

# IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**JESUS IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!** Celebrate this day with your family and friends, reflecting on the meaning of the resurrection for our lives and faith. There will be no activities at WPC this evening.

**OGHS OFFERING UPDATE:** Thanks to your generosity, **FPC collected \$735** 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.

**THANK YOU FPC!** *You have made the last 14 years supporting the ministry and mission of FPC both rewarding and personally fulfilling. You all are truly exceptional people. You have touched both me and my family in a multitude of ways. Prayers covering this wonderful church family as you continue on in serving Dubuque and wider world as the hands and feet, and especially the heart of Christ! Best to you all—Ginger*

**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.

**FOOD FOR THE 1ST NEXT SUNDAY!** Please drop your nonperishable food donations to support the ministry of the Dubuque Food Pantry in the basket in the narthex. Thank you!

**SUPPLIES FOR THE SECOND** will be collected Sunday, April 14th. Along with the always needed paper products and cleaning supplies; this month's needs are shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste & brushes, and feminine products. All go to help those living at the YMCA Victim Services Domestic Violence Shelter.

**PASTOR STEPHANIE'S OFFICE HOURS** are Tuesdays/Thursdays from 9am-1pm. As always, it is recommended you contact her via cell phone at (507) 227-8537 with your pastoral needs or to schedule a visit. She welcomes your connections!

# 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 31</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	10:15am	NO Sunday School Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching NO Youth Group @ WPC
<b>Sat. April 6</b>	8:00am 10:00am	Men's Breakfast @ Papa Ozz Mulching Prairie Pockets beds
<b>Sun. April 7</b> <i>Food for the 1st</i>	9:00am 10:15am  5:30pm	Sunday School for all ages Jean Holdener, adult facilitator Worship: Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching Sacrament of Holy Communion Youth Group @ WPC

## GIVING

To support the mission and ministry of our church, we need \$14,930 per month. Offerings received through March 27 totaled \$9,148

- Offerings Year to Date through March 27 - \$26,149
- Expenses Year to Date through March 27 - \$31,441

## 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](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com)

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MARCH 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“The Strife is O’er”

arr. Weston

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION:

Loving, Powerful God, joy floods over our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to fully receive the joy which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! Amen.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

... And the angels shout aloud  
the word they have been holding onto for so long: “AlleluiA!”  
AlleluiA! ALLELUIA!  
Darkness is gone!  
THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!  
Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News  
Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #289

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

Hymn To Joy

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing, all-powerful God,  
we confess that, even on this most holy day,  
we are unable to believe in the victory over death  
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life  
but also for faith, hope, and love.  
Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors  
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,  
we would be lost.  
Forgive us and transform us,  
that in every way our work and prayer will  
make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI (#734 in Hymnal)

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

PASSING OF THE PEACE\*\*

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“A Gaelic Easter Celebration”

arr. Drennan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

p. 1584

SERMON

“God as Resurrection”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #288

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

\*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

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

Handel

\*DOXOLOGY #34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SENDING HYMN #298

“The Day of Resurrection”

Lancashire

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

arr. A.L. Page

\*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: Hannah Eby  
Music Director: Kristen Eby

WELCOMING YOU TO WORSHIP:

Officer in Charge of Greeting: Dedee Cosgrove  
Coffee Fellowship hosts: The Biechlers  
Nursery Attendants: Florence Siefker & Brooklyn Neyen  
(Children through age 5 are invited to the nursery for any or all of the service)