

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Jean Holdener
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Musician: Alex Eby, John Eby

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

JOIN US FOR YOUNG AT HEART this Wednesday, December 7 at 11:00am at Village Inn. Enjoy food and fellowship!

SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND will be collected next Sunday, December 11th. Along with paper products and cleaning supplies; This month's needs are shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste & brushes, and feminine products.

ADVENT GIVING: Out of gratitude for our many blessings, our congregation is invited to donate to our neighbors in need in Dubuque and around the world. See the envelopes in church pews (or mail your check to the church office) to give to either the Dubuque Rescue Mission or the PC(USA) Joy Offering.

FPC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Please join us for FPC's annual Christmas play "The Little Star of Bethlehem" presented during worship on December 18. All cast will have a read through in the church basement this Sunday. Please see your script for the next practice dates and times.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: The Community Blue Christmas service will be held at FPC on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30pm. Advent and Christmas are known as joyous seasons, yet there are many whose hearts are aching. This service creates space at the manger to embrace our aches and to call on God for help and comfort. Childcare will be available. We will be joined by folks in our community from St. Luke's UMC, Westminster PC (USA), First Congregational & Immanuel UCC, and Holy Trinity ELCA.

PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAYER CHAIN - Send joys and concerns or requests to be added to the prayer chain to Pastor Stephanie at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com.

WEATHER BAD? IS CHURCH CANCELED? SEE BELOW HOW TO FIND OUT...

- Call the church office (582-4494) after 7:30AM on Sunday mornings.
- Watch your email for an all-church announcement.
- Check this FPC link: firstpcdbq.webs.com
(This link is also available on the church website www.firstpresdbq.org)
- Notice hopefully provided on KCRG, KWWL, KDTH (and others)

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 Sunday mornings at 9:00am for Sunday School (September-April). Worship follows at 10:15am. Nursery care is located in the basement and is provided for both the Sunday School and worship hours for children through age 5.

THE WEEK IN BRIEF (events at FPC unless noted)

Sun. December 4 <i>Food for the 1st</i>	9:00am 10:15am	2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
	11:30am 1:00pm 5:00pm	Deacons Play practice Youth Group @ Westminster PC
Tue. December 6	4:15pm	CE (Zoom)
Wed. December 7	11:00am 7:15pm	Young at Heart @ Village Inn Choir
Sun. December 11 <i>Supplies for the 2nd</i>	9:00am 10:15am	3rd Sunday of Advent Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:30am 1:00pm	Officer training Play practice

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$13,600 per month. Offerings received through November 28 totaled \$12,422

- Offerings Year to Date through November 28 - \$117,276
- Expenses Year to Date through November 28 - \$139,530

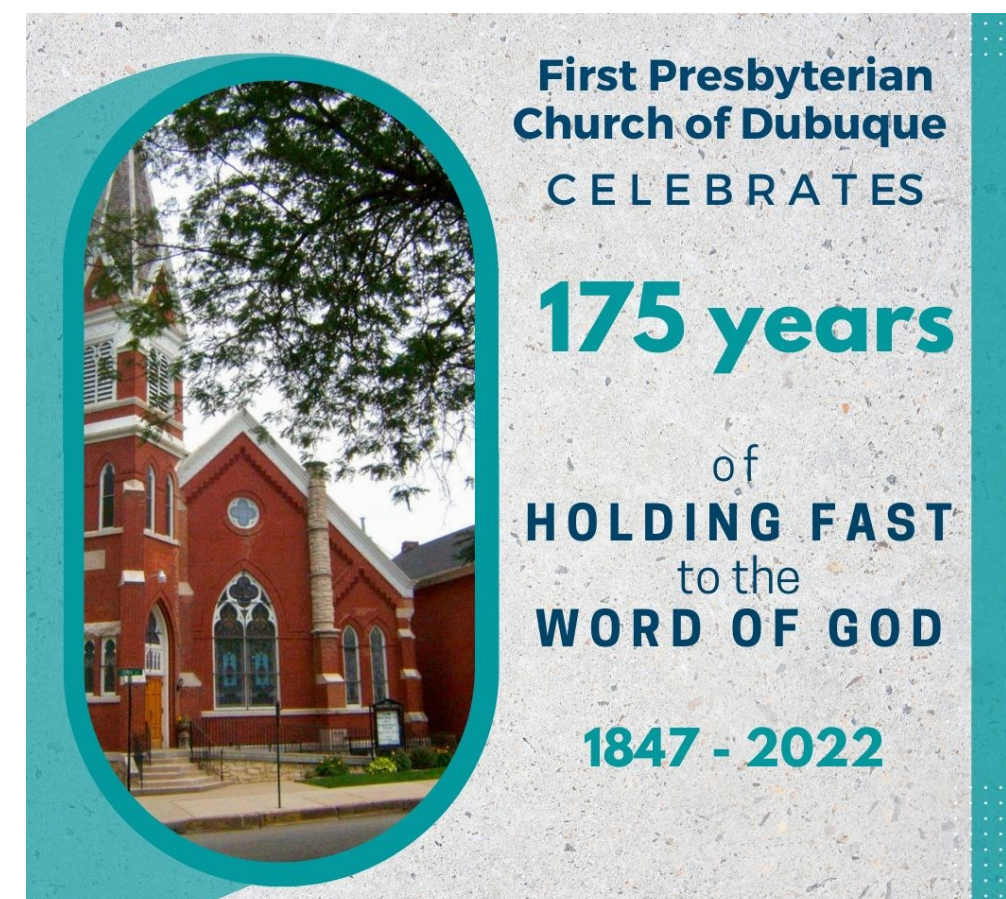
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons of the month December: 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 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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COMMUNION SUNDAY

DECEMBER 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. Curry

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION
*We dream God's dream, of a world at peace.
Where enemies are reconciled, and children play in safety;
Where the poor and powerless find justice.
We remember God's promise of a Ruler of Peace,
Filled with the Spirit of God, of wisdom and understanding,
Of counsel and might, of justice and faithfulness.*

-Rev. Susan A. Blain
in *To Dream God's Dream:*
Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Advent.

*CALL TO WORSHIP
O God our Guide and Helper, we come to worship you!
 You stay beside us as we journey through life.
O God our Just and Holy One, we come to thank you!
 You lead us in your path of justice and peace.
O God, our Trustworthy Leader, we come to praise you!
 We know we can always rely on your promises.
O God, we gather to worship, praise, and thank you. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Holdener Family

CONGREGATION SINGS (to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)
“Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare,
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE #158 “Blessed Be the God of Israel” Merle’s Tune

LITANY OF CONFESSION
It is Advent.
It is the season in which we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ,
who is the bringer of all peace.
We confess to you the ways in which
we block the peace of Christ in our lives.
 God of peace, hear our prayer.
The rushing and scurrying to get things done,
 we confess to you, O God of peace.
The worry about the little details
 we confess to you, O God of peace.
The financial burdens we put on ourselves,
 we confess to you, O God of peace.
The impatience and irritability we feel
and take out on one another,
 we confess to you, O God of peace.

The bickering and quarreling we get into
because we are too busy,
 we confess to you, O God of peace.
Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of the
year, your peace is always there for us.
 Instill within us your peace, O God.
When we feel overwhelmed,
 instill within us your peace, O God.
When we are filled with worry,
 instill within us your peace, O God.
When we become irritable,
 instill within us your peace, O God.
When the guilt of our ways threatens to overcome us,
help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.
 Instill within us your peace, O God.

[Silence for Reflection]

Instill within us your peace, O God.
Instill within us your peace
and help us to make choices that bring us closer to you.
Help us to be more peaceful
so that we may spread Christ's peace and love to others.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI #734

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING
Isaiah 11:1-10 p. 1076

SERMON “Prince of Peace”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #155 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” Genevan 42

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Colossians 1:15-20
Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
creation. For in him all things in heaven and on earth were cre-
ated: things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or powers; all things have been created through him
and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things
hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is
the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead, so that he
might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the
fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was
pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in
heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr. Purifoy
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
INVITATION
COMMUNION HYMN #691
“With the Body That Was Broken” vv. 1,2 Picardy
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
 We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks & praise.
...we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest . . .
THE LORD’S PRAYER (back cover of hymnal)
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
 Please hold the elements until all have been served.
 Gluten-free bread is available in the tray insert.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN #160 “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” Rejoice, Rejoice

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Rondeau Carol” Cooman

**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.

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Officer in Charge of Greeting: Kristen Eby
Please see the sign up sheet to serve as Coffee Fellowship host
Nursery Attendants: Lisa Reed & Florence Siefker
Communion Servers: Alex Jack, Betty Thompson, Deb Stant,
Bryan Blair
*(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery
for any or all of the service)*