



**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**January 12, 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.

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION.**                      *“Partnership Taskforce Update”*                      Tom Stovall

**PRELUDE**    *Wade in the Water*    arr. Calvin Taylor

**FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

God of baptism, you emptied yourself of privilege to free us from supremacy.  
You were submerged in the depths so that we would not be alone in them.  
You were lifted from the waters so that all might be lifted up. Amen.

## \*OPENING SENTENCES

Holy Triune God, author of community, come baptize us.

**Remind us what it means to belong to one another.**

God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.

**Reveal to us your power that ushers in new realms.**

God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.

**Declare to us your great delight and hold us in your pleasure.**

God of vulnerability, come baptize us.

**Welcome us into the paradox of strength that comes from weakness.**

Together, let us remember this day:

**In the Creator's love we are held, into Christ's body we are baptized,  
and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed. All glory to God. Amen.**

## \*SONG OF PRAISE #375

*Shall We Gather at the River*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us.**

**Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name.**

**We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you.**

**Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## \*SUNG RESPONSE #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**

Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

**Baptism of Jesus: *Take Heart!***

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #618** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

**THE OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY** – Handbell Choir *Come, Thou Almighty King*

arr. Kevin McChesney

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

**STATEMENT ON INSTALLATION**

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS**

FPC *DEACONS*: DeDee Cosgrove and Deb Stant

FPC *RULING ELDERS*: Kristen Eby and Tom Boelk

WPC *DEACONS*: Glinda Manternach, Randy Roos and Pat Edwards

WPC *RULING ELDERS*: Mike Jozefowicz, Kim David and Deb Seiffert

**REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God’s help.**

**\*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.**

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES**

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION – ANSWER: We do.**

## PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

### DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

\*SENDING HYMN #66                      *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

### \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE                                      *Down by the Riverside*                                      arr. McDonald

\* You are welcome to stand in body or spirit.

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

**The Daily Devotional, THESE DAYS**, for January, February & March are in the Narthex.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are donated by Bill & Janet Porter in celebration of their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary that was on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

**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.

**WORSHIP LOCATION:** Please remember that we will be worshipping here at WPC every week through the end of March. The Sessions of both congregations have approved this in order to provide for optimal safety and ease during the coldest weather months.

**WEATHER BAD? IS CHURCH CANCELED?** If inclement weather exists, ***Sunday morning worship may be 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 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Your help is needed for 2025**

Looking for Liturgists – one per Sunday

**Need two greeters and two ushers per service**

Need two families to serve snacks after the church service.

Suggested – 3 dozen cookies or mini muffins and water or juice for the youth.

Sign up at the Information Table. **Thanks for your help!**

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFICER INSTALLATION:** Today we covenant together in ministry with the elected leaders of our congregations. The following people are being installed for FPC – *Elders*: Tom Boelk & Kristen Eby, and *Deacons*: Dedee Cosgrove & Deb Stant. For WPC – *Elders*: Mike Jozefowicz, Kim David & Deb Seiffert and *Deacons*: Glinda Manternach, Randy Roos & Pat Edwards will be installed. We are grateful for the commitment and courage of our congregational leaders; and look forward to the day when our Sessions will officially combine!

**FPC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE:** On Sunday, January 26th, immediately following worship, FPC will hold their Annual Congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall for the review of the Annual Report and the proposed 2025 budget.

**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. 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.

**The FPC-WPC PARTNERSHIP TASKFORCE** meets biweekly as we navigate the needs of our new congregation moving forward. There are four working groups: ***Worship*** - Roger Ebertz (FPC) & Sue Taylor (WPC); ***Care & Culture*** - Deb Stant (FPC) & Tom Stovall (WPC); ***Communication and Technology*** – Chris Daniels (FPC) & Kim David (WPC); ***Legal & Assets*** - Lindsey Ward (FPC) & Rich Henderson (WPC). We encourage you to address these folks when you have questions and/or input regarding the process of joining; and we appreciate your patience as we purposefully and carefully make appropriate shifts together.

**MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES!** Music is a beautiful component of our worship here at church, and we welcome all ages and levels of musical skill to join in making a joyful noise to the Lord! ***Handbell Choir*** meets on Wednesdays at 5:00pm, and the ***Adult Choir*** rehearses two Wednesdays a month at 7:00pm. The ***Church Band*** plays on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Contact the church office if you are interested in an ensemble, and MaryKay will connect you to the appropriate music staff person(s). We are always looking for folks willing to present ***special music*** as well.

### **GREEN TEAM TIP – Stay Up To Date and Informed**

Make it a point to study and understand the serious environmental challenges that our world is facing. Keep up to date on climate change and what we all can do as groups and individuals to make a difference. A really great way to do this is by joining our church Green Team. We would welcome you!

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE CHRISTIAN FORMATION TEAM** is thrilled that during the months of Jan. and Feb., 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".

**January 12** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22. "The Baptism of Jesus"

### **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 Roger Ebertz

**January 16** Bible study, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 @ 11:00 in WPC Board Room

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### CHURCH PRAYER LIST

- For **Wendell Comer's** recovery and healing from a bad back injury.
- For Jolene Kilcoyne's son-in-law, **Nate Mrstik**, who is dealing with complications following surgery.
- For **Josiah Otting** who continues to deal with seizures caused by epilepsy. Pray for next steps to be determined and for healing.
- Continued prayers for **Joyce Veach**, Mary Kay's sister in-law. She has a few more treatments left and we ask you to keep the prayers coming...
- For **HannaRose Otting's** brain health concerns.
- For **Janet Porter's** continued recovery & healing from hip surgery.
- For **Doug & Lois Pearce's** ongoing health issues. Lois will be having surgery later this month at Mayo Clinic.
- 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, January 12<sup>th</sup> – Installation of Officers**

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

**Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching**

Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

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

### **Monday, January 13th**

2:00-5:30pm – Pastor Office Hours

5:30pm – Mission Mtg., WR

6:30pm – Christian Formation Team, BR

### **Tuesday, January 14th**

9am-1pm Pastor Office Hours

9am - Tai Chi, FH

### **Wednesday, January 15th**

9:15am – Staff Mtg., WR

3:30pm – Book Club at Roses & Berries w/ZOOM

5 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

5:15pm – People in Need Mtg., BR

### **Thursday, January 16th**

9am-1pm Pastor Office Hours @ WPC

11am – Bible Study, BR

### **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching**

Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

10:30 am – Choir Rehearsal

**1:30 pm – Communion Worship at Bethany Home Chapel**

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

6:00 pm – Task Force Mtg., BR

### **NOTE:**

**Becky Jenkins has new office hours:** Mon. and Wed. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tues. 12:15 to 2 p.m. **Not in the office on Thursdays**

**PASTOR STEPHANIE’S office hours** are Tuesdays/Thursdays from 9am-1pm. 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!

# CHURCH STAFF

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Pastor:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

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

**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

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## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**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

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

**Liturgist:** Susan Ebertz

**Musician:** Dr. Luke Tyler

**Musical Ensemble:** Bell Choir

**Greeters:** Gerda Hartman & Judy Schuster

**Ushers:**

**Hospitality Set Up:** Carolyn Dausener

**Hospitality Clean Up:** Lizz Tyler

**Snacks:** Shirley Meriwether

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