



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

• 1 John 4:19

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1684 IOWA ST. | DUBUQUE, IA

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November 10, 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.

Prayer Requests – Each week, we encourage folks to share their joys and concerns with one another using the *Prayer Cards* in the pews. Please complete a *Prayer Card* and place it in the Offering Plate during worship. This will ensure your prayers are lifted up to God in worship and/or in private.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Then Shall Live

arr. Hayes

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION from Psalm 146

"Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. The Lord is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous."

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 5

People of God, raise your voices in praise to God.

God takes delight in our presence here.

Come and enter God's house.

We come trusting in the steadfast love of God.

Let us worship the God of love and righteousness.

*SONG OF PRAISE #2

O Worship the King

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor. Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give. You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life. Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray.

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 READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Can God be trusted?"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #64**

O God Beyond All Praising

***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 *Shall We Gather at the River* (with Reverie) arr. Hayes

DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #496 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *O Worship the King* arr. by McDonald

* You are invited to rise.

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 or (507) 227-8537.

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### The worship schedule for Nov/Dec 2024 will be as follows:

- 1st/3rd/5th Sunday - WPC (Communion on 1st Sunday)
- 2nd/4th Sunday - FPC
- **WEATHER BAD? IS CHURCH CANCELED?** If inclement weather exists, **Sunday morning worship** may be moved from FPC to WPC OR canceled. Such a decision will be made no later than 7am Sunday morning and will be posted on the WPC and FPC website and emailed to both congregations. If Sunday morning worship is canceled, there will be no Sunday evening activities. **During the week**, we will follow the Dubuque Community Schools closings and/or delays. Please be diligent in planning for winter weather circumstances.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TONIGHT: FOOD, FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

5:30 Meal and Fellowship

6:00 – 7:00 Child Care

3 year old to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Activities

4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Activities and Faith Curriculum

Mom's on Fire: Moms come and enjoy an uninterrupted hour for renewal

Adult Class: Come and meet Bawla



**Jlal Rawing Bawla**, our pre-theology UD intern student, will be our Adult Christian Formation speaker at Westminster. We have asked Bawla to share the story of how his family came with a large population of people from the country of Myanmar (Burma) to live in Iowa. In addition, we will learn about the Burmese culture and about Bawla's home church in Des Moines, Mizo Church of Iowa. Myanmar is located next to India and Bawla's Mizo tribe has members on both sides of the border.

**NEXT WEEK** 5:30 meal; 6:00-7:00 INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP FOR ALL AGES

**MISSION TEAM** is always looking for new members. Now with the combining of our two churches let's have a truly combined Mission Team. The next meeting is **TOMORROW**, November 11th at 5:30 pm in the Work Room. If you have any questions, please contact: Linda Stovall at [LinStov@aol.com](mailto:LinStov@aol.com).

**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.

**THE POURING OF THE WATER INTO THE FONT** at the beginning of worship engages our physical senses in worship of God. Hearing the water and seeing it poured connects us to the sacrament of Baptism, a sign & seal of our being marked as Christ's own forever. By carrying in the water during the prelude, children are offered an opportunity to participate in worship leadership.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS AT THANKSGIVING**

Members of the First and Westminster family of faith will join together on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28) to provide a place at the table, a free traditional holiday meal and fellowship for anyone in our community who wants to join us. Our volunteers will serve 100 or more of our neighbors between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. No reservations are needed.

Volunteers will be needed from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to provide hospitality, serve food, wait and bus tables, and clean up. Following the community meal time, our volunteers will be invited to join together for a meal as a church family.

Please sign up to volunteer by using the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary with your name, phone and email. You can also sign up with an email or call to Tom Stovall at 563-581-7220 or [tomstov@aol.com](mailto:tomstov@aol.com).

**HOLIDAY HARMONIES** is a concert of uplifting, inspirational, and holiday music performed by NISOM'S Heartland Harmony and special guests: Talented 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade voice students. It will be held **Tuesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** at Westminster. A free will offering will be taken to support the Presentation Lantern Center's English language program for refugees and immigrants.

**WPC BOOK CLUB**, will meet on **Wed., Dec. 4th** at 3:30 in the board room to discuss *The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum: The Rise and Fall of an American Organized-Crime Boss* by Margarlit Fox (Biography)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SUNDAY EVENINGS & WESTMINSTER TABLES**

Please contact Rich Henderson if you can help at 563-580-6289 with food and Deb Seiffert at 563-543-1661 if you can help with the children on Sunday evenings.



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 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!

**PLANNING AHEAD...**Pastor Stephanie Ells will be on vacation November 18-29. For day-to-day requests, please contact the WPC church office M-TH 9am-2pm at (563) 583-1729. For emergency pastoral care needs, you may contact the Rev. Marsha Wilfong at (563) 583-6571.

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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 fpcdbg.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 **Gladys Porter** who passed away Oct. 20th. Her funeral will be here at Westminster on November 16 with visitation at 10:00 and funeral service at 11:00. Please pray for her family.
- 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's** brain health concerns.
- 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.



Sunday, November 10

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

Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

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

6:00pm – Partnership Taskforce Meeting in WPC, work room

Monday, November 11

5:30pm – Mission Mtg., WPC - work room

Tuesday, November 12

9am – Tai Chi, WPC-Narthex

9am-1pm – Pastor's Office Hours at WPC

9am – Personnel Mtg. – WPC – workroom

12pm – Pastor at Dubuque Ecumenical Ministerium Gathering

6:30pm – Christian Education Committee meeting, WPC- board room

Wednesday, November 13

8am – Men's Coffee, WPC - fellowship hall

11:15am – Staff Meeting at WPC

1:30pm – Genesis Bible Study at Bethany Home

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, WPC – Sanctuary

5:15pm – PIN, WPC – board room

Thursday, November 14

9am-1pm – Pastor's Office Hours at FPC

11am – Genesis Bible Study, WPC – board room

Saturday, November 16

9am – FPC Session/Deacon Meeting at FPC

10am – Gladys Porter Visitation, WPC – Sanctuary

11am – Gladys Porter Funeral, WPC - Sanctuary

Sunday, November 17

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

with **Coffee Hour to follow!**

1:30pm – Worship at Bethany Home

5:30 pm – Intergenerational Advent Event, 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

CHURCH STAFF

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Liturgist: Susan Ebertz

Musician: Luke Tyler

Deacon of the Month: DeDee Cosgrove

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Ebertz

Streaming Team: Blair

Greeter of the Month: Mark Ward

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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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