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November 17, 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.**

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.

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

PRELUDE – Church Band

Thanks Be to Thee

GF Handel/arr. Houseknecht

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

God awakens us from the dust of the earth. God is at our right hand, and we shall not be moved. Let us worship God with hearts that are glad, for in God's presence there is fullness of joy.

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** – from Psalm 16

Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

**Because we keep the Lord ever before us,
we shall not be moved.**

Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad!

Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.

**For God does not give us up to death,
but shows us the path of life.**

Praise the Lord!

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

Rejoice

CCLI Song #7206654

Verse 1

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, Sing it again we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us, Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us, Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness, A family of grace

Chorus

With each breath He's given praise the Lord
In these times we live in we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord

Verse 2

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving, Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us, To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal, Shepherd of our lives

Verse 3

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, Tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember, All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us, The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending, We say again rejoice

Rock of My Salvation

by Brent Helming

Though storms of strife assail me without warning
and though they try to steal my joy away
I will find rest in knowing You have saved me
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation

Though times I stumble and fall short of Your standard
I rest assured there is love enough for me.
For I find strength in knowing You have saved me
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation

Oh my Jesus, Rock of my salvation
Who bore the weight of Calvary's wood and shame
And cleansed my sin in the crimson flow of mercy
Precious Jesus, Rock of my salvation

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, look upon us, your servants gathered here, with grace and compassion. Hear our every need. Speak to our fearful hearts, that we may pour out our confessions and admit our wrongdoings.

Silent Confession

Loving God, you have heard our anxieties, our vexations, our worries, our hopes, our dreams. Breathe in us the spirit of forgiveness, that we may receive your grace, and may walk in freedom and glorious hope. In Christ's name, we pray.

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," 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 down the hall. Then, enjoy treats and fellowship together!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:4-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Distress + Prayer = Lament"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #834** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

***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 *Song of Peace* by Shea

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND PETITION

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 #42 *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, is Sure*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Psalms 19* by Marcello/arr. Lau

* You are invited to rise.

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 or (507) 227-8537.

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

- 1st/3rd/5th Sunday - WPC (Communion on 1st Sunday)
- 2nd/4th Sunday - FPC
- If inclement weather exists, **Sunday morning** worship will be **moved to WPC OR canceled** no later than 7am Sunday morning, and will be posted on the WPC and FPC website as well as emailed to both congregations. If there are no Sunday

morning activities, there will be no Sunday evening activities either. **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 “INTERGENERATIONAL” CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

Come join the fun! We will be making Christmas wreaths for decorating the church and Advent centerpiece wreaths with weekly scripture and prayers families to take home. All ages will be working together. With some guidance let's get creative and meaningful.



NO SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP ON NOVEMBER 24

DECKING THE HALLS! Join FPC immediately following worship next Sunday, November 24th to decorate the FPC sanctuary for advent and Christmas! Each year, we enjoy doing this together as a church, and there are jobs for all ages.

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.

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.

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.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to serve that day. The response has been overwhelming and we have 36 volunteers which will be plenty.

We Need Pies for Thanksgiving! We would appreciate donated pies for the Thanksgiving meal. While pumpkin is the Thanksgiving traditional pie, fruit and other pies are okay too. Pies can be delivered to church by 10:30 AM on Thanksgiving Day.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY AT 2 P.M. the Julien Winds/Clarke band concert is in Jansen Hall at Clarke. They have a great group of mostly professional band musicians with a few Clarke students joining them. Danny Rowland (DSO) on tuba solo will be with the ensemble.

HOLIDAY HARMONIES is a concert of uplifting, inspirational, and holiday music performed by NISOM'S Heartland Harmony and special guests: Talented 5th through 12th grade voice students. It will be held **Tuesday, Nov. 19th 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.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM is holding its next community Conversation on the topic of "Holy Curiosity" at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, **Nov. 21 at 7 p.m.** This session will be oriented toward practices of generous listening, active engagement in fruitful dialogue with people who disagree or see differently from us. Children of Abraham is an interfaith peacebuilding effort involving people from many congregations and faith and non-faith perspectives in the city of Dubuque and beyond. This multi-generational, multi-worldview community is oriented around learning about and from perspectives other than one's own and practices "generous listening" as a core feature of civil dialogue.

DACU'S 42ND ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE "STILL GRATEFUL" will be Sun., Nov. 24th at 4 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 4300 Asbury.

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)

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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](mailto: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 **Janet Porter's** recovery & healing from hip surgery.
- 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 17**

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

with **Coffee Hour to follow!**

1:30pm – WPC hosts Worship at Bethany Home

5:30 pm – Intergenerational Advent Event, WPC

**Monday, November 18**

11:30am – Westminster Tables

**Tuesday, November 19**

9am – Tai Chi, WPC-FH

9am-3pm – John Knox Presbytery Meeting

1pm – Personnel Mtg., WPC, BR

6pm – Session Meeting, WPC, BR

**Wednesday, November 20**

11:15am – Staff Meeting at WPC, WR

11:30am – JKP Region 3 Pastor Gathering at Convivium

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, WPC-SA

7pm – Choir Rehearsal, WPC-SA

**Thursday, November 21**

10am – IA NICE Task Force, WPC, BR

2pm – Green Team Mtg., WPC, BR

**Saturday, November 23**

9am – Task Force, WPC, BR

3pm – Pearce Family Thanksgiving, WPC, FH

**Sunday, November 24**

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

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

1:30pm – FPC hosts Bethany Home Worship

**NO SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP**

**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!

# CHURCH STAFF

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Deacon of the Month:** Deb Stant

**Pastor:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Director of Music:** Kristen Eby

**Streaming Team:** Stant/Boelk

**Greeter of the Month:** Lindsey Ward

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## WESTMINSTER

**Preacher:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**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

**Liturgist:** Jlal Rawng Bawla

**Musician:** Kristen Eby

**Musical Ensemble:** Church Band

**Greeters:** Tom & Judi Schutt

**Ushers:** Randy Roos & Adam Etheredge

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

**Hospitality Clean Up:** Shirley Meriwether

**Worship Tech:** Deb Seiffert, Marsha Wilfong,  
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