

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 UNIVERSITY AVE | DUBUQUE, IA



September 29, 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION.

“Budget Based Giving”

Merrill Crawford

PRELUDE – WPC Band

... In Endless Song arr. Robert Lowry/Randall Standridge

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Lord, you call us by our names. Help us to be confident in our own unique identity. To find opportunities to develop our specific gifts and our passions. Enable us to hear and recognize the call of Jesus in our lives, and those of others. Help us to find appropriate and life-giving ways to spread your Good News in a way which draws others to you and helps them experience your radical and extraordinary love. Amen

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God gathers us together!

We are God's people!

It was God who named us.

It is God who claims us.

It is God who calls us to bring a new hope in God:
the hope of God's love.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are the light of the world.

Come, let us be whom God has called us to be
in our worship now,
and into our community soon.

*SONG OF PRAISE GTG #401 *Here In This Place*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.
You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.
You asked for my life, that you might work through me.
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.
Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument,
that I might take seriously your calling on my life.

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

Exodus 1

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Entrusted with Vocation"

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

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (on screens) *God's Work, Our Hands* One License #AF2019203

*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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN GTG #741

Guide My Feet

*BENEDICTION



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. The WPC Mission Team will match total gifts up to \$1000.

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.



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 **Lisa MacNaughton** who had a spontaneous pelvic bone fracture and needs prayers for healing and pain control.
- For **Joyce Veach**, Mary Kay’s sister in-law, who has liver cancer.
- For **Patt Carmack** who is having ongoing medical procedures.
- For **HannaRose Otting** moving to a residential care facility and getting settled into her new home and school.
- For **Doug & Lois Pearce** for ongoing health issues.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List**.

Prayers for all of those who received food at our Hunger Outreach event yesterday. May the food nourish their bodies and may their souls be nourished knowing that their neighbors care about them. **Thanks and blessings** to all of the volunteers that made the Hunger Outreach a successful event.

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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WILL BE HOLDING A LISTENING SESSION in the Fellowship Hall. As before, this listening session is being hosted by FPC's leadership regarding opportunities for ongoing ministry; including the potential for continued partnership with WPC.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE: First Presbyterian Church will hold a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on **Sunday, October 13th** in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the Nominating Committee's leadership recommendations, Terms of Call for Pastor Ells, and the Session's recommendation that "FPC continue to pursue a formal ministry unification with WPC."

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

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 and Beth McCaw will be at the back of WPC's sanctuary today 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.

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.

FALL BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Wednesdays at 1:30 at Bethany Home or Thursdays at 11:00 at WPC 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!

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, call Sue Case: 563-599-5289 or Diane Peake: 563-581-2523. Items can be dropped off starting Oct. 7th.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC WITNESS SPEAKER: TONIGHT!!!

“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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SUNDAY EVENINGS & WESTMINSTER TABLES

- Would you be willing to support Mom's On Fire on Sunday evenings for one hour? You can help this ministry by volunteering one hour of your time to play games or watch videos and present prepared activities to children ages 3 to 3rd grade. If you have one hour to give **please** contact Deb Seiffert at debseiffert@gmail.com or leave a message at 563-543-1661. Your support is much appreciated.
- Rich needs help for the rest of the Westminster Tables which are the meals we do for U.D. Seminary students on Mondays as follows: 10-7; 11-4; & 11-25. Help times run from 10AM to 1:30PM. Tasks involved are drying dishes coming out of the dishwasher, putting food out on the tables, & cleaning up.
- Also need the same kind of help on Sunday nights.
- Also, need treats for desserts for the Monday & Sunday events.

THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE IS INVITING FPC & the Westminster community to the 2024 Fall Wendt Character Lecture. This year, our speaker will be **Captain Tammie Jo Shults**, a retired pilot who safely landed Southwest Airlines Flight 1380 after it experienced an engine failure. In her lecture, titled “Habits, Hope, and Heroes,” Capt. Shults will explore how her determination and perseverance to become a one of the first female F/A-18 Hornet pilots and her training prepared her to act calmly and heroically in the face of an aviation emergency. The lecture will be held at **7:00 p.m. Monday, October 7, 2024, in John and Alice Butler Hall, Heritage Center, University of Dubuque. This event is free and open to the public.**



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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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 – FPC Listening Session, FH

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

6pm – Public Witness Series, SA

Tues. & Thurs., Oct. 1 & 3

9am-1pm – Office Hours

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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, October 1

9am – Tai Chi, FH

1pm – Property Meeting, BR

Wednesday, October 2

1:30pm – Genesis Bible Study at Bethany

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

Thursday, October 3

11am – Genesis Bible Study, BR

Friday, October 4

4pm – DBQ Interfaith Green Coalition, FH

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NOTE: WPC, BECKY JENKIN’S IS 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: 11:15-2:00 Mon. & Wed. and 12:15-2:00 Tues. & Thurs.

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
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: Gerda Hartman & Judy Schuster
Ushers: Ericka Raber & Sally Madden
Hospitality Set Up: Tom & Judi Schutt
Hospitality Clean Up: Lizz Tyler
Liturgist: Melissa Taylor

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