

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2155 University Ave, Dubuque, IA 52001 | (563) 583-1729 | <http://wpcdbq.org>

Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

“No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.” *Luke 16:13 (NRSVUE)*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER!

We're delighted to worship with you today and hope your experience of worship is meaningful and uplifting. If you need assistance during your visit, any of our greeters will be happy to help.

Parents: We provide nursery care for children under 5 years of age (beginning Sept 18). All children are welcome to use any of the resources in our PrayGround (located behind the pews).

Please note that assisted listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

** Everyone who is comfortably able to stand is welcome to do so during the portions of worship marked with an asterisk.*

PRELUDE: *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Mark Hayes
Thou Art Worthy arr. Craig Curry

TIME OF WELCOME

Leader: God be with you!

People: And also with you!

*GATHERING SONG: GTG #368 *We Fall Down*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD from the heavens;

Leader: Praise God in the heights!

People: Praise God, all the angels;

Leader: Praise God, all the host!

People: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

Leader: For God's name alone is exalted;

People: God's glory is above earth and heaven.

Leader: God has raised up a horn for the people,

People: Praise God for all God's faithful,

Leader: For the people of Israel who are close to God.

People: Praise the LORD!

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN: (on screens) *Forever*

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Loving Creator, we admit that we like to try to put You into neat little boxes – the God of this, the God of that, the God of these people but not of those people. We admit we try to make You too small. We admit we try to we make You

manageable. Forgive the fear that drives these attempts. Enlarge our hearts, souls, and minds, that we may let go of the need to define You and join you in your great love for the world. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: God loves you. God forgives you. God gives you new life.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response: (on screens) *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* - refrain only

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13 (NRSVUE)

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7 Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN: (on screens) *Above All*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

from 1 Corinthians 15:1–6; Mark 16:1–9; Matt. 16:16; Revelation 22:13; John 20:28

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer - ELLC Translation [English Language Liturgical Consultation], 1988)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Offertory: *In Christ Alone* arr. Marilyn Ham

*Sung Response: (on screens) *How Great is Our God*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN: GTG #300 - *We Are One in the Spirit*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: And all God's people said:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #69 *Here I Am* - refrain only

POSTLUDE: *Down by the Riverside* arr. Mary McDonald

SCAN TO GIVE!

**Use your
smartphone
camera to scan this
code and give
online.**



WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL FLOWERS – This week's beautiful mums are provided by Shirley Meriwether. Thanks Shirley!

NURSERY CARE – The nursery is re-opening **TODAY** from 9a.m. – 11a.m. each Sunday! Bring your children 6 months through 5 years to a safe and loving place, while you worship with your church family.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL– Sunday School for children in kindergarten through fifth grade will meet from 10:45a.m. – 12:00p.m. each Sunday. We gather in the Media Room downstairs to explore what it means to be part of God's family.

YOUTH GROUP – Young people in grades 6-12 will meet every other Sunday from 5p.m. – 6:30 p.m. with friends from First Presbyterian to explore everything from how to make the best pizza to questions of how to make sense of our relationship with God. Our first gathering is **TODAY** at First Presbyterian Church. Bring your friends!

PLAY MISSION BINGO! - If you haven't yet received your **MISSION BINGO CARD**, be sure to pick one up at the Information Station at the back of the sanctuary. The card contains 25 different things that you can do to participate in the life of your church between September 11 and December 18 of this year. Check off things as you complete them and let the Mission Team know when you get a BINGO! Then, keep on playing for more bingos up until December 18. Prizes will be awarded!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE – Plans are taking shape to once again, have a church Fall Rummage Sale. **The dates booked are Oct. 27, 28 & 29.** Please start to save all your unwanted treasures. Everything is accepted except microwaves, computers and tv's. A lot of help is needed all three days, but we are hopeful a lot of you will pitch in, at least for a few hours. It's fun and has always been a wonderful fundraiser for our church. See Gerda Hartman for more information.

BOOK EXCHANGE - The Westminster Book Exchange is back as a repurposing event sponsored by the WPC Green Team. Trade all of those books you read while having to spend time at home. Bring your used books to the bench by the office during the week of October 16. We will put them in some sort of order and on Sunday October 23rd you may pick up books to last you during the winter. Please no textbooks or really out of date books. What is left over will go to the WPC rummage sale.

ADULT CHOIR – The adult choir was able to return from the COVID hiatus to sing a couple times last spring. We were ‘small but mighty’! Fall offers new opportunities. If you enjoy singing, consider joining us! We plan to begin rehearsals Wednesday evenings in September and current plans are to sing about twice a month. If you are interested in joining us, or have questions, let Mary Kay know or email Steve Peake at stevedbqi@aol.com or Luke at director@nisom.com. As we get closer to fall, watch for more specifics. We will set rehearsal time to best match people’s availability, so let us know what your preference is.

WPC BOOK CLUB – The WPC Book Club will meet on Sept 21st at 3:30p.m. at Charlotte’s Coffee House to discuss *The Telling Room: A Tale of Love, Betrayal, Revenge, and the World’s Greatest Piece of Cheese* by Michael Paterniti.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION – The food pantry is in dire need of peanut butter and jelly! Put PB&J on your next grocery list and let’s fill the grocery cart with donations for the food pantry. The grocery cart is located at the “Donation Station” near the church office.

A NOTE FROM GLINDA MANTERNACH - Dear friends, thank you to everyone who was so supportive this past week in presence, and with prayers, phone calls, cards and memorials. It was very heart warming and I appreciate everyone.

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR INVITED! To Dubuque Food Pantry’s Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting, Thurs., September 22 at 4:30 p.m. with the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce. Tours of their new facility will be given from 4-6. Light refreshments will be served. The new address is 1310 White St., Dubuque.

CROP WALK – The Dubuque Area Crop Hunger Walk is on **Saturday, October 1st**. More information will be available in the Hotline. Donations can be turned in to the church office now or to donate online, go to www.CropHungerWalk.org and designate DBQ, IA. It helps support the Rescue Mission, the Dubuque Food Pantry and People in Need.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Church Office Number: 563-583-1729 | For Pastoral Care emergencies: **563-279-4545**

Pastor: Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet	Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz
Director of Christian Formation: Bonnie Sue Lewis	Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins
Care Ministry Coordinator: Lisa MacNaughton	Custodian: Tim Till
Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler	Digital Storytelling Director: Clare Kysely
Adult Choir: Steve Peake	Worship Technology: Monson Nguyen
Timbrel & Lyre Director: Dr. Luke Tyler	Greeters: Jim & Sue Huff
Adult Handbells Director: DeLano Cain-Watson	Ushers: Randy Roos & Adam Etheredge
WPC Band & Beginner Handbells: Sally Stulken	Hospitality Set Up: Doug & Jean Cheever
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler	Clean Up: Ann Lorenz & Pat Judge

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Elaine Woodrum who is in rehab at Grand Meadows, Asbury, after suffering a stroke.
- Prayers for Glinda Manternach and family as they grieve the sudden loss of Leon Manternach, Glinda's husband. Cards may be sent to Glinda Manternach and family to 14472 Ryan Road, Peosta, IA 52068.
- Prayers for Mary Kay's friend, Mary Schroeder, whose Lymphoma has returned and is now in her brain.
- Continued prayers for Howard Wallace who is on Hospice and for Nancy Wallace as she continues with her successful treatment for breast cancer.
- Prayers for Chuck Whalen as he explores treatment options after his recent surgery.
- Please pray for Bennett Lewis, an 11 year old, who has bone cancer.
- Prayers for Tom Stovall who is receiving chemo treatments for prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Carol Althoff's continuing struggle with cancer.
- Prayers for all of those who deal with the effects of systemic poverty and structural racism in our society. May we all, as brothers and sisters in Christ, work to dismantle these structures and strive for social justice.
- Please pray for all affected by recent extreme weather events throughout our country and the world. Pray also for the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as they respond to these events demonstrating God's love.
- Please pray for those who are victims of the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine and for a peaceful end to the violence. Pray that through the response of the faith community that the survivors and those offering assistance be reminded of the hope that is found in Jesus Christ.
- Prayers for all the victims and families affected by gun violence.

If you would like to have your name on our Bulletin Prayer Request list or want to be added to the Prayer Chain for prayers, please advise the church office (583-1729).

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

SEPTEMBER 18-25

Sunday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Re-Membering Class, BR
1:30 p.m. Worship at BETHANY HOME
5:00 P.M. Youth Group at 1st Pres

Monday, September 19

8:00 a.m. Garden Harvesting
9:00 a.m. Budget Task Force, WR
9:30 a.m. PEO, Sue Huff, BR
11:00 a.m. PEO, Eliz. Recher, FH, K
6:00 p.m. Pack 20, classrooms
7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Troop 11, FH

Tuesday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH
11:00 a.m. Finance Mtg., BR/ZOOM
6:00 p.m. Session, BR/ZOOM

Wednesday, September 21

1:30 p.m. Care Connect Team, BR
3:30 p.m. Book Club, Charlottes

Thursday, September 22

2:00 p.m. Green Team Mtg., BR
7:00 p.m. Continuing the Journey Class

Friday, September 23

HOTLINE DEADLINE

Sunday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Re-Membering Class, BR

Westminster Office Hours

Please call first.

Monday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Mary Kay will be gone 9/19-9/22
Tim OFF 9/20



GREEN TEAM TIP

Paper and Disposable Products

Make a commitment and plan to reduce your use of paper and other disposable items. Trade in those single-use-throw-away items (paper plates, cups, napkins, utensils, straws, plastic bottles, plastic bags, etc.) for the real thing—real reusable items that can be cleaned and used over and over again without damage to our environment.



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

You can give beyond your life through a bequest to Westminster in your will.



SUPPORT THE YOUTH PROGRAM BUY SCRIP!
YOUR FAVORITE STORE IS MISSING FROM THE LIST! See Lisa