



**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**January 26, 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**

*“Souper Bowl of Caring”*

Youth: Sam & McKenzie Daniels

**PRELUDE**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

arr. Mark Hayes

**FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

God of hope, help us to remember what Jesus was about. Guide us as we seek to discern how our own lives measure up to the heart of the gospel. Amen.

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

**Earth below receives the good news with great joy.**

Today is a day of rejoicing!

**It's a time to celebrate!**

Jesus offers us a plan of action!

**No longer are we trapped, wondering what we should be doing.**

Jesus speaks to us of freedom, release from captivity, recovery of sight.

**Jesus outlines the kind of disciples that are needed in God's world.**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** GTG#744 *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Waiting God, you know us all too well. Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope who act boldly to spread your light throughout all the earth. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** GTG #581 *Gloria Patri*

### **\*\*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!*

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

arr. Mack Wilberg

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 4:14-21

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

Jesus Ministry & Our Ministry

\***HYMN OF RESPONSE** GTG #314 *Christ, Be Our Light!*

\***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**

*To God be the Glory*

arr. Mark Hayes

\***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** GTG #853

*We Are Marching*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

arr. McDonald

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

**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.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are donated by Fritz Cabalka in memory of Ruth Cabalka.

**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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FPC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE:** **TODAY** immediately following worship, FPC will hold their Annual Congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall for the review of the 2024 Annual Report and the proposed 2025 budget. You were emailed the 2024 Annual Report and there are hard copies at the Information Center as well.

**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.

**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.

**TODAY'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.

**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 [emmmertdm@gmail.com](mailto:emmmertdm@gmail.com)

## 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 26** Luke 4:14-21 "Jesus Ministry & Our Ministry"

### **SUNDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION**

5:30 POTLUCK SUPPER Please bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert.

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 30** Bible study, Luke 4:14-21 @ 11:00 in WPC Board Room

**LOOKING AHEAD: NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 2ND 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.

**The Souper Bowl of Caring is on Feb. 9th.** Young people nationally team up each year around the Super Bowl game to collect dollars and food for local charities. You can help the FPC/WPC Youth help the Dubuque Food Pantry. Bring non-perishable food items to church or give a monetary donation.

**Valentine's Brunch on February 9<sup>th</sup>.** The second annual Men's Fellowship Valentines brunch will be served to the entire congregation following worship on February 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

February 17<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup> and down the road on August 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## **GREEN TEAM TIP – Clothes Washing and Drying**

When washing clothing, make sure that you use cold water or warm water. Using hot water will take the washing machine longer to fill while consuming more water and using more energy. Also, use less energy by hang drying your clothes rather than using the dryer.

## **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!**

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## **CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

- For **Bill Porter, Melissa Taylor and the family of Janet Porter** who passed away Tues., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Services will be at Westminster. Date and time to be determined.
- For **Lois Pearce's** heart surgery **tomorrow, January 27th** at Mayo Clinic and for **Doug Pearce's** ongoing health issues.
- For **Paula McNally** who will be having knee replacement surgery on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- For **Roy Piller's friend, Bill**, with blood cancer.
- For Mary Kay's sister, **Elaine**, who had a heart attack and is in the ICU in New Jersey.
- For **all those affected by wildfires in California** - - including victims, first responders, volunteers and helping organizations.
- For **Clint Anderson** who was recently hospitalized.
- 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 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 26<sup>th</sup>**

9am – Choir Rehearsal, SA

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

**Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching**

Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

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

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

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

**Monday, January 27th**

5:30pm - Hospitality Outreach Mtg., BR

**Tuesday, January 28th**

9am - Tai Chi, FH

5:30pm – Ping Pong, Headstart Rm.

**Wednesday, January 29th**

9:15am – Staff Mtg., WR

12pm – Dubuque Rescue Mission Board, BR

5 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

**ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE  
THURS., JANUARY 30TH**

**Thursday, January 30th**

11am – Bible Study, BR

**Saturday, February 1st**

8am – Men’s Breakfast at Papa Ozz

**Sunday, February 2nd - COMMUNION**

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

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Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

**10:45am – Presbyterians of Dubuque by Merrill Crawford, 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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**Band Director:** Sally Stulken

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**Church Administrator:** Mary Kay Pancratz

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**Custodian:** Josh Henry

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**Liturgist:** Tom Stovall

**Musician:** Dr. Luke Tyler

**Musical Ensemble:** Church Choir

**Greeters:** Tom & Judi Schutt

**Ushers:** Doug & Jean Cheever

**Hospitality Set Up:** Tom & Judi Schutt

**Hospitality Clean Up:**

**Snacks:** Victoria Siemmons

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