

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.

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 PC(USA) special offering, OGHS. Donate to OGHS via envelopes found in the pews. NEXT SUNDAY, April 2nd, we will collect fish banks and it will be the final day to donate to this special offering.

SERMON SERIES: Our series is currently walking us through "Lenten Landscapes;" passages of the Bible which have created the contours of the landscape of our faith. 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.

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. Childcare will be available for children up to age 10.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP is Thursday, April 6 at 7:00pm here at FPC. We will be joined by our Bellevue FPC friends.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP: The Seven Last Words of Christ is hosted by St. Luke's UMC on Friday, April 7 from 11:45am to 3:00pm. Come and go as you are able during these several hours as we walk through the Seven Last Words of Jesus with short reflections, prayers, and music. Stay for a half hour or even the whole time! Pastor Stephanie will be preaching towards the conclusion of the service. The service is viewable online at: stlukesdbq.org.

EASTER SUNDAY we will gather with First Baptist Church, Westminster PC(USA), and GracePoint Church at 6:00am at the Grand River Center in the Great River Room for a Resurrection Sunrise Service. Celebrate Jesus as you look over the Mississippi River! Then, join us here at FPC at 10:15am for our Easter Sunday Service. Jesus is Risen indeed!

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 26 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	9:00am 10:15am 1:30pm 3:00pm	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Bethany Home worship Julien Chamber Choir
Wed. March 29	5:00pm	Lenten Soup Supper & Youth Group @ Westminster
Sat. April 1	8:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz
Sun. April 2 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:00am 10:15am 11:30am	Sunday School for all ages Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Vision Gathering

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$14,563 per month. Offerings received through March 19 totaled \$7,632

- Offerings Year to Date through March 19 - \$23,818
- Expenses Year to Date through March 19 - \$31,757

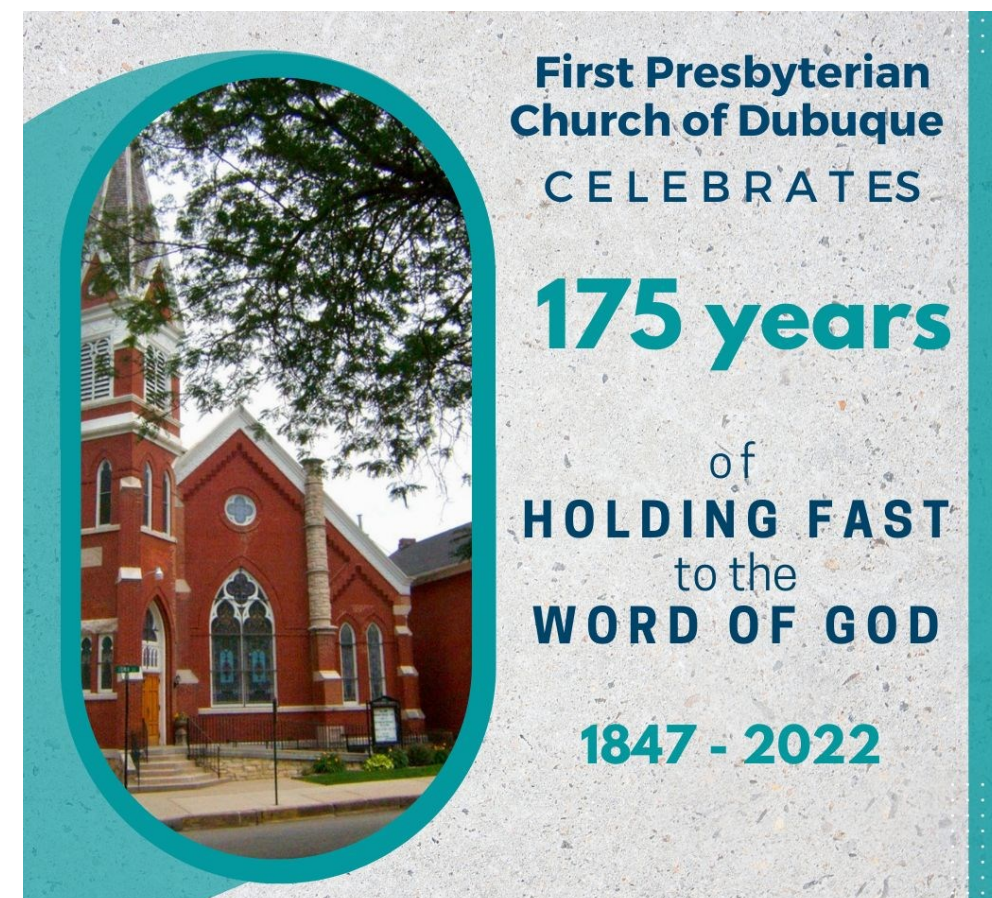
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacons of the month March: Judy Sheridan & Deb Stant
April: 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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MARCH 26, 2023
5th Sunday in Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Wondrous Love”

arr. Shackley

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:
God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power.

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Coming from places that have seen better days,
God bids us to celebrate this day,
a day full of new possibilities.
Coming with our breath taken away by grief,
the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us,
renewing our connection with God and with one another.
Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,
Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death.
Lord, we lift your name on high.
Lord, we love to sing your praises.

*SONGS OF PRAISE

Hymn # 88 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Founds

“My Worth Is Not In What I Own”

Kendrick, Getty, Getty

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross

Chorus: I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross (Chorus)

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

“Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord”

Hudson

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (echo)
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (echo)
And he shall lift you up, higher and higher
And he shall lift you up.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI (#734 in Hymnal)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

p. 1345

SERMON “Lenten Landscapes: The Valley”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Days of Elijah”

Mark

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses
Righteousness being restored

And though these are the days of great trial
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Refrain: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
For out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

These are the days of Ezekiel
Of dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding the temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest
The fields they are white in your world
And we are the laborers in the vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord (Refrain)

There's no God like Jehovah!
There's no God like Jehovah!
There's no God like Jehovah!
There's no God like Jehovah! (2x)

(Refrain)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the 2nd Helvetic Confession, Ch. 6, Art. 1

ALL THINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD.
We believe that all things in heaven and on earth, and in all creatures, are preserved and governed by the providence of this wise, eternal and almighty God. For David testifies and says: “The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?” (Ps. 113:4 ff.). Again: “Thou searchest out . . . all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether” (Ps. 139:3 f.). Paul also testifies: “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28) . . . “The Lord said, ‘Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father’s will’” (Matt. 10:29). By

speaking thus, he wanted to show that even what humans regard as of least value is governed by God’s omnipotence.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Breathe into us,
so that we live in you.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Back cover of hymnal)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lenten Prayer”

Glyncannon

*DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #328

“O Breath of Life”

Spiritus Vitae

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Go Forth”

Krug

*Those who are able, please stand.

**The Second Helvetic Confession The word “Helvetic” is Latin for “Swiss.” The setting of the Second Helvetic Confession is Swiss-German Reformed Protestantism and it was written by Heinrich Bullinger in 1531. It is part of the PC(USA) Book of Confessions and emphasizes the church and its life and affirms the authority of the Scriptures for the church’s government and reformation.

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
Please see the sign up to serve as Coffee Fellowship host
Nursery Attendants: Lisa Reed, Florence Siefker, Lillian Jones
(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)