



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

• 1 John 4:19

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1684 IOWA ST. | DUBUQUE, IA

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March 9, 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

Entering the Passion of Jesus: Parade



Entry into the City, by John August Swanson

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.

Wheelchairs are available to use for church or to get down to Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher or greeter. They can assist you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Enter the Passion

*CALL TO WORSHIP IN SONG

En - ter___ En - ter the pas - sion.____

4
En - ter the place we be - long not just look - ing on.

8
For this is our pas - sion.____ En - ter the pas - sion.____

***OPENING PRAYER**

***SONG OF PRAISE**

Mighty to Save

Song select #4591782

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray together:

We stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain. Will we join the parade, risking our reputation along with Jesus? Or will we play it safe? Forgive our fear, our indecision, our apathy. Such moments in life are not easy, O God, yet we know you are with us. You entered our story through Jesus, now help us to enter fully into the story of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Parade: Risking Reputation"

***HYMN OF RESPONSE GTG #775** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

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

We Shall Behold Him

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 #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Come Thou Almighty King

arr. Brian Chung

* You are welcome to rise in body or spirit.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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. Thanks for understanding.

CARE CART REMINDER: Next week we fill the cart for the **Dubuque Food Pantry**, to help feed local families. *(No egg cartons, please)*

*****Throughout Lent we will be offering WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICES AT NOON,** with the Westminster campus sanctuary remaining open afterwards for individual reflection and prayer. These services will be contemplative and quiet, giving worshippers 20 or so minutes in their week to pause and focus on Christ's journey to the cross. Printouts of the services will be available as well, in case you are unable to come to the sanctuary, you can join us in spirit from home or office! These will be held March 12th through April 20th, led by Pastor Stephanie Ells.

SUNDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION

MARCH 9- 5:30pm Meal

6:00-7:00 Child Care available

Youth grades 4-12 & children through Grade 3

Moms on Fire

Adult Class "The Chosen" Season 3, Episode 2

MARCH 13 - 11:00am ADULT BIBLE STUDY led by Marsha Wilfong

Genesis 15-18: 15 Abraham & Sarah, the New "The Problem of the Heir"

THE POURING OF THE WATER INTO THE FONT at the beginning of worship engages our physical senses in worship of God. Hearing the water and seeing it poured connects us to the sacrament of Baptism, a sign & seal of our being marked as Christ's own forever. **By carrying in the water during the prelude, children are offered an opportunity to participate in worship leadership.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HUNGER OUTREACH ON MARCH 22

Our next Presbyterian Hunger Outreach food distribution will be on Saturday, March 22 at Westminster. Around 35+ volunteers will be needed from 8:00-10:30 a.m. to provide traffic control, greet and register participants, organize food for distribution, load food into cars and assist walk-up recipients. We can provide everyone with a job that matches their comfort level. Sign up today on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary or contact Tom Stovall at 563-581-7220 or at tomstov@aol.com. Be sure to sign up in advance so you can receive volunteer communications and instructions before the event. Feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors to help.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT, Mary Kay Pancratz! Our sincerest thanks and deepest gratitude to Mary Kay Pancratz for her 13 years of service as the Church Administrator at Westminster Presbyterian Church. She has been a rock of care and knowledge and will be greatly missed as she heads into retirement mid-April. MaryKay looks forward to spending quality time with her grandchildren and traveling with her husband, Tim. A retirement reception for Mary Kay will be held following worship on Sunday, April 6, 2025. We hope you will join us in showing her our love and appreciation! *Check out information about our new Church Administrator, Jeff Gladwin, in the March Newsletter.* Jeff started on Monday, March 3rd.

GIVE UP PLASTIC FOR LENT - March 5 to April 13

The Green Team at the Dubuque Presbyterian Churches (First and Westminster) in Iowa is encouraging all their members to give up plastic bags for Lent and demonstrate love and care for God's creation. Plastic bags do a great deal of damage to our environment. Between March 5 and April 13 everyone is encouraged to use reusable bags when they shop and refuse to use plastic. Reusable bags are being made available to all those who need them. The promotion also includes a contest with a prize for the family that uses reusable bags the most thus eliminating the most plastic bags. Of course, if you can do it during Lent, you can do it all year long!



GREEN TEAM TIP – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Remember the 3 R's! **Reduce** the use of items that harm God's creation. **Reuse** or repurpose items rather than throwing them away. **Recycle** those things that can be. And, here is a 4th R – **Rot**, which means to compost those things that can be and keep them out of the landfill. If you live in Dubuque, consider participating in the curbside composting program. It only costs \$1 per month to compost your food scraps. Containers are provided.

THE PRESENTATION LANTERN CENTER – “Lighting the Lantern” Event

The Presentation Lantern Center provides free language services, citizenship test preparation and advocacy to refugees and immigrants in our community. Lighting the Lantern is currently our only annual fundraiser.

- **Date:** Saturday, March 15
- **Location** Hotel Julien ballroom - Doors open: 5:30 PM, Program: 6:45 PM
- **Keynote Speaker:** Alex Baum, Director of Advocacy, Data and Learning at the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque
- **Entertainment** provided by Steve & Terry Slade, Terry Dillon and Masa Iwasaki
- **Tickets:** \$90 (includes 2 drink tickets and heavy hors d'oeuvres) Tickets can be purchased at www.thelanterncenter.org

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

- For **Janice Lewis & family** on the one-year anniversary of Wayne Lewis' death that was on March 5th.
- For **Chuck Whalen** who is having a Cervical Spine Stenosis at Mayo Clinic on Tuesday and will be in the hospital thru Friday, March 14th.
- For the **members of the Partnership Task Force** and for God's guidance as they carry out their charge of uniting our churches into one community of faith.

- For Gary Wagner's wife, **Sandy Garrett**, who is under the care of Hospice.
- For **Patt Carmack** who is now back in her daughter's home & praying for a good recovery with therapy and the hope of coming back to Dubuque in April.
- For **Roy Piller's friend, Bill**, with blood cancer.
- For **Lois and Doug Pearce's** ongoing health issues.
- 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, 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, March 9th

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

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

3pm – DBQ Interfaith Green Coalition, BR

5:30-7pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship

Monday, March 10th

9am - UD Seminary Tables, FH, K

5:30pm – Mission Meeting, WR

6:30 Christian Formation Team, BR

Tuesday, March 11th

9am - Tai Chi, FH

5:30pm – Ping Pong, HeadStart Rm.

Wednesday, March 12th

8 am – Men's Coffee, BR

9:15am – Staff Mtg., WR

12pm – Lenten Prayer Service, SA

5 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

5:15pm – People in need, BR

WE NEED HELP WITH THE U/D SEMINARY TABLES on the following dates:

March 10th, March 24th, April 7th.

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

Thursday, March 13th
11am – Genesis Bible Study, BR

Friday, March 14th
1pm – Property Team, BR

Saturday, March 15th
9am – Leadership Gathering, FH

Sunday, March 16th
9:30am – **Worship & Children’s Church at WPC**
Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.
10:30am Choir Rehearsal, SA
3pm – DBQ Interfaith Green Coalition, BR
5:30-7pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship
6pm Partnership Task Force, BR

Mary Kay is on vacation thru the 18th. Jeff Gladwin will be filling in for her.

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 or 507.227.8537

CHURCH STAFF

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Church Administrator: Jeffrey T. Gladwin

Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins

Custodian: Josh Henry

Worship Tech: Deb Seiffert, Marsha Wilfong, Bruce Hallahan

Liturgist: Ann Lorenz

Musician: Dr. Luke Tyler

Greeters: Dan & Marilyn Emmert

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