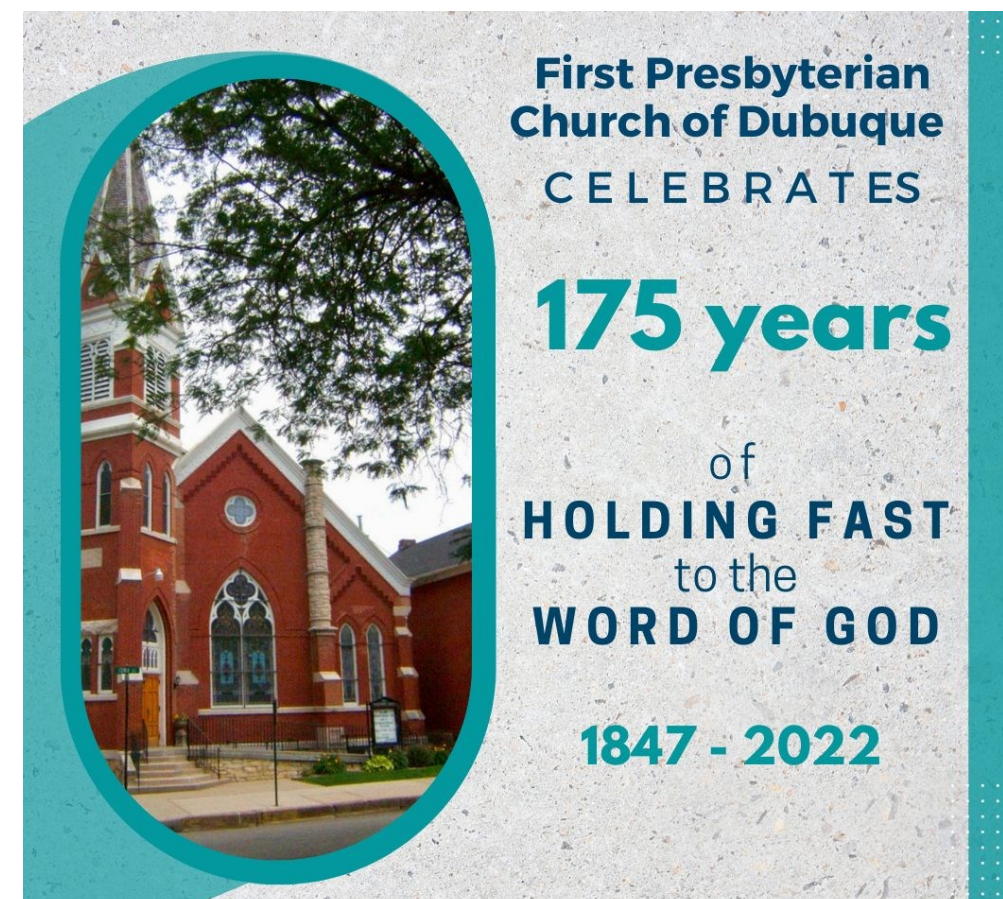
### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacon of the month October: Alex Jack

**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](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com)

**Admin Office Hours\*** for Ginger Vander Broek are 10:30am-2:30pm Monday (home), Wednesday (home), and 10:30am-12:00pm Thursday (at FPC). *\*Office hours may change slightly week to week.*

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

OCTOBER 23, 2022

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE “Love Divine All Loves Excelling” *arr. Pethe*

*"O God, who has so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us, give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen  
- Westminster Confession of Faith, 1647*

Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
**And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**  
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
**And forget not all God's benefits.**  
 Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,  
**Who redeems your life**  
**and crowns you with love and compassion.**  
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.

\*SONGS OF PRAISE  
#724 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" *Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien*

“My Worth Is Not In What I Own (At The Cross)” Kendrick, Getty, Getty  
My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross (Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are people beset by insecurity and fear. In our uncertainties we invest ourselves in “things” instead of in you and measure our worth by what we have. When we cling tightly to our money and material possessions, unclench our fists and free us to share them with joy and generosity. When we ration our love and are stingy with our forgiveness, remind us of the gift of Jesus. When we fail to abound in hope, fill us with the life of the Risen Christ. Forgive our sins. Mold our hearts that in all things we reflect Christ’s love.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (#734 in Hymnal)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING  
Psalm 145:1-13 p. 979

*In this holy place where love is found,  
God ever dwells herein.  
For as one body we are bound  
by God's spirit deep within.*

*Rejoice, oh, Christian hearts, be glad.  
God loves and so do we!  
So then let us share with all we meet  
His love and charity.*

*In this holy place let no evil come,  
Let no anxious thoughts have sway.  
Let all talk of fear and doubt succumb  
To God's healing touch this day.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING  
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-16 p. 1874

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #409  
"God of Our Life" Sandon

**\*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 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY HYMN #359  
“Give Thanks” *Smith*  
\*DOXOLOGY #34  
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SENDING HYMN #22  
 “Let All Things Now Living” *Ash Grove*

\*POSTLUDE  
"The Awakening" *Broughton*

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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.

Greeter: John Dillman  
Coffee Fellowship host: Terri Gronau  
Nursery Attendants: Lisa Reed & Florence Siefker  
*(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery  
for any or all of the service)*

Preacher: Rev. Katherine Achtemeier  
Liturgist: Rev. Stephanie Ells  
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby  
Special Music: FPC Choir  
Musicians: Alex & John Eby, Linda Longfield