



**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**January 19, 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**

**PRELUDE** – Church Band

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Jim Curnow

**FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

O God, by your power may we, with all the saints,  
comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth  
of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that we may be filled with your fullness. Amen.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalms 86 & 100*

Today we celebrate the abundance of our God,  
whose faithfulness continues through all generations!

**Let us not forget all of God's benefits!**

Indeed, there is no God like our God, nor are there any works like God's.

**All the nations God has made shall come and bow down before him,  
and shall glorify his name.**

**For God alone is God, who is great and does wondrous things!**

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE #41 vs. 1,2,4** *O Worship the King*

*Our God*

Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

**Verse 1**

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You

**Verse 2**

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

**Chorus**

Our God is greater  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God

**Bridge**

And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against  
(Then) what could stand against

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not**

loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **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**

John 2:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON**

The Wedding at Cana

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #39**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

### **\*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 OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Lord our Hope for Years to Come*

by Jordan

\*DOXOLOGY GTG #606

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION & 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 #733

*We All Are One in Mission*

### \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*The Abundant Life*

by G. Parker

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

*This morning please welcome Rev. Gilo Gora Agwa and his family, with us in worship. When Rev. Agwa was a student at UDTs we were blessed by his presence at FPC, as a candidate for ordination, and in welcoming his family when they received asylum. Since then Rev. Agwa has ministered in Minnesota in part to Anuak refugees and their children. Tomorrow Rev. Agwa will be speaking and preaching on God's compassion for immigrants and refugees in Blades Chapel at 11:00 - all are welcome. A lunch follows at 11:50, and closing discussion at 12:30. Please e-mail Beth McCaw if you can attend; the sermon also will be streamed at 11:00.*

**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.

**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.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](mailto:emmertdm@gmail.com)

**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 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.

**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 after church the Sunday before we sing. The **Church Band** plays on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Contact the church office if you are interested in an ensemble, and Mary Kay will connect you to the appropriate music staff person(s). We are always looking for folks willing to present **special music** as well.

**REMINDER: NEXT WEEK'S CARE CART** is the Dubuque Rescue Mission. They can also use the No. 10 cans of vegetables, fruit etc. Along with the list that was given in the Hotline for January.

### **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!**

**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 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 19** John 2:1-11. "The Wedding at Cana"

### **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

**January 23** Bible study, John 2:1-11 @ 11:00 in WPC Board Room

### **GREEN TEAM TIP – Light Bulbs**

Change your light bulbs! LED light bulbs use 75% less energy than incandescent bulbs. Changing just one of the light bulbs in your home to an LED light bulb could make a serious impact on your energy consumption and your electric bill. Imagine what could happen if you change them all!

### **CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

- For **all those affected by wildfires in California** - - including victims, first responders, volunteers and helping organizations.
- For **Clint Anderson** who was recently hospitalized.
- For **Wendell Comer's** recovery and healing from a bad back injury.
- 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. Prayers for Lois' upcoming heart surgery next Monday, January 27th 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 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, SA

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

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

6:00 pm – Task Force Mtg., BR

### Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Pastor Out of Office

9am - Tai Chi, FH

5:30pm – Ping Pong, Headstart Rm.

6pm – Session, BR

**HOTLINE DEADLINE  
MON., JANUARY 27TH**

### Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

8am – Men’s Coffee, BR

9:15am – Staff Mtg., WR

5 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

### Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

11am – Bible Study, BR

2pm – Green Team Mtg., BR

### Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

11am – Laura Meeks Festa Memorial, SA

### Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

9am – Choir Rehearsal, SA

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

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**10:30am – FPC Annual Congregation Mtg. in FH**

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

### 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 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

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**Pastor:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

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**Liturgist:** Allie Hinga

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**Greeters:** Deb Stant

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