



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 16, 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

Church Band

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.” – Matthew 6:33

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.” – Luke 6:17

***CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 1**

Leader: Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

***People:* They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.**

Leader: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

***People:* May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

***SONG OF PRAISE** GTG #679 *Let the Whole Creation Cry*; #175 *Seek Ye First*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN

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

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 READINGS Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Blessed Are The Poor”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Simple Kingdom

CCLI Song #7195486

Your kingdom is simple
As simple as love
You welcomed the children
You stopped for the one
We want to see people
The way Jesus does
Your kingdom is simple
Lord, teach it to us.

Oh the King of heaven reigns
Your kingdom is coming
Your kingdom is here
Alive in our waiting
At work in our tears
So come to us quickly
Forever our prayer
Your kingdom is coming
Lord Jesus come near
Chorus

Your kingdom is humble
As humble as death
Our King is a savior
Who gave His last breath
So may we die daily
Our pride laid to rest
His kingdom is humble
And the broken are blessed

Your kingdom is backwards
It flows in reverse
What You call a treasure
This world calls a curse
The small become great and
The last become first
Your kingdom is backwards
Lord teach us to serve
As it is with Your kingdom
Let it be with Your church
Chorus

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallowed be Your name
May we live and breathe Your praise
Hallelujah, Let all creation say

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

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

arr. Leatherman

***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 #816 *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide You*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Postlude in D* Simper/arr. Ryan

* 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.

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.

Care Cart! Reminder: Next week we fill the cart for the **Dubuque Rescue Mission**. Please bring #10 cans or items for men.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 is on vacation thru February 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!

INVITING ALL PING PONG PLAYERS to play at Westminster on Tuesday nights during 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

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to everyone who donated to FPC/WPC Souper Bowl of Caring.

We collected 282 food items and \$506.00, which will all benefit the Dubuque Food Pantry. Many thanks to the Stovalls for delivering the food items.

WPC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE: On **Sun., 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.

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."

SUNDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION Feb. 16 – Luke 6:17–26 "Blessings and Woes."
5:30 Meal and Fellowship; 6:00-7:00 Child Care Available; Youth Grades 4-12; Children through Grade 3; Moms on Fire; Adult Bible Study led by Dan Emmert.

GREEN TEAM TIP – Reduce Paper Usage. Use less paper! Reuse scrap paper for other purposes. Print on both sides of the paper to reduce waste. Go paperless. Pay your bills online to save time and paper. Get e-tickets for movies and other events instead of paper tickets. File your taxes electronically. Take steps to reduce the amount of junk mail you receive. Use real plates, cups, napkins and towels instead of paper ones.

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

Feb. 17th, March 10th, March 24th, April 7th and down the road on **Aug. 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 and 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

WE NEED A NAME AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Partnership Task Force needs your help! One of our tasks is to propose a name for our new Presbyterian congregation in Dubuque. We need your suggestions about possibilities for our new name.

Every Sunday during February there will be a "Name Our Church" box located on the information counter at the back of the sanctuary. Please help us by writing down your suggestions and putting them in the box. At the end of February, the Task Force will review all of the suggestions. **OR** you can email your suggestions to tomstov@aol.com.

To get you started, the Task Force went through this same process. Here are some of the names that we most frequently suggested: Unity, Dubuque, New, Community, Faith, and Grace. You can enter as many suggestions as you want.



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 **Rich Henderson**, WPC member, who is recovering from surgery.
- For **Carolyn Klaver**, who has been hospitalized with ongoing health issues.
- 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 **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 and her family** as they mourn the passing of her sister, Elaine.
- 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!

# CHURCH CALENDAR

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

## **Sunday, February 16th**

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

**Rev. Dan Emmert, preaching**

Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

**10:30am** – Choir Rehearsal, SA

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

**5:30-7pm** – Food, Faith & Fellowship

## **Monday, February 17th**

9:00am – U/D Seminary Tables, FH, K

## **Tuesday, February 18th**

9am - Tai Chi, FH

5:30pm – Ping Pong, Headstart Rm.

## **Wednesday, February 19th**

8am – Men’s Coffee, BR

3:30pm – Book Club

5 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

## **Thursday, February 20**

11:00am – Bible Study, BR

## **Sunday, February 23rd – WPC Annual Congregational Meeting**

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

**Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching**

Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

**9-9:15am** – Choir Rehearsal, SA

**5:30-7pm** – Food, Faith & Fellowship. **POTLUCK – Please bring a dish to share.**

**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

## **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**

# 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:** Annalee Ward

**Musician:** Kristen Eby

**Greeters:** Shirley Meriwether and Jon Davison

**Ushers:** Chris Daniels, Alex Jack, and Julie Woodyard

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**Hospitality Clean Up:** Shirley Meriwether

**Snacks:** Deb Stant

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