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**August 25, 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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Fall Faith Formation Opportunities by Allie Hinga

## PRELUDE

*For the Beauty*

arr. Taylor

## FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from* Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Come and see what God has done!

**God has turned our sea into dry land.**

**We have passed through the river on foot.**

Bless our God, O peoples.

Let the sound of God's praise be heard!

**When you tested and tried us, O God,**

**you brought us out to a spacious place.**

**You kept us among the living**

**and prevented our feet from slipping.**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**How awesome are the deeds of our God!**

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE #40** *For the Beauty of the Earth* (vs 1-4)

*Sanctuary* Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us 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

Luke 17:11-19; p. 1627

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

The Fruit of the Spirit: *Giving Thanks*

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Blessed Be Your Name*

CCLI Song # 3798438

Blessed be Your name, In the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name, When I'm found in the desert place.  
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.

### **Chorus**

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me.  
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name, On the road marked with suffering.  
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name.

### **Chorus**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *from The Second Helvetic Confession, Chapter 5*

**We teach that the true God alone is to be adored and worshiped. This honor we impart to none other, according to the commandment of the Lord, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.” Indeed, all the prophets severely inveighed against the people of Israel whenever they adored and worshiped strange gods, and not the only true God. But we teach that God is to be adored and worshiped as he himself has taught us to worship, namely, “in spirit and in truth”, not with any superstition, but with sincerity, according to his Word; lest at any time God should say to us: “Who has required these things from your hands?” Paul also says: “God is not served by human hands, as though God needed anything.”**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS+**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** (inside hymnal cover)

### **THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*In Quiet Praise*

by Callender

**\*DOXOLOGY #34**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*SENDING HYMN #22**

*Let All Things Now Living*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

arr. Kendell

\* 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.

**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](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com) or (507) 227-8537.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEMBERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ONE (OR MORE) OF THE THREE LISTENING SESSIONS** being hosted by FPC's leadership regarding opportunities for ongoing ministry; including the potential for continued partnership with WPC. These opportunities are on (1) Sunday, August 25th and (2) Sunday, September 8th - immediately following worship, (3) Monday, August 26th - Individuals may sign-up for a 15-minute time slot between 5pm-7pm to share their feelings with two elders and Pastor Stephanie. Email [fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com) or call 507-227-8537 to sign up for a time.

**DANI POSTMA**, who was an SPM for several semesters at FPC, ***will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament*** in the Reformed Church of America on Thursday, August 29th, 2024 at 6:30pm in Sioux Center, Iowa. Her ordination service can be witnessed via the First Presbyterian Church - Bellevue, Iowa Facebook page. Following her ordination, Dani will continue to serve FPC-Bellevue as their pastor!

**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.

**FALL PROGRAMMING TO KICK OFF ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>!** There will be Children's Church during worship for children ages 3-Grade 3 each week following the Time with Young Disciples, a sermon study after worship on Sundays for adults, and Sunday night activities from 5:30-7pm for all ages.

**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.

**FPC-WPC MEN'S GATHERING:** Join the men folk for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, September 7th at 8:00am at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fellowship Hall.

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **WPC - JOIN US FOR A CHURCH CHAT!**

The Session encourages all members of the Westminster Family to attend a Church Chat during the first week of September. The purpose of the chats will be to receive feedback and gather feelings about our partnership with First Presbyterian Church and discuss the direction that we feel the Holy Spirit is guiding us as we look to what form this partnership should take us into the future in a purposeful way.

### **Please attend one of the scheduled Church Chats listed here:**

Sunday, September 1, following worship at 10:45 AM.

Wednesday, September 4, 10:00 AM or 4:00 PM in the Board Room.

Thursday, September 5, 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

Please join in prayer that God will lead us and guide us in this time of discernment.

### **GREEN TEAM TIP – Check Your Tires**

Be sure to regularly check the air pressure in your car tires. Properly inflated tires improve gas mileage and increase the life of the tires. This will not only decrease your carbon emissions but will also save you money.



The Presentation Lantern Center is looking for tutors and conversation partners for adult ESL students? Two hours weekly. Training provided. No experience or second language proficiency required. Call or text Sue Ellis, Education Director at 563-557-7134, or email [info@thelanterncenter.org](mailto:info@thelanterncenter.org).

**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](mailto:fpcdbq.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 the family of **Terry Harris** who passed away Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Prayers of joy for the birth of **Tarra & Adam Etheredge's daughter, Eden Rae** on August 15<sup>th</sup>. She was 7.5 lbs. and 19.5 inches long. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents, Kim Bemboom and Darren DeMoss.
- For **Doug & Lois Pearce** for ongoing health issues.
- For **Linda Stovall** during her on-going recovery from a total knee replacement. Linda thanks you all for your continued prayers.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List**.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### Sunday, August 25

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

10:45am – FPC Listening Session

1:30pm – Bethany Home Worship with  
Rev. Marsha Wilfong

### Monday, August 26

5-7pm FPC Individual Listening Sessions:  
Choir Rm.

### Thursday, August 29

6:30pm – Dani Postma's Ordination –  
streaming at First Presbyterian Church –  
Bellevue, Iowa Facebook page

### Sunday, September 1

9:30am – **Collaborative Worship at WPC**  
Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching; with a  
**Coffee Hour to follow!**

**Monday, September 2 – LABOR DAY  
OFFICE IS CLOSED**

**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](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com) or 507.227.8537

## WESTMINSTER

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### Monday, August 26

5:30pm - Hospitality/Outreach Mtg., BR  
6:45pm-Youth Christian Formation, BR

### Tuesday, August 27

5pm – DACU Mbrshp Dinner Rainsite, FH

### Wednesday, August 28

8am - Men's Coffee & Chat Session, BR  
11:15pm – Staff Meeting, WR  
5:00pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

### Sunday, September 1

9:30am – **Collaborative Worship at WPC**  
Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching; with a  
**Coffee Hour to follow!**

10:45am – Church Chats, BR

2:00pm – DBQ Interfaith Green Coalition, FH

**Monday, September 2 – LABOR DAY  
OFFICE IS CLOSED**

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

**NOTE: WPC, BECKY JENKIN'S WILL BE TEACHING A CLASS AT U.D. THIS FALL. Her office hours will vary. She will have SET HOURS for you to talk with her, if need be. They are: 11:15-2 Mon. & Wed. and 12:15-2 Tues. & Thurs.**

# CHURCH STAFF

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Deacon of the Month:** Deb Stant

**Preacher:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Liturgist:** Sue Dravis

**Musician:** Kristen Eby

**Greeter of the Month:** Deb Stant

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Lindsay Ward, Kristen Eby

**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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# ENTRUSTED:



September 1	Westminster	<i>Entrusted by God</i>
September 8	First	<i>The Gospel</i>
September 15	Westminster	<i>Creation</i>
September 22	First	<i>Time</i>
September 29	Westminster	<i>Vocation</i>
October 6	Westminster	<i>Neighbors</i>
October 13	First	<i>Hearts</i>
October 20	Westminster	<i>Money</i>
October 27	First	<i>The Church</i>

**SUNDAYS 9:30AM**

