

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 UNIVERSITY AVE | DUBUQUE, IA



September 15, 2024 | Morning Worship 9:30 am

Welcome to Westminster! Please sign in so that we can connect with you!
Use the binders in your pew OR text WORSHIP to 563-227-8441

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 parents of children using the PrayGround, and the rocking chairs are reserved especially for nursing mothers or parents whose children need a cuddle and some rocking. **Also, childcare is available in our nursery down the hall.**

Special accommodations –

Assisted listening devices 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.

THE BELLS CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION.

“God’s Fragile Creatures”

Tom & Judi Schutt

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Brian Chung

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth. For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise. Great is your name. Amen

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

To see the life that teems around us,
To give thanks for the gift we have received;
To notice the beauty and promise of fall,
To breathe deeply of the season;
To accept the gift of love, and to love in return:
This is to worship God.

*SONG OF PRAISE GTG #36 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you created us and placed us here to care for all of creation. Forgive us for turning away from you and for neglecting the earth. Our selfishness, greed, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, of all creatures, and of the Holy Spirit that lives within us. Help us, Lord, in our weakness. In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ, we ask that you raise us up and make us again stewards of your creation. May we see your presence in all that surrounds us.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SUNG RESPONSE GTG #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**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

Following the "Time with Younger Disciples," children 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 in the classroom down the hall. Then, enjoy treats and fellowship together!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:18-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Entrusted with Creation”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

I Surrender All

Verse 1

*All to Jesus, I surrender; All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.*

Chorus: I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to You, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

Verse 2

All to Jesus I surrender; Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; Take me, Jesus, take me now.

(Chorus)

Verse 3

All to Jesus, I surrender; Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.

(Chorus)

Verse 4

All to Jesus, I surrender; Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power; Let Thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

(Chorus)

***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

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.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Surrender All

arr. Marilyn Ham

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN GTG #611 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Postlude in C

George Blake

Today our congregations are supporting the **JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERY STARFISH CAMPAIGN**. We encourage you to go to the narthex to get a Starfish Cookie and make a donation to help people that have medical debt; a \$1 donation erases \$100 of medical debt.

SCRIP gift cards are available today in the Narthex.

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.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING ON THE MESSAGE begins today after worship in the Board Room. Join Pastor Stephanie to explore more about the scriptures from today's worship service and sermon. If you have your own Bible, you are encouraged to bring it with you each Sunday.

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 in the classroom down the hall. Please pick up your child(ren) before enjoying treats and fellowship so they do not miss out on that!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS is today at 3:00pm in the Courtyard! Animals are an important part of God's creation. Bring your pets to be blessed by Rev. Stephanie Ells during a brief service.

SUNDAY FAITH EXPLORATION is TONIGHT! Come join us at 5:30 for Food and Fellowship and classes for all ages. **TONIGHT'S ADULT CLASS SPEAKER** is Theresa Caldwell, Director of the Dubuque Food Pantry. **Next week, on September 22, Dr. Luke Tyler** will share the beautiful piano music of Florence Price and the history behind it.

FALL BIBLE STUDY has begun. Join leader Marsha Wilfong for a study of Genesis 1-11 – The Beginnings of God's Relationship with the World and with Humankind. 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)

THE DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY needs cereal donations. At this time, they don't need egg cartons. You may drop them off at FPC or WPC. Thank you!

WPC BOOK CLUB, CHANGE OF DATE: We will now meet on **Wed., Sept. 25th** at 3:30 in the boardroom to discuss *Neither Wolf nor Dog: On Forgotten Roads with an Indian Elder* by Kent Nerburn

TITHES AND OFFERINGS collected in today's service will be contributed to the general fund of Westminster 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.

SEPTEMBER HUNGER OUTREACH: Matthew 25 reads: *"For I was hungry and you gave me food."* On Saturday, September 28th, the 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. You can also sign up or ask questions by contacting Tom Stovall at tomstov@aol.com or 563-581-7220.

Additionally, 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!**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC WITNESS SPEAKER

“Israel, Palestine, Gaza and the Church”

with Amgad Beblawi

On September 29th, Westminster will be hosting Amgad Beblawi, Executive Presbyter for the Presbyteries of North Central Iowa, Des Moines and Prospect Hill. Amgad previously served as Coordinator of the PC(USA)'s Mission Partnership to Europe and the Middle East. Recently, Amgad returned from a Presbyterian delegation to Palestine-Israel which will be part of his report. ***All area congregations and the public*** are invited. Amgad's presentation will be in the sanctuary from 6 to 7:30 P.M. in Westminster sanctuary.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Book Exchange**. Beginning the week of Sept. 29th bring your used books to the bench by the office. We will put them in some sort of order and on Sun., Oct. 6th you may pick up books to last you during the winter. *Please, no textbooks or really out of date books.*
- **WPC's Rummage Sale** will be held on Oct. 11 & 12th. Set-up will be Oct. 10th. 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. 7th.

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, 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 **Elaine Woodrum** who passed away on Sept. 6th. Services will be Sat., Sept. 21st here at Westminster with visitation at 9:30 and the funeral at 10:30.
- For **Patt Carmack** who is having ongoing medical procedures.
- For **Wendell Comer**: prayers for healing from a broken back.
- For **HannahRose Otting** who is struggling with brain health.
- For **Mark Thetford** who has upcoming appointments and tests for health problems.
- For **Doug & Lois Pearce** for ongoing health issues.
- 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 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, BR

3pm – Blessing of the Animals, Ctyd.

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

Tues. & Thurs., Sept. 17 & 19

9am-1pm – Office Hours

Sunday, September 22

9:30am – Collaborative Worship and Children's Church at FPC

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

10:45am – Building on the Message, FPC

1:30pm – Worship at Bethany Home

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 or 507.227.8537

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Tuesday, September 17

9am – Tai Chi, Narthex

6pm – Session Meeting, BR

Wednesday, September 18

11:15am – Staff Meeting, WR

1:30pm – Genesis Bible Study at Bethany

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

7pm – Choir Rehearsal, SA

Thursday, September 19

11am – Genesis Bible Study, FH

Saturday, September 21

9:30am – Elaine Woodrum's Visitation, SA

10:30am – Elaine's Celebration of Life, SA

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Monday, September 23 – Hotline Deadline

CHURCH STAFF

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Deacon of the Month: DeDee Cosgrove
Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Director of Music: Kristen Eby
Greeter of the Month: DeDee Cosgrove
Coffee Hour Hosts: Mark & Annalee Ward
Streaming Team: The Blairs

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WESTMINSTER

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Care Coordinator: Sam Wu
Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler
Handbells 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

Greeters: Tom & Judi Schutt
Ushers: Randy Roos & Adam Etheredge
Hospitality Set Up: Doug & Jean Cheever
Hospitality Clean Up: Shirley Meriwether
Liturgist: Glinda Manternach

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