



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

✦ 1 John 4:19

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June 16, 2024, Father's Day | Morning Worship 9:30 am

Welcome! 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.

Nursery care is located in the basement, provided for children through age five.

For Prayer and Reflection++

O, Triune God, Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me. Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me. You have been so so kind to me. Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99. And I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away. Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God.

Prelude

Deep Peace

Dixon

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

One: Come, all of you who feel lost, alienated, alone.

Font Side: At one time we felt that way – we didn't belong anywhere.

Banner Side: We just wanted somewhere to be.

One: Christ, the Strong Cornerstone of our house, welcomes you.

Font Side: Once we were no people

Banner Side: Now we are God's people.

Font Side: Once we had no place to dwell

Banner Side: Now we live and abide in God's love.

One: Thanks be to God for God's gracious love and hospitality.

*Songs of Praise

#398 *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

great is your faithfulness, O Lord,

great is your faithfulness.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

**Gloria Patri* #734

***Passing of the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Time with Younger Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:4-10

Second Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *The Fruit of the Spirit is Love*

***Hymn of Response** #595 *They'll Know We are Christians*

***Affirmation of Faith – The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1**

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and 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 *God's Love Shine On Us* J.S. Bach/arr. Edwards

***Doxology #34**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn** *#393 Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. Benjamin

* You are welcome to stand in body or spirit.

** 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.

++ Lyrics from the worship song "Reckless Love" by Cory Asbury

HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR JOY TO SHARE? Folks on the FPC Prayer Chain would be honored to pray for you. Simply email Pastor Stephanie at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com, and she will distribute your request. You may also join the FPC Prayer Chain this way!

Congregational Prayer List for June 16 - Westminster

- For Gary Scoggin recovering from a mild heart attack and some procedures done on June 14.
- For Lois Pearce who is dealing with heart issues and will have more testing late June.
- For Shirley Behnke, that the Drs. can find out what's going on with her GI system so they can treat her and give her some relief.
- For Bill Peck who has moved to Minneapolis to be close to his son, Brad and family. His new address is: 3002 4th Ave., Anoka, MN 55303.
- For Arlys Williams who is recovering from a fall at the Gables in Mount Carmel.
- For Mike McMahan (Lisa McMahan's husband and Tom and Linda Stovall's son-in-law) recovering from prostate surgery.
- For all those on the Deacons Care List.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The pouring of the water into the font at the beginning of worship engages our physical senses in worship of God. Hearing the water and seeing it poured connects us to the sacrament of Baptism, a sign & seal of our being marked as Christ's own forever. By carrying in the water during the prelude, children are offered an opportunity to participate in worship leadership.

Please feel free to utilize the pillow cushions placed above the coat racks at the back of the church if it is difficult for you to sit in our hard pews. You also are welcome to bring your own cushion along, if you so choose.

FPC Men's Breakfast. Join the men folk for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, July 6th at 8:00am at Papa Ozz (3338 John F Kennedy Rd). All ages are welcome to join.

Creator's Camp is back! This time with a 3-day church music camp called "Summer Sounds." Kids will spend time doing theater, playing music, singing, playing games, and putting together a show! It is open to kids in Kindergarten - 6th grade (Fall of 2024) and will be held at St. Luke's UMC from July 1st-3rd, 9 AM – 2 PM, with a performance on Wednesday, July 3rd at 3 PM. Sign-up is REQUIRED. There is a recommended donation of \$25 per child (for families with more than 2 kids, there is a cap amount of \$50 per family). Sign up at stlukesdbq.org/kids.

Summer Sounds Supplies Needed! We need your help! Our congregations are in charge of providing paper goods for the lunches and snacks being served at St. Luke's UMC during Creator's Camp in a couple weeks. Please bring paper plates, cups, and napkins to church on Sunday morning and place them in the box labeled "Summer Sounds." **Please avoid styrofoam.** Contributions can be received through Sunday, June 30th following worship.

Pastor On Study Leave. Pastor Stephanie will be attending the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Worship & Arts Conference in Montreat, North Carolina June 22-30. She will also be presenting a session at the conference about utilizing the Enneagram in worship planning. In case of emergency pastoral needs, please contact Rev. Dan Emmert at 515-370-4906.

The FPC July Newsletter Deadline is 9:00am on Thursday, June 20th. Please send the information you would like included to our Volunteer Newsletter Coordinator, Roger Ebertz, at rebertz@gmail.com.

FPC Collects "Food on the First" and "Supplies on the Second." You can bring non-perishable food items to worship and place them in the basket at the entrance labeled "Food on the First." Baby wipes, liquid laundry detergent, and 13 gallon trash bags for the women's shelters in Dubuque can be placed in the basket at the entrance labeled "Supplies on the Second." FPC Deacons will pack the food items and deliver them to the Dubuque Food Pantry after worship on the first Sunday of the month, and the other items will be delivered to Opening Doors.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tithes and offerings collected in today's service will be contributed to the general fund of First Presbyterian Church. As a faithful pledger, you are encouraged to continue your giving patterns to either WPC or FPC. This can be done via electronic giving, mail, or simply holding your pledge until worship is hosted at the church of your pledge commitment.

Additional summer parking has been graciously shared with us by our neighbors at Behr Funeral Home, located at the corner of 15th and Main Streets. We encourage those who have ease of mobility to make use of the extra parking lot and to enjoy a nice leisurely walk across Jackson Park before worship!

Westminster Public Witness Summer Speaker Series Israel, Palestine, Gaza, and the Church – July 11; 6:30 p.m.

Amgad Beblawi (formerly the coordinator of the PC (USA)'s mission partnerships in Europe and the Middle East) will discuss the Israel-Hamas war and the church's response.

These Days, Daily Devotions for Living by Faith – for the months of July, August & September are here. Pick up a copy in WPC's Narthex or the entry table at FPC.

In recognition of Juneteenth, join in a Prayer and Praise Service, **TODAY, Sunday, June 16 between 11 am – 1 pm** in Jackson Park. Various Dubuque congregations will be represented along with a community choir. Food Trucks will be available.

Also today, Sunday, June 16, 1:30 p.m. the Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission in conjunction with Dubuque NAACP will give an **African-American History Tour** at 1:30pm. The tour will start at Washington Park, walk past the Dubuque Museum of Art, the former location of the Centenary Church and African-American school, to the "I am a Man" Mural and talk about the former African-American neighborhood on 8th Street and Robinson Street before going to 1243 Main, the Goodrich-Wilson-Ryan house, home of Judge David S. Wilson, who ruled to integrate the Dubuque Schools in 1877.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | 8-10am



DUBUQUE CITYWIDE HUNGER OUTREACH

Sat., June 22 | Westminster Parking Lot

Contact Tom Stovall to volunteer – tomstov@aol.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, June 16 Father's Day

9:30am – Collaborative Worship at FPC
Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching **with coffee, treats and fellowship following worship**

Tuesday & Thursday, June 18 & 20

9am-1pm Church Office Open

Saturday, June 22

9am – Hunger Outreach

Sunday, June 23

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1:30pm – Worship at Bethany Home

Tuesday, June 18

9am – Tai Chi, FH
11am – Staff Meeting, WR
6pm – Session Meeting, BR

Wednesday, June 19

3:30pm – Book Club, Narthex

Thursday, June 20

9am – Garden Team
11am – Women's Bible Study, BR

Saturday, June 22

9am – Hunger Outreach
9am-4pm – Tour of Gardens

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OFFICE HOURS at FPC are Tuesdays/Thursdays from 9am-1pm. It is recommended you contact Pastor Stephanie via cell phone at (507) 227-8537 with your pastoral needs or to schedule a visit. She welcomes your connections! fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com.

OFFICE HOURS at WPC are Mon.-Thurs. 9 am-2 pm. Please call the pastoral care number 563-279-4545 with your pastoral needs or call the office at 563-583-1729.

CHURCH STAFF

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Deacon of the Month: Deb Stant

Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Liturgist: Lindsey Ward

Music Director: Kristen Eby

Musicians: Kristen Eby

Greeter: Lindsey Ward

Coffee Hour Host: The Daniels Family and Alex Jack

Streaming Team: Mark Stant, Tom Boelk

Pastor's Office Hours: 9:00am-1:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday

Pastor's Contact: 507-227-8537 or fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com

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Care Coordinator: Sam Wu

Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler

Choir Director: Steve Peake

Timbrel & Lyre Director: Dr. Luke Tyler

Band Director: Sally Stulken

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler

Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz

Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins

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THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



June 2	First	<i>To Live By the Spirit</i>
June 9	Westminster	<i>Knowledge of the Holy Spirit</i>
June 16	First	<i>Love</i>
June 23	Westminster	<i>Joy</i>
June 30	First	<i>Peace</i>
July 7	Westminster	<i>Patience</i>
July 14	First	<i>Kindness</i>
July 21	Westminster	<i>Goodness</i>
July 28	First	<i>Faithfulness</i>
August 4	Westminster	<i>Gentleness</i>
August 11	First	<i>Self Control</i>
August 18	Dbq. Arboretum	Annual Multi-Church Service <i>with St. Luke's UMC</i>
August 25	First	<i>Giving Thanks</i>

 **9:30 AM** 

