

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 UNIVERSITY AVE | DUBUQUE, IA



**October 20, 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.

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## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION.**

*“Creative Giving”*

Doug & Jean Cheever

**PRELUDE** – WPC Band

*Bist Du Bei Mir*

by J S Bach

## **FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

Generous God, in abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical. Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are and do and say may be our gifts to you through Christ, who beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.

**All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.**

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

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things.**

**We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people.**

**We focus our energies on our collections**

**providing adequate room for them**

**and yet we bar the door to the needs of others,**

**of those who have little or nothing,**

**of those for whom life has been a constant struggle.**

**We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you.**

**Forgive us.**

**Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth,**

**both of substance and spirit,**

**can be used for healing and hope.**

**Enable us to be in ministry to those in need**

**and to care for this world.**

**For we ask this in Jesus' Name.**

## 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** Deuteronomy 8:10-18 & Luke 12:13-21, 33-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## SERMON

“Entrusted with Money”

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

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE GTG #697 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Stewardship

Written by Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill 2004

**We believe in God, Creator of the universe,  
Giver of every good gift, Author of life itself.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God’s kingdom,  
who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures  
in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God’s gifts,  
in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.**

**We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously,  
in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that  
is God’s, caretakers of God’s home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act  
of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe  
that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.**

## 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**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Hayes

\*DOXOLOGY #606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SENDING HYMN GTG #700 *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\*BENEDICTION



**SCRIP** gift cards are available today in the Narthex.

**WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** Interested in learning more about these congregations? 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 **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

**WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP:** The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting to be held. 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.

**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.

**PLEDGE SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, 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.*

**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!

**"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.

**RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE:** Thank you to everyone who donated so many wonderful items to our rummage sale! I can't tell you how many people told us how much they look forward to our sale each year. And they were not disappointed this year thanks to your generosity! At this point, sales total a little over \$2,000, however we still have a few more items to sell. Thank you to all who helped make it a successful sale, special thanks to Gerda Hartman, Janet & Diane Neumeister, Pat Edwards, our wonderful custodian, Josh, and Craig Case who helped facilitate online sales. Also thanks to Doug & Jean Cheever for organizing the book exchange. Look for more details about the sale in the November Hotline! Sue & Diane

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE JULIEN CHAMBER CHOIR**, under the direction of Kristen Eby, presents their 25th anniversary concert “For the Beauty” on Sunday, October 27 at 3 pm at St. Anthony Catholic Church (1870 St. Ambrose Street, Dubuque). The 20-voice ensemble will perform both new songs and old favorites by Schubert, Duruflé, Barnum, Hogan and others. Reception to follow. Freewill donations accepted. Church members in the choir are Steve Peake, WPC and John Eby, FPC.

## **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: 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 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).

**A COLLABORATIVE WORSHIP SERIES ON STEWARDSHIP**  
with **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** and **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**ENTRUSTED:**

October 20	Westminster	Money
October 27	First	The Church

**SUNDAYS 9:30AM**

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

### 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

### Tues., Oct. 22

9am-1pm – Office Hours

### Sunday, October 27

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

#### *Pledge Sunday*

**Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.**

1:30pm – Bethany Home 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

### **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!

## WESTMINSTER

### 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

### Monday, October 21

6:30pm – Session Book Audit

### Tuesday, October 22

9am – Tai Chi, FH

### Wed, Oct. 23

8am – Men's Coffee, BR

11:15am – Staff Meeting

1:30pm – Genesis Bible Study at Bethany

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

7pm – Choir Rehearsal, SA

### Thurs., Oct. 24

11am – Genesis Bible Study, BR

### Friday, October 25

Set-up for Trunk or Treat

### Saturday, October 26

**2-4pm Trunk or Treat**

### Sunday, October 27

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

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**MARY KAY OUT OF OFFICE  
OCT. 24<sup>TH</sup> THRU OCT. 31**



# 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 & Judy Schutt

**Ushers:** Merrill Crawford & Adam Etheredge

**Hospitality Set Up:** Doug & Jean Cheever

**Hospitality Clean Up:** Shirley Meriwether

**Liturgist:** Jolene Kilcoyne

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