



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

1 John 4:19

1684 IOWA ST. | DUBUQUE, IA | firstpresdbq.org



October 13, 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.

"Into the Offering Plate"

Mark & Debbie Stant

PRELUDE

Open My Eyes

arr. Burroughs

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Jesus, Matthew 6:19-21 (NRSVUE)

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day, stranger and friend,

Known and unknown,

All loved by God.

We gather to worship,

To offer concern and joy,

To be reminded to love as we have been loved.

So let us worship God.

*SONGS OF PRAISE #11

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Reamo Leboga

Reamo Leboga (3x) Modimo wa rona

We give our hands to you (3X) because you reached for us

We give our feet to you (3X) because you walk with us.

We give our hearts to you (3X) because you first loved us.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus' love for us.

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.

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 READINGS

Old Testament: Job 23:1-9

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

These are the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Entrusted with Hearts"

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

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #381

Restore in Us, O God

*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

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Gifts We Bring

by Paxton

*DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

All bread is gluten-free.

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 #425

Christ Beside Me

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Impromptu on Holy Manna

arr. Livingston

* 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](mailto: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](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 the family of **Bill Brittain** who passed away Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Services are tomorrow at Westminster. Visitation is from 9-10:30 a.m. The funeral is at 10:30 followed by a dinner.
- 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.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Meeting TODAY:** First Presbyterian Church will hold a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship in the basement. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on: (1) the Nominating Committee's recommendation that we continue the terms of all current Elders & Deacons, (2) 2025 Terms of Call for Pastor Ells, (3) the Session's recommendation that *"FPC continue to pursue a formal ministry unification with WPC,"* and (4) *if needed;* the election of the Partnership Taskforce (Chris Daniels, Roger Ebertz, Deb Stant, Lindsey Ward)

**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 far and wide!

**FPC COLLECTS** "Food on the First" and "Supplies on the Second." You can bring **non-perishable food items** to worship and place them in the basket at the entrance labeled *"Food on the First."* **Baby wipes, liquid laundry detergent,** and **13 gallon trash bags** for the women's shelters in Dubuque can be placed in the basket at the entrance labeled *"Supplies on the Second."* FPC Deacons will pack the food items and deliver them to the Dubuque Food Pantry after worship on the first Sunday of the month, and the other items will be delivered to Opening Doors.

**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.

**PASTOR STEPHANIE'S OFFICE HOURS** are Tuesdays/Thursdays from 9am-1pm at FPC. As always, it is recommended you contact her via cell phone at (507) 227-8537 with your pastoral needs or to schedule a visit. She welcomes your connections! She encourages you to call ahead of stopping by.

**PLEDGE SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>!** Bring your pledge cards to place in the offering plate that Sunday as a sign you're giving to God, the giver of all things. We encourage you to **give a good faith estimate of your financial contributions for 2025,** which allows your leadership to make educated financial choices for the future; much in the same way your household budget is based on estimated income. **Don't forget the box to include your time and talents** as well – there are many, many ways to give back to God! *Extra pledge cards are available at the back of the church, for each congregation, if you need one.*

## 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.

**STARFISH CAMPAIGN RESULTS:** Thank you to everyone that donated to the Starfish Campaign. We raised \$844.00. The Mission Team of Westminster matched that amount. We sent a check for \$1,688.00. We were able to pay off \$168,800 in unpaid medical debt. Great Job Everyone!

**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!

**WPC BOOK CLUB,** will meet on **Wed., Oct. 16th** at 3:30 in the board room to discuss *It Takes a Graveyard to Raise a Child*.

**"TRUNK OR TREAT" at Westminster happens on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 2 to 4 pm.** Decorate a doorway, help with set-up, activities and/or clean-up, or donate a bag of treats and drop off at the church office before Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Dan Emmert (emmmertdm@gmail.com) or Rich Henderson (hs3eagles@gmail.com) to volunteer.

### **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](mailto: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: 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.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### 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

### Tuesday, October 15

9am-1pm - Office Hours

### Wednesday, October 16

11:30am – Pastor at JKP Region 3 Gathering (Convivium Urban Farmstead)

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, WPC

### Thursday, October 17

9am-1 pm – Office Hours

### Sunday, October 20

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

**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

## WESTMINSTER

### Sunday, October 13

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

Roger Ebertz preaching. **Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.**

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

### Monday, October 14

5:30pm – Mission Meeting, WR

6pm – Pack 20 Meeting, FH

### Tuesday, October 15

9am – Tai Chi, FH

6pm – Session Meeting, BR

### Wednesday, October 16

11:15am – Staff Meeting

1:30pm – Genesis Bible Study at Bethany

3:30pm – WPC Book Club, BR

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

7pm – Choir Rehearsal, SA

### Thursday, October 17

11am – Genesis Bible Study, BR

12pm – Audit, WR

6pm – Adult Formation Team, BR

### Sunday, October 20

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

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

10:30am – **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Coffee Hour to follow!**

1:30pm – Worship at Bethany Home

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

### **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

**Preacher:** Roger Ebertz

**Liturgist:** Mark Ward

**Communion Officiant:** Pastor Stephanie Ells

**Musician:** Kristen Eby

**Coffee Hour Host:** Lindsey Ward

**Streaming Team:** Stant/Boelk

**Communion Servers:** Alex Jack, Roger Ebertz Deb Stant, Lindsey Ward: FPC  
Denise Reyerson and Julie Woodyard: WPC

[563-582-4494](tel:563-582-4494) | [firstpresdbq@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresdbq@gmail.com) | [www.firstpresdbq.org](http://www.firstpresdbq.org)

## 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

**CONNECT WITH WESTMINSTER** | Scan these codes to ...



**WORSHIP  
ONLINE**



**GIVE ONLINE**



**BUY SCRIP**



**WORSHIP  
CHECK-IN**

[\(563\) 583-1729](tel:563-583-1729) | [churchoffice@wpcdbq.org](mailto:churchoffice@wpcdbq.org) | [WPCdbq.org](http://WPCdbq.org)