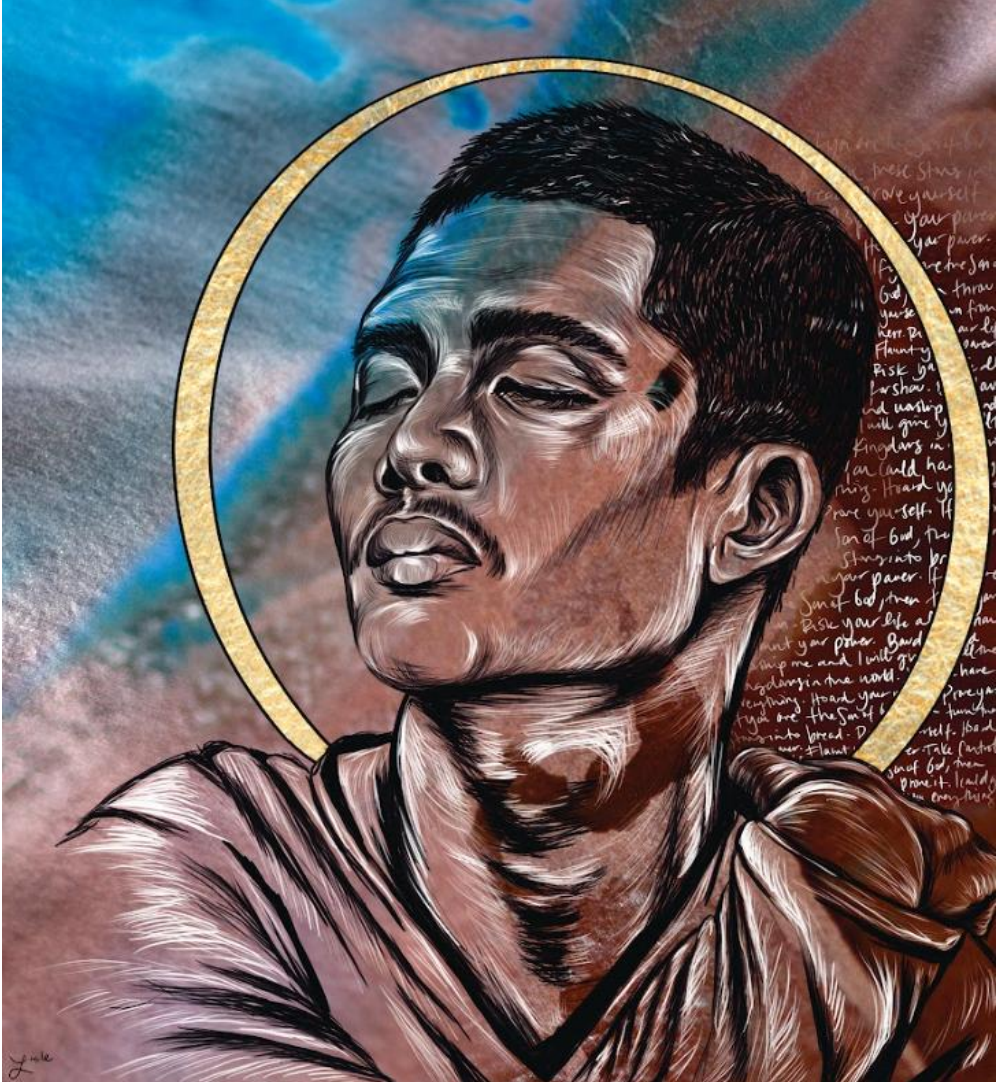




# BREAD OF LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 22<sup>th</sup>, 2026 | Morning Worship 10:00 am



## If You Are Worshipping...

**Online** – All the worship songs and words will be on your screen so that you can fully participate.

**In The Sanctuary** – If you are comfortably able, we invite you to stand during portions of worship marked with an asterisk (\*). The congregation reads items listed in bold text. **Please note:** Our service is always live-streamed with multiple cameras in the sanctuary. You will likely be on camera at some point during your worship experience.

**With Children** – We are delighted with the presence of (and the sounds of) children in worship. Children are welcome to use any of the resources in our PrayGround (located behind the back pews). The back pews are for adults accompanying children using the PrayGround, and the rocking chairs are reserved especially for nursing mothers or adults whose children need a cuddle and some rocking. **Also, childcare is available in our nursery down the hall for children up to age 5.**

**Prayer Requests** – Each week, we encourage folks to share their joys and concerns with one another using the Prayer Cards in the pews. Please complete a Prayer Card and place it in the offering plate during worship. This will ensure your prayers are lifted up to God in worship and/or in private.

**Special accommodations** –

**Assisted listening devices** and **Large Print Bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**Anyone with mobility issues** is welcome to use the padded green chairs located strategically throughout the sanctuary. There are spaces within the pews for wheelchairs. Ushers are happy to assist you with these or other accommodations.

**Wheelchairs are available** to use for church or to get down to Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher or greeter. They can assist you.

## GATHERING MUSIC

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

*One Great Hour of Sharing*

Linda Stovall

## FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

“Who will you listen to?”

What sources do you seek for news and information?

Whose voices do you listen to?

What messages take up space in your head?

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

*Seeking Heart*

by Kristen Eby

**Bring your questions, come as you are.  
The journey is waiting, and peace is not far.  
God always welcomes the seeking heart.  
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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen!

**There is hope to be found here.**

Listen!

**God calls you by name here.**

Listen!

**There is love that abides here.**

This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

**God is speaking.**

Let us worship.

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

*Speak, O Lord*

by The Getty's

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful and seeking God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ,  
the way, the truth, and the life,  
calling us to follow even when the path is unclear.**

**Yet we confess that when faced with questions we cannot answer,  
we choose comfort instead of the costly way of love,  
certainty instead of trusting your promises,  
and familiarity over the transforming work of your Spirit.**

**We turn away from truths that unsettle us,  
from calls that confront us,  
from neighbors in whom Christ meets us.**

**Forgive us, gracious God.**

**By your Spirit, turn us again toward you,  
restore our curiosity to seek with humility, courage, and love.  
With earnest hearts we offer our journeys to you, amen.**



## SILENT CONFESSION

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### \*SUNG RESPONSE *I'm Forever Grateful*

I'm forever grateful to you,  
I'm forever grateful for the cross.  
I'm forever grateful to you,  
That you came to seek and save the lost.

### \*\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

### CHOIR ANTHEM *What Wondrous Love is This*

*arr. Christiansen*

*Church Choir, Steve Peake tenor solo*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7(pg.2) & Matthew 4:1-11 (pg.82f)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON Songs of our Faith: "Who will you listen to?"

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE #410 *God is Calling Through the Whisper*

### \*RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH+

In a world full of noise,  
**we believe that God is speaking.**  
In a world full of chaos,  
**we believe that God is singing.**  
In a world full of temptation,  
**we believe that God is healing.**  
Church, who will you listen to?  
**We will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide.**  
Church, what will you listen for?



**We will listen for water in the desert, for the wind of the Spirit,  
for the laughter of children, for the sound of open doors,  
and for God's voice, who calls us beloved. Amen.**

## **THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

*In Quiet Faith*

by Broughton

### **\*DOXOLOGY #606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

## **PRAYER OF PETITION AND DEDICATION**

## **THE LORDS 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.**

### **\*SENDING HYMN #688 (vv. 1,3,5)**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*Festive Voluntary*

by Lau

\* Please rise 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.

+ by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNIT** Sunday February 22 - March 22, Rev. Dan Emmert, will lead the Lenten series "**24 Hours That Changed the World**"; featuring a book and video by Pastor Adam Hamilton. Hamilton will take us to the Holy Land to visit traditional sites and guide us through the last days of Jesus' life. Discussion will follow the video. The plan is to have books available at the first session. **All are welcome!**

This **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**, at **7:00 PM** the **BREAD OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** is happy to host Dubuque Area Congregations United. Come learn how to safeguard against identity theft and fraud, and what to do if you or someone you know has been a victim.

**CARE CART:** Next Sunday, we encourage you to bring any items you'd like to fill up the Care Cart! We support the **Dubuque Food Pantry, Opening Doors**, and the **Dubuque Rescue Mission** through these donations. Thanks!!

**GREEN TEAM TIP:** Make sure your car gets regular maintenance. This will reduce emissions, give you better gas mileage and save you money. Keep your tires inflated to the proper level. Low tire pressure causes more wear, lessened gas mileage, harms the environment and costs you money. Practice good driving habits, avoid jack rabbit starts and quick panic stops.

**WELCOME! We're so glad you're worshipping at Bread of Life Presbyterian Church today.** Are you curious about who we are as a congregation, looking for ways to connect more deeply, or wondering what church membership might look like for you? **Pastor Stephanie would be delighted to visit with you.** Feel free to reach out by email at [fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com) or by phone at (507) 227-8537.



**THANK YOU!**

**FOR THE DECLUTTER SUCCESS -** The BoL Declutter Sale made around \$2,075, which will help offset the cost of the updated outdoor signs. Many people helped make the effort a success – collecting, sorting, setting-up, hauling, and donating!

**...AND THE VALENTINES BRUNCH!** The decorations and food did not disappoint. The Men's Group made us all feel very loved!

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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- For those folks navigating ongoing health concerns: **Joyce Bausman, Jolene Kilcoyne, Angie Lockhart, Lois and Doug Pearce, HannaRose Otting, Ella Gryski, Betty** and **Leon Thompson, Les Sonsken, and Arlys Williams.**
- For **Gene Myers**, Jolene Kilcoyne's dad, who is in the final stages of his life; and for Jolene and family as they walk alongside him.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List.**
- For **Edward Stovall's** family as they mourn his death on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Edward is Tom Stovalls brother.
- For **Sam Phipps** as he recovers from surgery.
- For Sara Blair's friend, **Jeremy**. He was working for the DNR and a tree landed on him which caused multiple vertebrae fractures. Fortunately, he was not paralyzed; however, he could use a lot of prayers.



**HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR JOY TO SHARE?** Folks on the **Bread of Life Prayer Chain** would be honored to pray for you. Simply email Pastor Stephanie at [fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com), and she will distribute your request. You may also join the Bread of Life Prayer Chain this way! **For Pastoral Care** please call **(563) 279-4545** or the church office.

\*All activities will take place at Bread of Life's Hilltop Campus, unless otherwise noted. \*

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00am – Christian Formation, ClassRms  
9:30am – Choir Warm-Up, S  
10:00am – **Sunday Worship**  
11:00am – Coffee & Fellowship, NTX  
11:30am – Moms on Fire, CR  
11:30am – Youth Group, FH, K, YR

### Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Newsletter Deadline  
9:00am – BoL Table, FH, K  
10:00am – Deacons Training, WR  
4:30pm – Friends Yoga, C  
5:30pm – Hospitality Meeting, BR  
6:00pm – Pack 20, HS

### Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – Tai Chi, FH  
5:00pm – Ping Pong Tuesday's, HS  
7:00pm – DACU, FH

### Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – Men's Coffee, FH  
9:15am – Staff Mtg, WR  
5:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal, S  
7:00pm – Keyway Lodge AA Group, HS

### Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

11:00am – Adult Bible Study, CR  
1:00am – BOL Book Club, NTX

### Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

### Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00am – Christian Formation, ClassRms  
9:30am – Choir Rehearsal, S  
10:00am – **Sunday Worship**  
**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**  
11:00am – Coffee & Fellowship, NTX  
11:30am – Moms on Fire, CR  
11:30am – Youth Group, FH, K, YR



## CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

### TODAY'S SERVICE

**Preacher:** Rev. Stephanie Ells  
**Liturgists:** Rev. Kaity Kemp  
**Musicians:** Kristen Eby  
**Music Ensemble:** Church Choir, Steve Peake

**Greeters:** Judy Sheridan & Deb Stant  
**Ushers:** John & Pam Adams  
**Hospitality Set Up:** Tom & Judi Schutt  
**Hospitality Clean Up:** Rich Henderson

### CHURCH STAFF

**Lead Pastor:** Rev. Stephanie Ells  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Kaity Kemp  
**Business Manager:** Jeffrey T. Gladwin  
**Director of Music:** Kristen Eby

**Care Coordinator:** Sam Wu **#563-279-4545**  
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