



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."
• 1 John 4:19

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 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

Entering the Passion: The Temple



Cleansing the Temple by Bernadette Lopez

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.

GATHERING MUSIC (Band) *When the Stars Began to Fall*

arr. Fred J. Allen

River Songs

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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. _____

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Enter the Passion'. It consists of three staves of music in a 6/8 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'En - ter _____' and 'En - ter the pas - sion. _____'. The second staff starts with a measure rest (marked '4') and contains two measures: 'En - ter the place we be - long' and 'not just look - ing on.'. The third staff starts with a measure rest (marked '8') and contains two measures: 'For this is our pas - sion. _____' and 'En - ter the pas - sion. _____'.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***SONG OF PRAISE** *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The temple of the world can be a busy, noisy place, O God.

Too often the rule is, “everyone out for themselves.”

Too often we don’t stop to think about how our actions affect others.

Forgive us.

Turn us toward the temple of our hearts where you await.

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 #582 *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 Mark 11:15-19

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON “The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** GTG #301 *All Are Welcome (vv. 1,2,4)*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *A Brief Statement of Faith: PC(USA)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

arr. Walz

***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 #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Go Forth in Faith

arr. L. Smith

* You are welcome to rise in body or spirit.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR! Interested in what this congregation is all about? Wondering how to get connected on a deeper level? Thinking about what becoming a member of the church may look like? Join Pastor Stephanie for pizza **after worship Sunday, March 23rd** in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to marykay@wpcdbq.org.

CHURCH CHAT COMING YOUR WAY! Join the Partnership Taskforce Sunday, March 30th after worship in the Sanctuary to hear a brief update on the unification process. We can't wait to share all the work happening behind the scenes with you.

FEED THE CHILDREN, FEED OUR FUTURE! - Help is needed to tell Biblical stories and do activities with our lively and loving children, on Sunday mornings. The 1st and 4th Sundays of the month are in the most need, other times are welcome. There is also a great need for volunteers in the evening. Stories are told, crafts are done, and games are played. Our policy states that there needs to be two adults with the children, and we are having difficulties meeting these criteria. For both times, the stories and activities are preplanned, and all materials are supplied. The evening program also supports the Mom's Group. Please step up! So, we can continue to have an evening children's group. Sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary or contact Deb Seiffert at debseiffert@gmail.com Thank you! Your time is much appreciated!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT, Mary Kay Pancratz! A retirement reception for MaryKay will be held following worship on Sunday, April 6, 2025. We invite you to bring cards to show MaryKay your appreciation and gratitude for her 13 years of service as the Church Administrator at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

WELCOME, Church Administrator, Jeff Gladwin! Jeff started in the office on March 3rd, 2025. Jeff brings with him over 25 years of management experience, and a passion for learning, growing, and being kind and generous. Jeff will graduate in August from the University of Dubuque with a BA in Human Resource Management and is already taking classes toward his MBA. Jeff was born and raised in Dubuque. Jeff hopes to serve the congregation by utilizing his various skill sets to assist the pastor and various committees with future endeavors. Thank you for your welcome, and assistance of him, as he transitions onto our staff!

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.

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 16 - 5:30 Lenten soup suppers. Serving Gluten Free, Vegetarian, Meat soups, veggie and fruit trays

6:00- 7:00 Child Care available and classes for all ages

Youth grades 4-12 & children through Grade 3

Moms on Fire

Adult Class; *"The Chosen"* Season 3, episode 6

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.**

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.



LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR HUNGER OUTREACH ON MARCH 22 If you can help with the next Hunger Outreach food distribution on Saturday, March 22 at Westminster please 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.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

- For **Chuck Whalen** will have Cervical Spine Stenosis surgery at Mayo Clinic this coming Tuesday and will be in the hospital for a week.
- 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 16th

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

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

10:30am – Choir Rehearsal, SA

1:30 Worship at Bethany Home

5:30pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship, FH

6:00pm – Partnership Task Force, BR

Monday, March 17th

4:30pm – Friends Yoga, Classroom

Tuesday, March 18th

9am - Tai Chi, FH

10:30am Cable Car Quilters, FH

5:30pm – Ping Pong, HeadStart Rm.

6:00pm – Session Meeting, BR

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

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

Wednesday, March 19th

9:15am – Staff Mtg., WR
12pm – Lenten Prayer Service, SA
3:30 pm – WPC Book Club
5 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

Thursday, March 20th

8am – Spirituality Workshop, FH,K
11am – Genesis Bible Study, BR

Friday, March 21th

Saturday, March 22th

4:00pm AA & AI-Anon, FH

Sunday, March 23th

9:00am Choir Rehearsal, SA
9:30am – **Worship & Children’s Church at WPC**
Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.
10:45am New Members Pizza, BR
5:30-7pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship

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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Musician: Kristen Eby
Greeters: Shirley Meriwether & Jon Davison
Ushers: Chris Daniels, Alex Jack, & Adam Etheridge
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