



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

1 John 4:19

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August 11, 2024 | 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Day by Day

arr. Knoedler

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit is among us today!

The Spirit of the Living God!

The Spirit God gave us gives us power, love, and self-discipline.

We open our hands to receive these gifts.

O Breath of power and might,

give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,

that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,

no weakness keep us from doing it;

that in your light we may see light clearly,

and in your service find perfect freedom.

O Lord of all, we open our mouths to give you praise!

*SONGS OF PRAISE

Rejoice

CCLI Song #7206654

Verse 1

Rejoice in the Lord now and always

Sing it again we rejoice

Delight in the love He has shown us

Gratefully lift up your voice

His gentleness among us

Will join our hearts with praise

We gather in His goodness

A family of grace

Chorus

With each breath He's given praise the Lord
In these times we live in we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord

Verse 2

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
Shepherd of our lives

Verse 3

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending
We say again rejoice

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward impulsive choices. Anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, spill out of us, often giving rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us – and certainly offending and grieving you. O long-suffering Father. Forgive us our lack of self-control and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA PATRI #734**

****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**** 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.**

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

James 1:19-25

1 Samuel 25:4-20, 23-24, 32-35

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Fruit of the Spirit: *Self Control*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** #464 *May the Mind of Christ, My Savior*

***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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (inside hymnal cover)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

As the Lone, Wild Bird

arr. Lau

***DOXOLOGY** #34

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SENDING HYMN** #466

Take My Life

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Three Chorales

by Kihlken

* You are welcome to stand in body or spirit.

+ Each Sunday we take the opportunity to speak our joys and concerns in a communal setting, so that we may pray for one another throughout the week. You are welcome to share during this time, or simply to listen. Please be mindful we are streaming our worship service, so sharing is public.

NEXT WEEK!

WORSHIP AT THE DUBUQUE ARBORETUM! For the third summer in a row, our congregations will be worshipping at the Arboretum with St. Luke's United Methodist Church in celebration of Creators Camp at **10:00am** this coming Sunday, August 18th, 2024. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, an umbrella or sun hat, and bug spray. If you'd like to stay afterwards for fellowship – bring your own picnic! ***In case of rain, we will meet at SLUMC.***

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! Interested in what being a part of these congregations is all about? Wondering how to get connected on a deeper level? Thinking about what becoming a member of the church may look like? Pastor Stephanie would love to talk with you. Simply contact her at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com or (507) 227-8537.

FOOD AND HYGIENE DONATIONS! Remember to bring non-perishable food items and hygiene items to worship at FPC and place them in the baskets at the entrance labeled “Food on the First” and “Supplies on the Second.” The FPC Deacons will pack them up and deliver them to the Dubuque Food Pantry and Opening Doors.

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.

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.

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! With summer in full-swing, she encourages you to call ahead of stopping by.

GREEN TEAM TIP – Spend Time Outside

Take sometime this week to appreciate the outdoors. Go for a walk, play with the kids, play sports or go to the park for a picnic. Find more ways to enjoy God’s beautiful and wonderful creation.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your prayers paid off, the stents are in, the heart valve is replaced, and I do not need a pacemaker. Thank you all again.

Gary Scoggin

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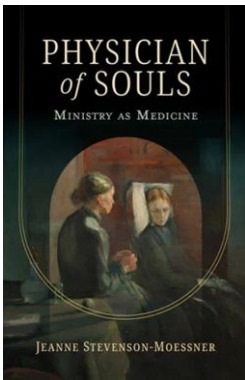
CHURCH CHATS COMING SOON!

Be on the lookout for the dates and times of a series of "Church Chats." Each congregation will be offering their own informational talk sessions over the next few weeks. The aim is to gather feedback about our partnership exploration this summer and possibilities for the future. Each congregation's Session welcomes your discernment contributions. A variety of dates and times will be available so that folks can attend one convenient for them. Please make every effort to attend one of the chats.

WPC BOOK CLUB – Our next read: *Churchill's Secret Messenger* by Alan Hlad
We will be discussing this book, Aug. 21 at 3:30 in the Narthex at WPC.

This Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Rev. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner will be at River Lights Bookstore on Main Street, Dubuque, for a book signing and short reading of *Physician of Souls: Ministry as Medicine*.



Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner a PCUSA minister who worships at Westminster in the summer months has published a book.

Physician of Souls, a term used by John Chrysostom (4th century), has been long forgotten in the church and theological circles. It is a connective term that links those who primarily tend the physical bodies of the suffering to those who primarily tend the emotions or the psyche or the soul. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner retrieves, expands, and applies the term for religious and spiritual leaders (lay and ordained) in their response to pain, illness, moral injury, soul-wounding, and crisis. In offering mercy and hospitality, you may be a **physician of souls**.

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 fpcdbg.pastor@gmail.com, and she will distribute your request. You may also join the FPC Prayer Chain this way!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST FOR WESTMINSTER

- For **Doug & Lois Pearce**. Doug is in rehab for his leg and Lois is going to have more tests on her heart at Mayo Aug. 18-21.
- For **Terry Harris** who is in ICU at Mercy.
- For **Cheryl**, Deb Seiffert's sister, for pain relief and productive healing of her arm.
- For **Linda Stovall** recovering from a total knee replacement.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List**.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, August 11

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

10:45am – FPC-WPC Taskforce Mtg.

Tues & Thurs., August 13 & 15

9am-1pm Church Office Hours

Saturday, August 17

9am-3pm – John Knox Presbytery
Meeting at FPC – Oregon, WI

Sunday, August 18

**10:00am – Annual Multi-Church Service
with St. Luke's UMC at the Dubuque
Arboretum – BRING LAWN CHAIRS
and a PICNIC LUNCH**

In case of rain, meet at St. Luke's UMC.

PASTOR STEPHANIE'S SERMONS are available in print form. If you are interested in receiving a copy of her sermon via email or mail, please contact her directly at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com or 507.227.8537

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Monday, August 12

5:30pm-Outreach/Mom's Grp/Adult Ed
Mtg., BR

Tuesday, August 13

9am-Finance Meeting, **WR**

Wednesday, August 14

8am-Men's Fellowship, BR
Join us for breakfast!
5:15pm - PIN Mtg., BR **Visitors welcome!**

Thursday, August 15

1pm – Personnel Mtg., BR
6pm – Adult Formation Team, BR

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For Pastoral Care please call the **pastoral care # 563-279-4545** with your pastoral needs or call the office at 563-583-1729.

NEXT WEEK OFFICE HOURS AT WESTMINSTER WILL BE 9:00-1:00 Mon.-Thurs.

CHURCH STAFF

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Deacon of the Month: Deb Stant

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Liturgist: Susan Ebertz

Musician: Kristen Eby

Greeter of the Month: Deb Stant

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Ebertz

Streaming Team: Mark Stant, Tom Boelk

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Care Coordinator: Sam Wu #563-279-4545

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

Custodian: Josh Henry

Worship Tech: Emily Delamora

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with **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** and
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 with St. Luke's UMC
August 25	First	<i>Giving Thanks</i>

9:30 AM

