



First Presbyterian Church

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

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 30, 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

The First Dinner: Risking Rejection



Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet by Anonymous German School, 19th C

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering

Deb Stant

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 PREPERATION** GTG #67 *“My Song Forever Shall Recor”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is so hard to not be afraid.

Sometimes our fear makes us less compassionate,
and more judgmental.

We think we can ward off getting hurt by holding back,
unwilling to risk putting ourselves out there for the sake of love.

Forgive us, O God.

Encourage us to extravagant acts of love,
especially when we are frightened.

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 #188 *“Jesus Loves Me”*

****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with 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

Psalms 23 & Mark 14: 1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The First Dinner: Risking Rejection”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** GTG #727 *”The Servant Song”*

THE OFFERING

From a high, secret shelf, I take what I hid myself– Perfume, precious and rare, never meant to spill or spare. This I'll carefully break; this I'll empty for his sake.

I will give what I have to my Lord.

Though the action is crude, it will show my gratitude for the truth that I've learnt from the one who's heaven-sent; For this life once a mess which his beauty can express.

I will give what I have to my Lord.

With his critics around, common gossip will abound. They'll note all that they see to discredit him and me. Let them smirk, let them jeer, say what people want to hear.

I will give what I have to my Lord.

It's because he'll receive, that the likes of me believe God has time for the poor. He has shown us heaven's door. Be it perfume and care, be it anger or despair.

I will give what I have to my Lord. +

OFFERTORY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

arr. Johnson

*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 #547

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Postlude on St. Patrick's Breastplate”

arr. L Smith

* Please rise in body or spirit.

**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.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES through the end of June will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church campus, with the exception of Maundy Thursday and Palm Sunday, which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church campus downtown. Thank you for your flexibility as we unify our wonderful congregations!

Together, we are going to spend a couple Sunday nights dreaming and planning for the future of our **NEW CHURCH!** Please "Save the Date" for the following dates and times: Sunday 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11 between 6-7pm. A light supper will be served from 5:30-6pm. Childcare will be provided.

CHURCH CHAT COMING YOUR WAY! Join the Partnership today after service, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT, Mary Kay Pancratz! A retirement reception for MaryKay will be held following worship next 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.

CHANCEL FLOWERS. Please consider providing Chancel Flowers in memory of or honor of a loved one, special event, or just to brighten up the altar. Looking forward to Spring and Summer, it is a perfect time to share your garden flowers, too. Call the church office to sign up 563-583-1729.

WELCOME, Church Administrator, Jeff Gladwin! As with all changes, there is an opportunity to learn and grow. If you notice that you are not receiving information via email, please check your SPAM folder. If you have any questions, changes, or other things you can reach Jeff by calling the office or emailing administrator@wpcdbq.org.

HELP NEEDED for after service clean up. If you have time and opportunity, please contact Rich Henderson @ 563-580-6289 or hs3eagles@gmail.com.

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.

Join us for our **WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE AT NOON**, with the Westminster campus sanctuary remaining open afterwards for individual reflection and prayer. The service 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 are available at the INFORMATION CENTER***, in case you are unable to come to the sanctuary, you can join us in spirit from home or office! These will be held through April 20th, led by Pastor Stephanie Ells.

CARE CART REMINDER: Next week we fill the cart for the **Dubuque Food Pantry**, to help feed local families.

GARDEN TEAM: The season is approaching quickly. During the gardening season we have a number of tasks that need to be accomplished:

Planting, watering, harvesting, cleaning the produce, cleaning up kitchen, taking produce down to the Food Pantry, cleaning tubs up after produce is delivered, replanting as needed, & weeding. We are also constructing new raised beds. If you are interested in helping, please let Rich Henderson or Marsha Wilfong know.

GREEN TEAM TIP – Environmental-Friendly Shopping When shopping look for products that are less damaging to the environment. There are lots of such products on the market. For example, household cleaning products are made from natural ingredients and less caustic to the environment. Look for recycled products. Avoid products that are overpackaged, especially in plastic. Buying goods in bulk usually has less packaging. Be an eco-consumer!

SYNOD SCHOOL 2025 – JOIN US! This summer there is an exciting adventure waiting for you or the whole family at Synod School 2025. This annual gathering of Presbyterians of all ages is sponsored by the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. It will be held on July 20-25 (Sunday-Friday) on the beautiful lakeside campus of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. It will be a week of inspiration, worship, study, play and life together for around 500 people from all over the country. **After hearing a brief Minute for Mission about Synod School in worship this morning, you can find out more by attending an information session following worship in the Board Room.** So, grab a cup of coffee and a treat and come to find out more. The 2025 Catalog Booklets about this great event will be available including all details and registration information. The booklets and more information can also be accessed online at www.lakesandprairies.org/synod-school

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Gene Meyers**, father of **Jolene Kilcoyne**, who was hospitalized due to health concerns this week.
- With gratitude, we celebrate the 101st birthday of **Mary Arnold**, mother of Dave Arnold.
- **Patt Carmack** continues to be in the hospital and is thankful for the continued support through prayers and the cards she has received.
- Praise for the birth of **Deb Sieffert's** grandson, Rowan, son of Andrew and Alex.
- For **John Barland** whose heart valve replacement went well, John is asking for prayers for good recovery after the surgery.
- For **Chuck Whalen** had Cervical Spine Stenosis surgery at Mayo Clinic.

- 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 **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** or call the church 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 30th

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

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

10:30am Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

11:00am - Church Forum, SA

5:30pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship

6:00pm – Scout Religious Emblem Class, WR

Monday, March 31st

8:00am – Dubuque Rescue Mission, BR

4:30pm – Friends Yoga, Classroom

Tuesday, April 1st

9am – Tai Chi, FH

1:00pm – JKP Administrative Commission, BR

Wednesday, April 2nd

9:15am – Staff Mtg., WR

12pm – Lenten Prayer Service, SA

4:30pm – Deacons Meeting, BR

5:00 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

6:00pm – Scout Religious Emblem Class, WR

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

April 7th.

Time for helping runs from 9AM to 1PM. We also need treats dropped off for each table. Please contact Rich Henderson @ 563-580-6289 or hs3eagles@gmail.com

Thursday, April 3rd

11am – Genesis Bible Study, BR

5:30pm YL Class, FH

Friday, April 4th

1:00pm – Property Meeting, BR

Saturday, April 5th

8:00am – Men’s Breakfast @ Papa Oz

6:00pm – Game Night FH, K

Sunday, April 6th

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

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

10:30am Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.

10:45 am Retirement Reception FH

11:00am – Partnership Taskforce, BR

5:30pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship

6:00pm – Scout Religious Emblem Class, WR

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

Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Care Coordinator: Sam Wu #563-279-4545

FPC Director of Music: Kristen Eby

Handbell & Co-Choir Director: Kristen Eby

WPC Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler

Co-Choir Director: Steve Peake

Band Director: Sally Stulken

Church Administrator: Jeffrey T. Gladwin

Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins

Custodian: Josh Henry

Today’s Service

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Liturgist: Ann Lorenz

Musician: Kristen Eby

Greeters: Gerda Hartman & Judy Schuster

Ushers: Doug & Jean Cheever

Hospitality Set Up: Merrill Crawford

Hospitality Clean Up: Merrill Crawford

Snacks: Glinda Manternach

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