

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: Join us each Wednesday evening during Lent from 5:00-7:00pm at Westminster for joint Lenten Soup Suppers held in their Fellowship Hall. Lent is a season in which we are invited to reflect on the immensity of God's love made known in Jesus, his victory over evil, as well as, on our calling to be disciples of Jesus. Over a simple meal, we will feast upon the Word of God to us in Scripture and as portrayed in the video series *The Chosen*, season 1. Bring the whole family to join with Westminster in this preparation for Easter beginning Wednesday, March 1, 2023!

REMINDER: OUR NEXT ALL-CHURCH VISION GATHERING will be held on Sunday, March 5th from 11:30-1:00pm. 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.

CAMP WYOMING: Here is a summer camp opportunity for grades 1-12! Anyone interested in this Presbyterian summer camp is welcome to contact the Mission Committee for a potential scholarship. Email Hannah at hannah.eby@loras.edu or check out the camp at <https://campwyoming.net/>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: After a COVID-hiatus, the observation of the World Day of Prayer has returned to the Dubuque community! This year's prayer service will be held on Friday, March 3rd at 10:00am. Westminster Presbyterian Church is hosting with the Church Women United. The program will have a special focus on Taiwan. The guest speaker will be Sam Wu, a member of WPC whose parents are pastors in Taiwan and are alumni of UDS. For more information, call 563-556-1394.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Every Lent, our congregation seeks to support people in need around the world through the Presbyterian Church (USA). Help feed the hungry, support community development, and respond to urgent needs amidst natural disasters by donating via the OGHS envelopes found in your pews.

YOUTH GROUP: The FPC/WPC Youth Group (grades 6-12) will meet TONIGHT from 5:00pm-6:00pm at Westminster. Join us for fun, food, and faith exploration!

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. February 26 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	1:30pm 5:00pm	Bethany Home worship Youth Group @ Westminster
Wed. March 1	11:00am 5:00pm	Young at Heart @ Village Inn Lenten Soup Supper @ Westminster
Sat. March 4	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz
Sun. March 5 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Food for the 1st</i>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion
	11:30am	Vision Gathering

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$14,563 per month. Offerings received through February 5 totaled \$3,640

- Offerings Year to Date through February 5 - \$10,509
- Expenses Year to Date through February 5 - \$18,046

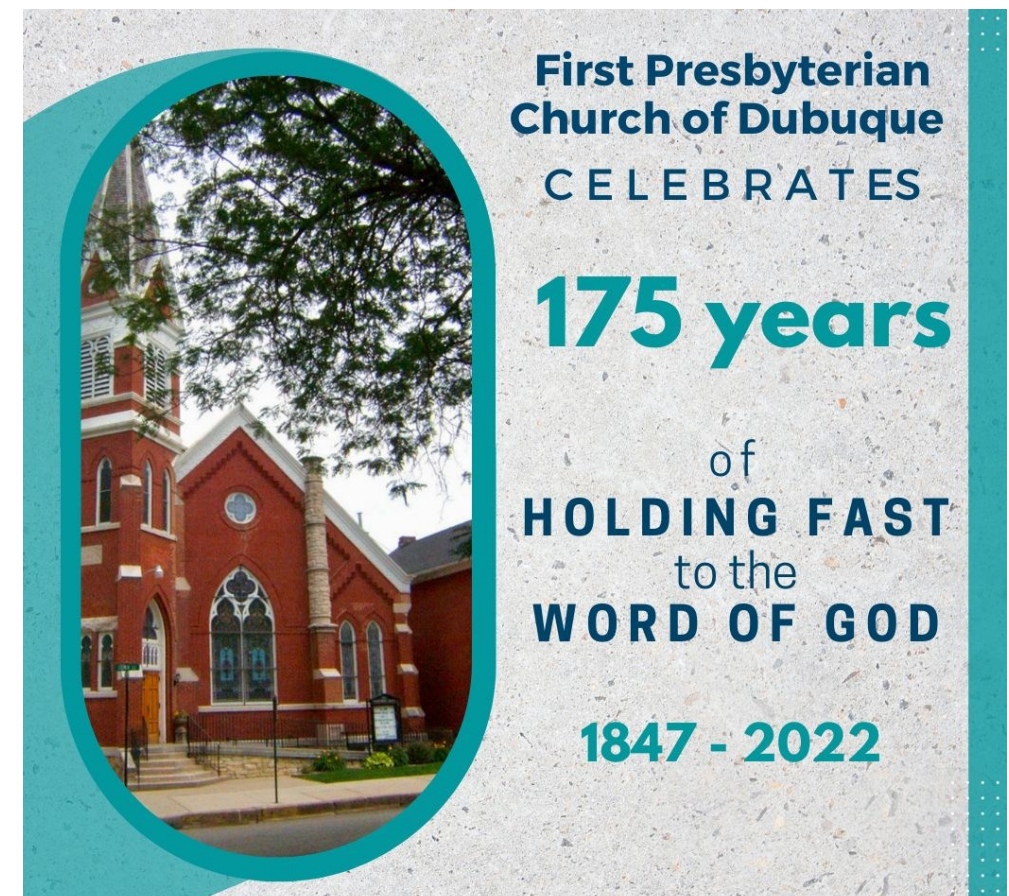
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons of the month February: Alex Jack & Tom Jack
March: Judy Sheridan & 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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FEBRUARY 26, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONOGHSScott McCaw

PRELUDE“Take Time to be Holy”arr. Larson

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:
Wild God of wilderness, as I devote these forty days to you, shape me by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that I may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.

LENTEN INVITATION

BLESSING OF ASHES

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

SONG OF RESPONSE #250 vv. 1,4,5
“Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”Winchester New

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of counsel and companionship, we gather to embark on yet another journey. A journey through another season filled with choices. A journey with many forks on the road where decisions both right and wrong will be made. And yet you travel alongside us. Even when we ignore the compass and take the prettier route; even when we leave the map folded up and go where the terrain is smoother, you are there. We pray that you will inspire us to deepen our decision-making. Be with us once more as we set off and help us not to make the same mistakes again. May we see the road ahead more clearly, and follow you more dearly.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI (#734 in Hymnal)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7p. 4

SERMON
“Lenten Landscapes: The Garden of Light and Darkness”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #587
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”Prayer of St. Francis

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHHeidelberg Catechism, Q & A, 94
Q94. What does the Lord require in the first commandment?
A. That I rightly know the only true God, trust him alone, and look to God for every good thing humbly and patiently, and love, fear, and honor God with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against God’s will in any way.

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
“Trust in the Lord” (#441)Tabell
SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:
Trust in the Lord, with all your heart
and lean not to your own understanding
In all your ways acknowledge him
and he shall direct your paths.
*DOXOLOGY #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #344
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” vv. 1,3,4Assam

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE
“Rejoice, My Soul, Rejoice”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 Confessions.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Beth Foxen
Music Director: Kristen Eby
Musician: John Eby

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: Alex Jack
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)