



# First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

1 John 4:19

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## September 8, 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 three.

**Please feel free to use 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.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Serenity*

by Buckley

#### FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, I pray for the fresh winds of your Spirit sweep into my life, so that this act of worship and the week to follow may become a time of renewal and rededication to your service. Amen.

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**The One who calls us,**

The One who equips us,

**The One who loves us without end.**

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

\*SONGS OF PRAISE #9 *Come, Let Us Praise the Lord*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI #734

## TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

### PRESENTATION OF BIBLE

Jude Etheredge, *Grade 3*

**PASTOR:** Jude, you are a wonderful creation of God who is wonderfully made, and God has a special plan for your life. Receive the Word of God; whose stories belong and speak to us all. This is your Bible.

**CONGREGATION:** We present to you your very own Bible. Learn its stories and study its words. May you be encouraged and challenged as God meets you in these pages.

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

## COMMISSIONING OF FAITH FORMATION LEADERS

**CONGREGATION:** Gracious God, for Jesus' sake, empower these teachers to care for the learners in our family of faith. Help them to teach faithfully, lead patiently, and guide confidently. Stir up in these servants the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

*Our youngest disciples, ages 3-grade 3, are encouraged to join our Faith Formation leaders for Children's Church. They will encounter God at a developmentally-appropriate level with safe adults. The child(ren) can be picked up at the conclusion of worship downstairs. Then, enjoy treats and fellowship together!*

## \*\*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.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

"Entrusted with the Gospel"

***Singing:* I surrender all, I surrender all;  
All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #557**

*Pass it On*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS+**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

arr. Curry

**\*DOXOLOGY #34**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please hold the elements until all have been served.*

*Gluten-free bread is at the center of the plate.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: *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.**

**\*SENDING HYMN #497**

*Find Us Faithful*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

by Travers

\* 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.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE KICK OFF OF OUR FALL PROGRAMMING FOR FAITH FORMATION.** We give thanks to God for folks who have chosen to give care and attention to this ministry, and we **commission** them today in worship as a sign of our confidence and prayerful support. We are also pleased to present **Jude Etheredge** with his very own Bible as our awesome third grader!

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is now available for children ages **3-Grade 3!** Following the "Time with Young Disciples," our youngest disciples are encouraged to join our teachers for a developmentally- appropriate encounter with God and Scripture. The child(ren) can be picked up at the conclusion of worship downstairs, then come back up to enjoy treats and fellowship! Children will be included in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as appropriate.

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated today during worship. This sacrament is a gift of God, for the people of God; and we welcome you to fully participate with us. If you are worshipping with us online, please utilize food and drink you have available; trusting the power of the Holy Spirit to be present in our community abroad.

**Members of First Presbyterian Church** are invited to attend our **FINAL LISTENING SESSION TODAY** immediately following worship downstairs in the basement. This listening session is being hosted by FPC's leadership regarding opportunities for ongoing ministry; including the potential for continued partnership with WPC.

**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.

**THANK YOU!** It was a surprise and a blessing to receive the lovely card from my Dubuque church family after the loss of my brother, Loren. I will miss my brother greatly but thankful he passed peacefully and is at rest! -- Alisanne (and Mark) Ells, Pastor Stephanie's parents

**THE WESTMINSTER CHURCH BAND** is planning to play in worship on September 29th and October 20th. **We would like to invite band musicians from First Presbyterian to join us.** Our only rehearsal is the same morning that we play at 8:45. I can email music ahead of time for musicians to practice if they wish. Interested musicians should contact me at [sstulken@gmail.com](mailto:sstulken@gmail.com) or (563)542-0035. Sally Stulken

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for the upcoming **Book Exchange**, beginning Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and the **Rummage Sale** to be held on Oct. 11 & 12<sup>th</sup>. Set-up will be Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are greatly appreciated for any of those days. To sign up or learn more, call Sue Case: 563-599-5289 or Diane Peake: 563-581-2523. Items can be dropped off beginning Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HUNGER OUTREACH - Matthew 25: "For I was Hungry and you gave Me food."** The September 28th Hunger Outreach will be conducted by members of both First and Westminster in the downtown location at 17th and Main. Lots of volunteers are needed from both churches. Please sign up to volunteer! Sign-up sheets for each church are located at the back of the sanctuary or in the church fellowship area. *Please sign up today!* Also, please help get the word out to families that might need food. Flyers are available to distribute to locations where people who may need food can see them. September 28 is National Good Neighbor Day. Let's show that we are!

**FALL BIBLE STUDY: Genesis 1-11 – The Beginnings of God's Relationship with the World and with Humankind.** Marsha Wilfong will be leading the weekday Bible study. The stories are probably familiar: creation stories, Noah and the flood, and the Tower of Babel. But this time we will read them from an "adult" and theological perspective! All are welcome! The study will last 9 weeks. There are two options for participation:

- **Wednesdays, Sept. 18 – Nov. 13, 1:30–2:30pm**, at Bethany Home (Molinare Room)
- **Thursdays, Sept. 19 – Nov. 14, 11:00am-Noon**, at Westminster (Board Room)



### **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 6 to 8:30 p.m.**

Everyone 12 & older is invited for an exciting night of Fellowship & Fun! Come and try out a new game. Featured games will be "Dixit", "Harry Potter Game" and "Timeline". Try out one of these games or bring your own card game, board game or dice game of your choice.

**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 **HannahRose Otting** who is struggling with brain health and is in the hospital.
- For **Elaine Woodrum** who is having on going heart issues.
- For **Mark Thetford** who has upcoming appointments and tests for health problems.
- For **Doug & Lois Pearce** for ongoing health issues. Doug is now out of Hawkeye Care Center and has rejoined Lois at Oak Park Place.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List**.

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

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### Sunday, September 8 – Kick Off Sunday

9:30am – Collaborative Worship at FPC (Communion, Children’s Church)

Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching with coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

10:45 am – FPC Listening Session

5:30pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship, WPC

### Tuesday, September 10

9am – FPC-WPC Taskforce Meeting

4pm – CE meeting (Zoom)

### Thursday, September 12

9am-1pm – Office Hours

### Saturday, September 14

9-11am – Session & Deacons Mtg.

### Sunday, September 15

9:30am – Collaborative Worship & Children’s Church at WPC

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching; with a Coffee Hour to follow!

10:45am – Building on the Message

5:30pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship, WPC

**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)

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### Monday, September 9

5:30pm - Mission Mtg., BR

### Tuesday, September 10

9am – Tai Chi, FH

1pm – Property Meeting, BR

### Wednesday, September 11

8am - Men’s Coffee, BR

11:15pm – Staff Meeting, WR

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

7pm – Choir Rehearsal, SA

### Saturday, September 14

6pm – Game Night, FH

### Sunday, September 15

9:30am – Collaborative Worship & Children’s Church at WPC

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching; with a Coffee Hour to follow!

1:30pm – Worship at Bethany Home

5:30pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship, WPC

**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:** DeDee Cosgrove

**Preacher:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Liturgist:** Annalee Ward

**Musician:** Kristen Eby

**Greeter of the Month:** DeDee Cosgrove

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Mark & Annalee Ward

**Streaming Team:** The Blairs

**Communion Hosts:** Mark Ward, Tom Boelk, DeDee Cosgrove,  
Mark Stant, Randy Roos and Glinda Manternach

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## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Director of Music:** Dr. Luke Tyler

**Handbell Director:** Kristen Eby

**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:** Deb Seiffert, Marsha Wilfong, Bruce Hallahan

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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**

