

## 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?

**YOU'RE INVITED!** Julien Chamber Choir, under the direction of Kristen Eby and accompanied by Jill Klinebriel, presents their spring concert "Choruses Great and Small" on Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 PM at St. Anthony Catholic Church (1870 St. Ambrose Street, Dubuque). The 20-voice ensemble will perform favorite choruses from oratorios, opera and musical theater, including works by Bach, Handel, Bizet and Sondheim. Freewill donations accepted.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES** through April at 9:00am on Sunday mornings. We discuss the weekly sermon passage. During this time, children under 5 are invited to the nursery.

## 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)

<b>Sun. March 19</b> <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	11:30am	Session
<b>Tue., March 21</b>	4:30pm	Mission (via Zoom)
<b>Wed. March 22</b>	5:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper & Youth Group @ Westminster
<b>Sun. March 26</b> <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
	3:00pm	Julien Chamber Choir @ St. Anthony Catholic Church

## 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

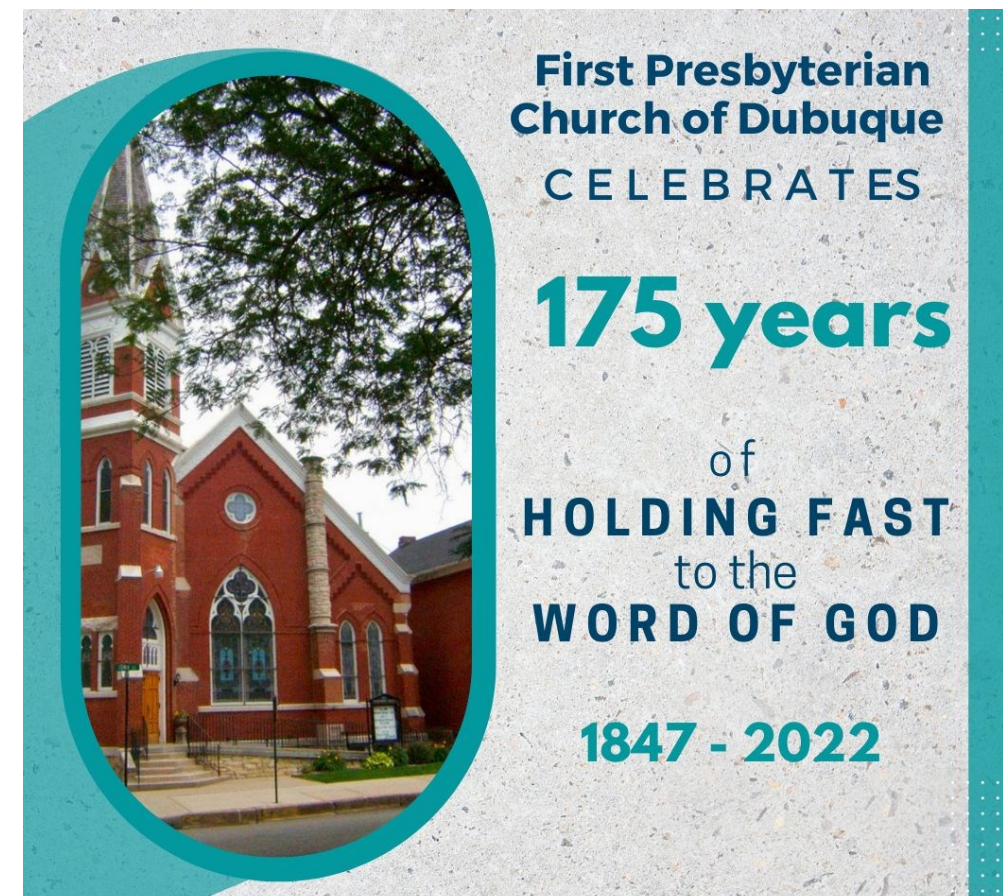
## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**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 19, 2023  
4th Sunday of Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION	“OGHS”	Sara Blair
PRELUDE	“The Lord’s My Shepherd”	arr. Larson

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:  
*Led by God to green pastures, we come to worship. By the still waters, we find our souls revived. In the dark valley, we have no fear. Anointed by God’s love, we dwell in the Lord’s house, surrounded by his love and mercy.*

OPENING PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
High Voices: The Lord is our shepherd;  
we will have what we need,  
Low Voices: the Shepherd guides us in fruitful living.  
High Voices: Even though difficulties and dangers may lie ahead,  
Low Voices: God’s love and strength are  
as a rod and staff for us.  
High Voices: God will give us abundantly from God’s own love.  
Low Voices: Surely this goodness and mercy  
will be with us all of our days,  
ALL: and we will dwell in God’s loving care forevermore.

\*SONGS OF PRAISE  
“Lord, Reign in Me” Brown  
Over all the earth, You reign on high  
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky  
But my one request, Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again  
  
Chorus: Lord reign in me, reign in Your power  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again  
  
Over every thought, over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
‘Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again. (Chorus)  
  
“We Fall Down” Tomlin  
We fall down, we lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus,  
The greatness of mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus.  
  
And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more;  
other pastures seem greener.  
The waters aren’t always still.  
Our souls still thirst.  
You lead us, and we complain along the path.  
Even though we walk through the darkest valley;  
and your staff is there to comfort, we are afraid.  
O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table.  
Forgive us, and help us to see your overflowing mercy.  
Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI (#734 in Hymnal)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING  
Psalm 23 p. 862

CHORAL ANTHEM “Prayer for Healing” lJames

SERMON “Lenten Landscapes: Green Pastures”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #655  
“Come Away from Rush and Hurry” Beach Spring

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\*\*  
I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd;  
his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities,  
his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid,  
his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden,  
his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue.  
I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.  
I believe that I do not find him but he finds me,  
that I am under his care by virtue of sheer grace,  
the love he gives me is to be shared with others,  
that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me,  
that his fold transfixes earth and heaven.  
I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. 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  
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arr. Johnson  
\*DOXOLOGY #34  
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SENDING HYMN #717  
“Go Now in Peace” Tallis’ Cannon

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE  
Postlude on “St. Patrick’s Breastplate” arr. L. Smith

*\*Those who are able, please stand.  
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LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells  
Liturgist: Thomas Blair  
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: 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)