



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 2, 2025 | Morning Worship 9:30 am

Welcome to Church! 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 - Handbells

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Kevin McChesney

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

O God, you are our rock and our fortress. In you we find strength to go on.

We praise you for the gifts of faith, hope, and love. We will live out our call to be all you have created us to be. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come! Hear the call of God: "Speak of me to my people."

But we are just ordinary folks. Who will listen?

"I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love."

We gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.

***SONG OF PRAISE** – on screen

Speak, O Lord

Getty's

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice.

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 - "Souper Bowl of Caring"

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

Luke 4:21-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Jesus Announces Good News

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** GTG #69 *Here I Am, Lord*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *The Apostle's 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 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.

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.

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 OFFERING

OFFERTORY

When I Consider How the Father Loves

by Rodriguez

***DOXOLOGY** GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & PETITION

*SENDING HYMN GTG #295

Go to the World!

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise Ye the Triune God

arr. Shackley

* You are welcome to rise in body or spirit.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP AT 10:45 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. "Presbyterians of Dubuque" led by Merrill Crawford. He will cover the history from 1833 to the present of five historical Presbyterian congregations. Come and learn more about the involvement of First Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian and the key roles Presbyterians played in the creation and support of higher education at University of Dubuque Theological Seminary as well as Bethany Home.

SCRIP gift cards are available today in the Narthex. "Give more without spending more". If you are new to Scrip stop at the desk and pick up a sheet of the local cards available and what percentage each gives back to our church.

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.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WPC 2024 GIVING STATEMENTS were emailed on Mon., Jan. 27th. WPC and FPC statements were mailed on Wed., January 29th. If for some reason you did not receive yours, contact Becky Jenkins @ becky@wpcdbq.org Please note your SCRIP in-kind donation is italicized on your statement.

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. Tithes & offerings will be distributed to FPC on the 2nd & 4th Sundays, and to WPC on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays. Thank you for your understanding.

Pastor Stephanie will be on vacation February 7-17, 2025. Please contact MaryKay through the church office M-TH 9:30am-2:00pm at (563) 583-1729 as needed. In case of emergency pastoral needs, please contact Rev. Dan Emmert at 515-370-4905. Thank you!

WPC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE: On Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 2025, immediately following worship, WPC will hold their Annual Congregational meeting in the Sanctuary for the review of the 2024 Annual Report and the 2025 budget approved by the Session.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHRISTIAN FORMATION TEAM is thrilled that during the month of February learners from children through adults will be invited to explore the same Bible passages as are being presented in the Sunday morning worship service. "Feasting on the Word".

February 2 Luke 4:21-30 "Jesus Announces Good News"

SUNDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION

5:30 Meal and Fellowship

6:00-7:00 Child Care Available

Youth grades 4-12 & Children through grade 3

Mom's on Fire

Adult Bible Study led by Dan Emmert

February 6 Bible study, Luke 4:21-30 @ 11:00 in WPC Board Room

We are 305,000 strong! Did you know that over 305,000 groups have participated in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** taking on the challenge of tackling hunger? Over 198 million has been raised since 1990 in support of this quest. Just \$1 or 1 can of food can be a "game changer" in someone's life. Join us in the fight against hunger on **February 9th**. All donations benefit the Dubuque Food Pantry.

Valentine's Brunch on February 9th. The second annual Men's Fellowship Valentines brunch will be served to the entire congregation following worship on February 9th at 10:45 AM. Egg Casserole, Cinamon Rolls, fruit and more will be on the menu. Come and enjoy the company and the food following worship. All are welcome!

ANYONE FOR HOCKEY? Presbyterian Night at the hockey game! We have 20 free tickets for the Dubuque Fighting Saints hockey game on **Saturday, February 15** at 7:00 PM. The tickets are going first-come, first-served. See Tom Stovall if you want tickets.

INVITING ALL PING PONG PLAYERS to play at Westminster on Tuesday nights during January, February, March and April. If you are interested, contact Dan Emmert for time to play and other details. 515-370-4906 or email at emmertdm@gmail.com

We need help with the U/D Seminary Tables on the following dates:

February 17th, March 10th, March 24th, April 7th and down the road on August 7th which is a large group for their Intensive Training.

Time for helping runs from 9AM to 1PM. We also need treats dropped off for each table. Please let me know if you can help on a certain day & let me know if you would like to bring treats (this is important as we do not want to get a lot of treats for just one day).

Thanks, Rich Henderson, 563-580-6289



Thanks to all for your concern and prayers for those affected by the California wildfires. We know the Presbytery of the Pacific has been affected and fires are also thought to have impacted the presbyteries of San Fernando and San Gabriel. This is a time of great grief and loss, and many are eager to help.

Here are the ways to contribute to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance U.S. wildfires account, using the code DR000165:

- To donate by phone, call 800-872-3283.
- To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PO Box 643700 Pittsburgh PA 15264-3700
- To donate online, go to <https://www.pcusa.org/donate/dr000165-us-wildfires>

Your prayers and support will bring hope and healing

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## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

- For Gary Wagner's wife, **Sandy Garrett**, who is under the care of Hospice.
- For healing for **Patt Carmack** who broke her shoulder and is in re-hab in Glendale, AZ. Cards may be sent to %Todd Carmack, 8357 N. 50<sup>th</sup> Dr., Glendale, AZ 85302
- For **Bill Porter, Melissa Taylor and the family of Janet Porter** who passed away Tues., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Services were at Westminster on Monday.
- For **Lois Pearce** recovering from heart surgery and for **Doug Pearce's** ongoing health issues.
- For **Paula McNally** recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- For **Roy Piller's friend, Bill**, with blood cancer.
- For Mary Kay's sister, **Elaine**, who is recovering from a heart attack.
- For **all those affected by wildfires in California** - - including victims, first responders, volunteers and helping organizations.
- For **Josiah Otting** who continues to deal with seizures caused by epilepsy.
- Continued prayers for **Joyce Veach**, Mary Kay's sister in-law, with liver cancer.
- For **HannaRose Otting's** brain health concerns.
- 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.

**HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR JOY TO SHARE?** Folks on the **FPC/WPC 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/WPC Prayer Chain this way!

- All activities will take place at WPC, unless otherwise noted.

**Sunday, February 2nd - COMMUNION**

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

**Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching**

Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

**10:45am – Presbyterians of Dubuque by Merrill Crawford, FH**

**5:30pm-7pm - Food, Faith and Fellowship**

**Monday, February 3rd**

5pm – Worship Team, CR

**Tuesday, February 4th**

9am - Tai Chi, FH

1pm – Personnel, BR

5:30pm – Ping Pong, Headstart Rm.

**Wednesday, February 5th**

9:15am – Staff Mtg., WR

1pm – Finance Team, BR

5 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

**Thursday, February 6th**

11am – Bible Study, BR

**Friday, February 7th**

1pm – Property Team, BR

**Saturday, February 8th**

9am – Task Force, BR

11am – Brunch Prep, FH, K

**Sunday, February 9th – Souper Bowl of Caring**

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

**Rev. Dan Festa, preaching**

Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

**10:30am – Valentine’s Brunch, FH, K**

**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

# CHURCH STAFF

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Pastor:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Director of Music and Co-Choir Director:** Kristen Eby

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**Preacher:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Care Coordinator:** Sam Wu #563-279-4545

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**Handbell Director:** Kristen Eby

**Co-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

**Liturgist:** Laura Barrett

**Musician:** Kristen Eby

**Musical Ensemble:** Handbell Choir

**Greeters:** Tom & Linda Stovall

**Ushers:** Carolyn Dausener & Adam Etheredge

**Hospitality Set Up:** Pat Judge

**Hospitality Clean Up:** Pat Edwards

**Snacks:** Pat Judge

**Communion Servers:** Carolyn Dausener, Julie Woodyard, Doug Cheever, Mike Jozefowicz, Alex Jack, Tom Boelk, Hannah Eby and Mark Ward

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