



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

1 John 4:19

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September 22, 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION.

"God's Fragile World"

Doug Cheever

PRELUDE

Take Time to Be Holy

arr. Larson

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Lord of all, as we gather at this time to worship You, we ask for hearts open to Your presence. Fill this place with Your Spirit and our souls with Your peace. Let every song, prayer, and word spoken glorify You and draw us closer in communion with You and each other. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we are to worship: a time set apart,

a time to come together;

a space filled with silence

a space filled with song;

Hearts seeking solace,

Hearts overflowing with joy:

This is a place we meet God. This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us worship God.

*SONGS OF PRAISE #111

When Morning Gilds the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, forgive us when we treat time as a commodity or an enemy, when we misuse your gift of time. In our fastness and our slowness, help us to keep pace

with you. Free us to live in your time, a new time, in which there is a time for everything under heaven, and slow is not too slow, and fast is not too fast. Transform us into people who see time as a gift and a friend, who live as if we have time, because we know that your time will never cease.

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Love Unmeasured, Love of God

by Lloyd Larson
Hannah Eby, flute

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Following the "Time with Younger Disciples," 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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Entrusted with Time"

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

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ Be in My Waking

by Townend & Brading

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising, in my day of working, with me every hour.
Christ be in my resting, as the day is ending, calming and refreshing, watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking, and my understanding, guarding me from evil, walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking, every word a blessing, pure and not deceiving, grace to all who hear.

Chorus:

Jesus, this is my devotion, all my life to know You, every day to walk with You.
Savior, You're my deepest longing, You're the One I live for, teach me, Lord, to walk with you.

Christ be in my gladness for the joy of living, thankful for the goodness of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow, in my day of darkness, knowing that I follow in the steps He trod.

Chorus

Christ when hope has faded, nothing left to cling to, every pleasure jaded, every well is dry.
Christ, the loving Shepherd, draws me with His kindness, leads me from the desert to streams of life.

Chorus (2x)

Christ be in my waking, as the sun is rising, in my day of working, with me every hour.
Christ be in my resting, as the day is ending.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** from "Our World Belongs to God" stanza 13

God directs and bends to his will all that happens in his world.

As history unfolds in ways we only know in part, all things—

from crops to grades, from jobs to laws— are under his control.

God is present in our world by his Word and Spirit.

The faithfulness of our great Provider gives sense to our days and hope to our years. The future is secure, for our world belongs to God.

JOYS AND CONCERNS+

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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Gavotte

by Bach/arr. Gale

***DOXOLOGY #34**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SENDING HYMN #579**

This is a Time to Remember

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Wagner

* 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 or (507) 227-8537.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUNGER OUTREACH: LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!!

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 counter at the back of the sanctuary. 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!**

BUILDING ON THE MESSAGE will be held today after worship in the basement. 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. Folks in 4th grade or older are welcome to attend.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH is 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 basement. Please pick up your child(ren) before enjoying treats and fellowship so they do not miss out on that!

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.

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

BRAIN HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING FLYER is in the bulletin today for an upcoming class on Sunday evenings October 6, 13 & 20. Shirley Meriwether will be at the back of WPC's sanctuary on Sun., Sept. 29th to take registrations and answer questions. Otherwise you can submit your registration to the church office. If anyone is in need of financial assistance, they can contact Shirley at skmeriwether@hotmail.com.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FAITH EXPLORATION: JOIN US TONIGHT at 5:30 for Food, Faith and Fellowship. 6:00-7:00 classes for all ages. Nursery – 3rd Grade; 4-12th Youth; Mom's on Fire; Adult Class will be Luke Tyler, Piano music of Florence Price the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer.

FALL BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Thursdays at 11:00, in the board room. Leader is Marsha Wilfong with a study of Genesis 1-11. "The Beginnings of God's Relationship with the World and with Humankind." And God saw that it was Good!

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**. 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 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 **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 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 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

Monday, September 23

11am – Pastor Ells preaches at UDS

Tuesday, September 24

9am – FPC-WPC Taskforce Mtg, WPC

Wednesday, September 25

11:30am - FPC Hosts JKP Region 3

Pastors

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, WPC

Saturday, September 28

8am – Hunger Outreach at Jackson Park

Sunday, September 29

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

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

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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

WESTMINSTER

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10:45am – Building on the Message, FPC

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

Monday, September 23 – Hotline Deadline

11am – Westminster Tables, FH, K

5:30pm – Hospitality/Outreach, BR

6pm – Pack 20 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, September 24

9am – Tai Chi, FH

9am – FPC-WPC Taskforce Mtg, WR

12:15pm – Finance Committee, WR

Wednesday, September 25

8am - Men’s Coffee, FH

3:30pm – WPC Book Club, BR

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

Thursday, September 26

11am – Genesis Bible Study, BR

2pm – Green Team, BR

6pm – Adult Formation Team, BR

Saturday, September 28

8am – Hunger Outreach at Jackson Park

Sunday, September 29 – Band Rehearsal

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

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

6pm – Public Witness Series, SA

CHURCH STAFF

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Deacon of the Month: DeDee Cosgrove

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Liturgist: Rev. Tim Slemmons

Musician: Kristen Eby

Greeter of the Month: DeDee Cosgrove

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Slemmons and Mackenzie Daniels

Streaming Team: The Blairs

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



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

