

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 UNIVERSITY AVE | DUBUQUE, IA



October 6, 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.

“World Food Day”

Tom Stovall

PRELUDE

Near to the Heart of God

arr. Marianne Kim

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies. Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is deeper than the sea. All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance you provide. You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,

To proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free.

Let us worship the God of justice and peace!

*SONG OF PRAISE GTG #301 *Let Us Build a House*

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you placed us in the world to be its salt.

We are afraid of committing ourselves, afraid of being stained by the world. We do not want to hear what “they” might have to say, and our salt dissolves as if in water.

Forgive us, Jesus.

God, you placed us in the world to be its light. We are afraid of the shadows, afraid of poverty. We do not want to know other people’s struggles, and our light slowly fades away.

Forgive us, Jesus.

God, you placed us in the world to live in community. Thus, you taught us to love, to share in life, to struggle for bread and justice, your truth incarnate in our life.

So be it, Jesus. Amen.

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 READINGS 1 Peter 4:7-11 & Isaiah 1:1, 10-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Entrusted with Our Neighbors”

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** GTG #753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lydia Ann Johnson

***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.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY - Handbells

Psalm of Gladness

by Kevin McChesney

***DOXOLOGY** #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** 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**

10,000 Reasons

CCLI Song #6016351

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Go Down, Moses

arr. Calvin Taylor

We **CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM** of Lydia, daughter of Erik & Maureen Johnson, today! Be sure to welcome her into the Presbyterian family after worship.

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

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."

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!

THE BOOK EXCHANGE IS HAPPENING NOW: Used books are on tables in the hallway. **TODAY** you may pick up books to last you during the winter. What is left over will go to the WPC rummage sale and then to the St. Anthony's Book Sale.

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.** Donations can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall starting tomorrow, Oct. 7th. Please leave donations by the cross. (No TV's or other large electric appliances)

- Thursday, Oct. 10 – Set up
 - Friday, Oct. 11 – Public Sale 9-5
 - Saturday, Oct. 12 – Public Sale 8-12
- 12-2:00 pack up items left for pick up

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE: The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting to be held on **Sunday, October 20th** in the Sanctuary following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to take action on the Session's recommendation to continue to pursue a formal ministry unification with First Presbyterian Church (pending approval of a like vote by the congregation of First Presbyterian Church); to act on the Session's recommendation of members to serve on the Partnership Task Force (if needed); and to act on the Nominating Committee's slate of proposed church officers for 2025.

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 Henderson 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.

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**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 **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** who moved 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**.

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

**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.

**NAVIGATING THE DANGERS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SOCIAL MEDIA**

**PRESENTATION TO BE HELD AT U.D.** Presenter is Ray Fielder (C’85), coordinator for the Iowa Office to Combat Human Trafficking in the Iowa Dept. of Public Safety’s Division of Intelligence and Fusion Center at **6:30 p.m. Tues., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>**, in Room 146, Charles and Romona Myers Center, Univ. of Dubuque. The 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](mailto:info@thelanterncenter.org).

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**SUNDAYS 9:30AM**

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### Sunday, October 6

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

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

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

### Tues. & Thurs., Oct. 8 & 10

9am-1pm – Office Hours

### Sunday, October 13

9:30am – Collaborative Worship, Communion, Children's Church at FPC  
Roger Ebertz preaching.

10:30am – CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
**Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.**

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) or 507.227.8537

### WPC NOTE:

**BECKY IS ON VACATION MON., OCT. 7  
THRU THURS., OCT. 10**

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

### Monday, October 7

11:30am – Westminster Tables, FH

5:30pm – Hospitality/Outreach Mtg., FH

### Tuesday, October 8

9am – Tai Chi, FH

### Wed, Oct. 9 – Rummage Sale Set-up

8am – Men's Coffee, BR

11:15am – Staff Meeting

1:30pm – Genesis Bible Study at Bethany

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

5:15pm – PIN, BR

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### A NOTE FROM MARY KAY:

We are trying to go paperless, so please faithfully read your emails from [marykay@wpcdbq.org](mailto:marykay@wpcdbq.org). Also, be sure WPC is in your contacts, so it doesn't go to your junk mail. We want you to be up to speed of everything going on at WPC. Thanks!

# CHURCH STAFF

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Deacon of the Month:** Deb Stant

**Pastor:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Director of Music:** Kristen Eby

**Greeter of the Month:** Lindsay Ward

**Streaming Team:** Stant/Boelk

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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 & Linda Stovall

**Ushers:** Sue Dravis & Carolyn Dausener

**Hospitality Set Up:** Pat Judge

**Hospitality Clean Up:** Pat Edwards

**Liturgist:** Sue Dravis

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