

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OFFICER INSTALLATION: Today we welcome through installation Scott McCaw as he serves as an elder of FPC. Thank you to all our new 2023 church officers: Elders Lindsey Ward & Terri Gronau, and Deacon Tom Jack, who were ordained and installed on January 8th.

NEW SERMON SERIES: This week we begin the journey of asking "What is God like?" through our worship gatherings and sermons.

The series is based on Rachel Held Evans children's book "What is God like?" It guides children in wondering about this BIG question people all around the world have been asking since the beginning of time. It is not only children who ask themselves and others "What is God like?" While God is too big for any of us to see, we can know what God is like through the words and pictures found in the Bible.

THANK YOU for your out-pouring of support for Nathan Longfield and his church plant, Emmaus Reformed Church, in Holland, MI. The special offering last Sunday raised over \$800. If you would still like to support God's work there, you can send checks to FPC c/o Stephenie Morales, with "Emmaus RC" in the memo line. Find out more at emmausreformedchurch.org

FIRST SUNDAYS GATHERINGS: Join us next week from 11:30am-1:00pm for our next All-Church Vision Gathering! Lunch will be provided, and we will continue our discernment process. God is doing a new thing among us and it is exciting to think about what might be ahead. If you missed the last one, it's not too late to join in! Your personal investment in the life and ministry of this congregation is valued. Childcare will be available for children up to age 10.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES this week: Young at Heart at 11:00am on Wednesday, Feb. 1st at Village Inn and the Men's Breakfast meets at 8:00am on Saturday, Feb. 4th at Papa Ozz.

FOOD FOR THE 1ST will be collected next Sunday, February 5th. Please drop your non-perishable food donations to support the ministry of the Dubuque Food Pantry in the basket in the narthex. Thank you!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: The "Soup"er Bowl of Caring is back again in 2023!!!! Since 1990 this charity has raised over \$175 million across the US in its effort to tackle hunger. Did you know that each dollar donated generates \$18 for food charities? Please join us in fighting hunger through your donations of cash and dry and canned goods on February 12th.

POTLUCK ON FEBRUARY 12TH! There will be a Valentine's Day themed all-church potluck following worship on February 12th. See the sign up sheet in the Coffee Hour room to provide either a main dish, side dish or dessert. There will be treat bags for kids to fill and you can also bring valentines to share.

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. January 29	9:00am 10:15am	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Installation of Scott McCaw
Mon. January 30	9:00am	Newsletter deadline
<i>January 31-February 2 Pastor @ Silent Retreat Pastoral coverage by Rev. Marsha Wilfong (563) 583-6571</i>		
Wed. February 1	11:00am	Young at Heart @ Village Inn
Sat. February 4	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz
Sun. February 5 <i>Food for the 1st</i>	9:00am 10:15am 11:30am 5:00pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion All-Church Vision Gathering Youth Group @ WPC

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$14,563 per month. Offerings received through January 8 totaled \$2,034

- Offerings Year to Date through January 8 - \$2,034
- Expenses Year to Date through January 8 - \$3,855

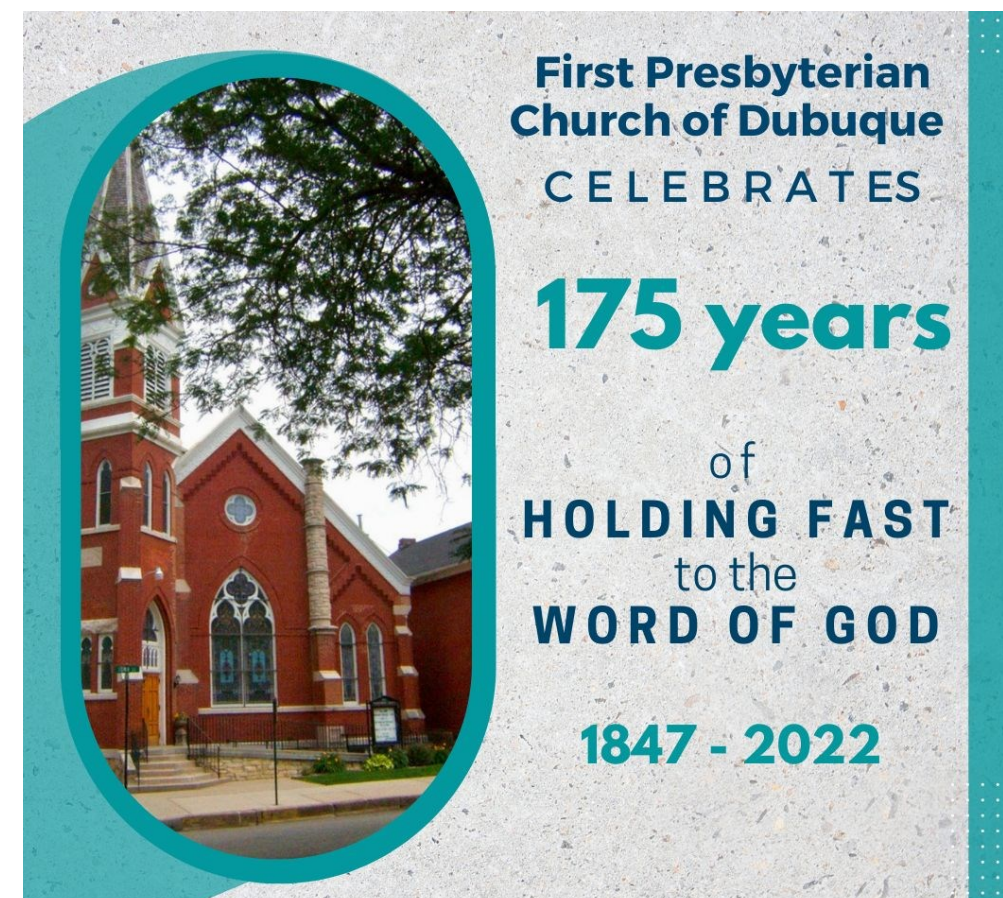
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons of the month January: Judy Sheridan & Deb Stant
February: Alex Jack & Tom 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

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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JANUARY 29, 2023
4th Sunday after Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Meditation on “Beach Spring”

arr. Kruger

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:
The God who is there when you feel safe, brave, or loved is here with you now. Grace and peace to you from our God, who is like a fort; strong and secure with walls that are mighty. Inside, there are hidden places to be held when you are scared or need a quiet place to rest.

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 27: 4, 6-7

One thing we ask of the Lord,
this is what we seek:
to dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of our lives;
to behold his beauty and ponder his ways
in the company of his people.
Let us enter God’s presence together,
offering our worship and praise,
singing and shouting with joy.

*SONGS OF PRAISE

#115 “Praise the Name of Jesus” Hicks, Jr.
Praise the name of Jesus,
Praise the name of Jesus.
He's my Rock, he's my Fortress,
He's my Deliverer,
In him will I trust.
Praise the name of Jesus.

#50 “Great Is the Lord” Smith/Smith

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI #734

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46

p. 885

SERMON

“God Is like a Fort”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #507

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Ein’ Feste Burg

INSTALLATION OF ELDER, SCOTT MCCAWE

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF CONGREGATION		
Do we, the members of the church, accept Scott as an elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? We do.		
Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow him as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? We do.		
*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.		
SONG OF COMMITMENT #350		
“The Summons” vv. 1,4		Kelvingrove
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
<i>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.</i>		
THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	“His Eye is on the Sparrow”	arr. Hayes
*DOXOLOGY #34		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
*SENDING HYMN #84		
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” vv. 1-3, 6		St. Anne
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Praise Him with Trumpets”	Blake
<i>*Those who are able, please stand.</i>		

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:	
Officer in Charge of Greeting: Deb Stant To serve as Coffee Host, see the sign up sheet Nursery Attendants: Lisa Reed, Florence Siefker, Lillian Jones (Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)	
LEADERS IN WORSHIP:	
Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells Liturgist: Sara Blair Music Director: Kristen Eby Musician: John Eby	