

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SPECIAL PC(USA) OFFERING: Today dedicate our fish banks and donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering. Received during the season of Lent, the OGHS Offering is the single, largest way the Presbyterians come together every year to help improve the life of people around the world who lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Funds from this offering go to three initiatives: the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People, and the Presbyterian Disaster Relief fund.

DON'T MISS the University of Dubuque's production of *Godspell* this afternoon at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$12. Our very own Kristen Eby is the production's music director. If you aren't familiar with *Godspell*, it is the perfect lead-in to Holy Week as Jesus's message of kindness, tolerance, and love come vibrantly to life!

JOIN US TONIGHT FOR OUR FINAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER from 5:30-7:00pm in Westminster's Fellowship Hall. 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*. There will be activities for all ages, so you are encouraged to attend as a family.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS TOMORROW AT 9:00AM.

HOLY WEEK:

On **Maundy Thursday**, March 28th at 7:00pm, we will gather for the Lord's Supper & Tenebrae worship.

On **Good Friday**, March 29th, from noon-3:00pm, St. Luke's UMC will host the Good Friday Ecumenical Service. Come and go as you are able during these several hours and experience the Seven Last Words of Jesus with short reflections, prayers, and music.

JESUS IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! Celebrate Easter with your family and friends, reflecting on the meaning of the resurrection for our lives and faith. There will be no Sunday School or Youth Group on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

CAN YOU HELP? It's almost time to plant our pocket prairies! We have been solarizing the soil through the winter to prep the site and our prairie plants come at the end of May. The next step is to get mulch laid around the church. We need your help on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00am to help us move and rake mulch. Please let Tom Boelk or Alex Jack know if you will be able to stop by.

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 24 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:00am	Intergenerational Sacraments Class
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Palm processional & Fish banks
	11:30am	Choir
	1:30pm	Bethany Home worship
	5:30pm	Lenten Soup Supper @ WPC
	5:30pm	Youth Group @ WPC
Mon. March 25	9:00am	Newsletter deadline
Thu. March 28	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service
Fri. March 29	Noon-	Good Friday Ecumenical svc. @ St. Luke's UMC, 1199 Main St.
	3:00pm	
Sun. March 31 <i>Easter Sunday</i>		NO Sunday School
	10:15am	Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching NO Youth Group @ WPC

GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$14,930 per month. Offerings received through March 17 totaled \$5,145

- Offerings Year to Date through March 17 - \$22,146
- Expenses Year to Date through March 17 - \$31,148

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deacon of the month March: Dedee Cosgrove

Pastor Stephanie's office hours are 9:00am-1:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday. 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 through March 29 are remote 8:30am-10:30am Monday & Thursday and Tuesdays 9:30am-3:30pm.

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Palm Sunday



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MARCH 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Ride On, King Jesus”

arr. Shackley

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

Zechariah 9:9

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Open the gates!

Give us courage to walk through!

Lay down the cloaks.

We mark the journey to Love’s reign.

Lift up the branches!

Let us boldly proclaim God’s peace!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest!

PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH

*HYMN #265

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

St. Theodulph

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess

our sinfulness, our shortcomings,

and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned

in wandering from your ways,

in wasting your gifts,

in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we are ashamed and sorry

for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins,

and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI (#734 in Hymnal)

PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

p. 1572

SERMON

“Jesus’ Costly Kingdom”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #366

“And Can It Be”

Sagina

*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

“Jesus Paid It All”

arr. Krug

*DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #176

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

Truro

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Ride On!”

arr. L. Smith

*Please stand in spirit or in body

**Please take a moment to extend the peace of Christ to one another by greeting those around you. Say “hello,” wave, learn each other’s names - whatever feels most comfortable to you.

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.

LEADERS IN WORSHIP:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Liturgist: Alex Jack

Music Director: Kristen Eby

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Officer in Charge of Greeting: Deb Stant

See the sign up to serve as Coffee Fellowship host

Nursery Attendants: Florence Siefker & Brooklyn Neyen

(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)