

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:** Join us each Wednesday evening through April 5th 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.

Our joint FPC-WPC Youth Group will be meeting during these gatherings and will have a discussion group together after eating with their family.

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

On Palm Sunday, April 2nd, we will collect fish banks and it will be the final day to donate to this special offering.

**OUR NEXT ALL-CHURCH VISION GATHERING** will be held on Sunday, April 2nd 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.

**SERMON SERIES:** Our sermon series is currently walking us through "Lenten Landscapes." Passages of the Christian Scriptures which have created the contours of the landscape of our faith: from the Garden of Eden, to the Valley of the Dry Bones, to green pastures . . . leading us to the city gates on Palm Sunday when we walk beside Jesus through the adventure of Holy Week and the celebration of resurrection on Easter Day. Don't miss the images that will be displayed in church each Sunday that portray the various landscapes . . . What will God reveal through image and Word to you this Lenten season?

**CREATOR'S CAMP WILL BE BACK THIS SUMMER!** FPC will again participate in the VBS-like opportunity for children ages 4-12 to grow in their understanding of and relationship with God and one another. This year, it will be held at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Wednesdays 1-4 PM beginning July 5, 2023 through August 9, 2023.

**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](mailto:hannah.eby@loras.edu) or check out the camp at <https://campwyoming.net/>

## 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. March 12		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
3rd Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
Supplies for the 2nd	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
Wed. March 15	7:15pm 5:00pm	Choir Lenten Soup Supper & Youth Group @ Westminster
Thu. March 16	7:00pm	Children of Abraham @ Islamic Center
Sun. March 19		
4th Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:30am	Session

### GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$14,563 per month. Offerings received through March 5 totaled \$3,119

- Offerings Year to Date through February 28 - \$16,187
- Expenses Year to Date through February 28 - \$26,572

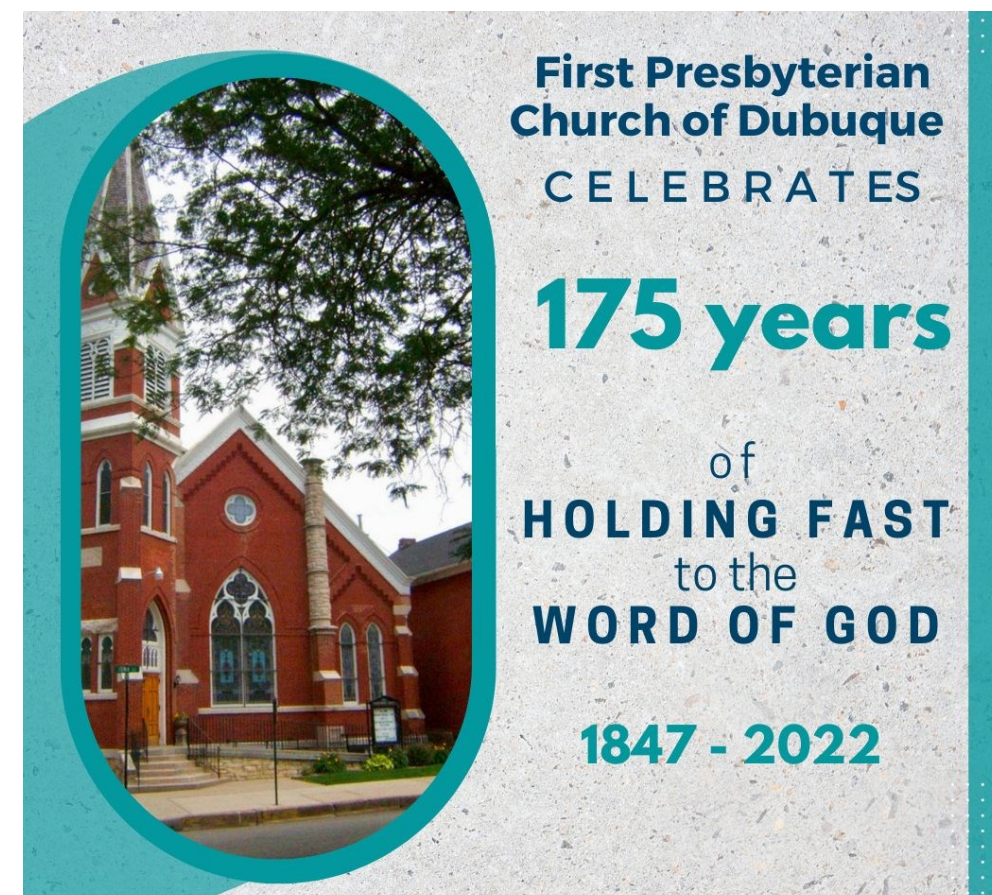
### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Deacons of the month 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](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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MARCH 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      “Give Me Jesus”                      *arr. Giamanco*

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:  
*As you hold your bottle of water, you are invited to consider what it is to be thirsty – for literal water – and metaphorically, to long for other things like: belonging, strength, hope, relief, comfort, and joy. Do not despair in the parched spaces of this rocky life. God is the spring of living water; and offers it to us abundantly.*

OPENING PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Let us approach God, open to his refreshing water of life.  
Putting our quarrels behind us, we come to God to be refreshed.  
Are you thirsty?  
    **We thirst for God’s word.**  
Have you left your grumbles behind?  
    **We left them at the door.**  
Can you learn a new way of being?  
    **Yes, refreshed by God we are willing to be led.**  
Come as we follow God out of the desert, into worshipping him—the one who quenches our thirst.

\*SONG OF PRAISE  
“Living Waters”                      *Cash/Getty*  
Are you thirsty, are you empty?  
Come and drink these living waters.  
Tired and broken, peace unspoken;  
Rest beside these living waters.  
  
Christ is calling, find refreshing  
At the cross of living waters.  
Lay your life down, all the old gone.  
Rise up in these living waters.  
  
Chorus:    There's a river that flows with mercy and love,  
              Bringing joy to the city of our God.  
              There our hope is secure, do not fear anymore;  
              Praise the Lord of living waters.  
  
Spirit moving, mercy washing,  
Healing in these living waters.  
Lead your children to the shoreline;  
Life is in these living waters.    (Chorus)  
  
Are you thirsty, are you empty?  
Come and drink these living waters.  
Love forgiveness, vast and boundless,  
Christ, He is our living waters.    (Chorus)

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENCE  
The old phrase, “Sticks and stones may break my bones but words shall never hurt me” is deceptive, at the least. Words matter. How we

speak into the world and into people’s lives makes an impact; often lasting, always powerful. During this time of silence, you are invited to reflect on the words you have spoken this week in God’s presence. Read the Prayer of Confession below as a tool for reflection, then we will speak it out loud as a community after the silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Words do hurt, God. Words of judgment, words of ridicule, words that expose, words that degrade make the heart dry and the soul parched. Forgive us, Lord, when such words seep from our lips, leaving behind bitterness and shards of fear. Forgive us, Lord, for we tire often on the journey and our words become careless at the expense of you and others. Refresh us with words of compassion, words of justice, words of acceptance, words of peace, so that love may tumble from our lips like a stream in full flow. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI    (#734 in Hymnal)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE    “I’m Thirsty”

SONG FOR ILLUMINATION #664  
“Thy Word”                      *Grant/Smith*

SCRIPTURE READING  
Exodus 17:1-7                      p. 114

SERMON  
   “Lenten Landscapes: The Rocky Desert”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #432  
“As Water to the Thirsty”                      *Oasis*

\*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.

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 SPECIAL MUSIC  
    “O God, Your Constant Care”                      *Lamb of God*  
\*DOXOLOGY #34  
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SENDING HYMN #505  
    “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”                      *All The Way*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE  
    “In Highest Majesty”                      *Paxton*

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

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells  
Liturgist: Sara Blair  
Music Director: Kristen Eby  
Musician: John Eby, Linda Lingfield

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: Scott McCaw  
*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)*