



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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April 06, 2025 | Morning Worship 9:30 am

Welcome to church! Please sign in, using the binders in your pew, so that we can connect with you.



The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends



Jesus Washing the Disciples Feet by David Paynter, 1929

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*

Sue Dravis

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE for **MaryKay Pancratz**

PRELUDE

“Enter the Passion”

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 musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 8/8. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the first two phrases: 'En - ter _____' and 'En - ter the pas - sion.____'. The second line starts with a measure rest marked '4' and contains the phrases 'En - ter the place we be - long' and 'not just look - ing on.'. The third line starts with a measure rest marked '8' and contains the phrases 'For this is our pas - sion.____' and 'En - ter the pas - sion.____'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***SONG OF PREPARATION** GTG #203 *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes we just aren't paying attention.

We can keep our heads in the sand when we really need to attend to difficult situations, or the needs of your people.

Forgive us, O God.

Guard us from distancing ourselves,
and help us to care for what's right in front of 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 #582 *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on 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

John 13:1-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** (on screen)

“Behold the Lamb”

arr. Townend

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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Handbell Choir

"Kyrie"

arr. Mocklebust

***DOXOLOGY** GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & PETITION

***SENDING HYMN** GTG #702

"Christ Be Beside Me"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“*Recessionale*”

arr. Broughton

* 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

JOIN US TODAY TO CELEBRATE MARY KAY PANCRATZ! After worship, we will hold a retirement reception for her in the Fellowship Hall. Please come show her your love, appreciation, and gratitude for 13 years of service as the Church Administrator at Westminster Presbyterian 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. Thank you for your understanding.

CARE CART REMINDER Next week we fill the cart for the **Opening Doors** The items needed are: High efficiency laundry detergent, tall trash bags, Clorox disinfecting wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, Dawn soap, liquid hand soap, and personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

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.

DREAMING FORWARD: IMAGINING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER! As we join together two congregations, we have the unique opportunity to imagine ways of becoming the church our community needs *today*. The leadership has been considering all the new possibilities ahead of us, **and we need your input and participation!** Join the Partnership Taskforce for a series of Sunday night brainstorming sessions on **Sunday 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11 between 6-7pm** in the Fellowship Hall. A light supper will be served beforehand from 5:30-6pm. Childcare will be provided; older youth are encouraged to participate in our time together! Empowered by the Holy Spirit let’s be...courageous! Resilient! Imaginative!

YOU ARE A WINNER! - Turn in your plastic-less shopping forms next Sunday - Palm Sunday. We will award the prizes right after the service. Thanks, The Green Team!

WORSHIP SERVICES through the end of June will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church campus, with the exception of Palm Sunday (April 13th) and Maundy Thursday (April 17) which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church campus downtown. Thank you for your flexibility as we unify our wonderful congregations!

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP WILL BE HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH on Sunday, April 13th at 9:30am. Bring your full One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks & envelopes with you, as we participate together with PCUSA congregations all over the world in sharing our resources with those who have faced extra hardships. (Remember, additional parking for worship is available in the Behr Funeral Home lot on 15th & Main).

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP WILL BE HELD on Thursday, April 17th at 7:00pm at First Presbyterian Church. Maundy Thursday is the remembrance of Jesus' last night with his disciples. It was on this Thursday night that Jesus gathered with his disciples, washed their feet, and celebrated with them the Passover meal of unleavened bread. During this meal he broke the bread and shared the cup, foreshadowing his suffering and death, and instituting what has become the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The service will include this sacrament and will close with preparations leading into Good Friday, Jesus' final moments of his journey to the cross.

THE 114th ANNUAL COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church (1199 Main St) from 12:00-3:00pm on Friday, April 18th, 2025. Join for all or any of this poignant and reflective service moves through the seven last words of Christ, reminding us of the sacrifice of Love we have in Jesus Christ. **Pastor Stephanie Ells** will be preaching at **2:30pm** on the last word: *"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."*

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

KNOW A GRADUATE? We want to celebrate the amazing graduates in our lives! If you have a child, sibling, or someone close to you graduating high school or college this spring, please contact the church office with their information and a picture at administrator@wpcdbq.org.

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. The 2025 Catalog Booklet about this great event is available in the church office or online at www.lakesandprairies.org/synod-school

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Gene Meyers**, father of **Jolene Kilcoyne**, who was released from the hospital, over the weekend.
- **Patt Carmack** continues to recover and is thankful for the continued support through prayers and the cards she has received.
- For **John Barland** who continues to heal after 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 **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 the church office.

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, April 6th

9:30 -Worship & Children's Church at WPC

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

10:45am - Retirement Reception for Mary Kay, FH

5:30pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship

6:00pm – Elem, Youth, and Moms on Fire

'The Chosen' season 3, Eps 8 for adults

Monday, April 7th

9:00am – UD Seminary Tables, FH, K

1:00pm – Financial Review, WR

4:30pm – Friends Yoga, Classroom

5:00pm – Worship Team, WR

6:00pm – Pack 20 Parent Mtg., BR

Tuesday, April 8th

9am – Tai Chi, FH

10:00am – Hospice Memorial Service SA, Ntx

5:00pm – Girl Scouts, Middle School R, SA

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

Wednesday, April 9th

8:00am – Men's Coffee, BR
9:15am – Staff Mtg., WR
12pm – Lenten Prayer Service
1:00pm – Financial Review, WR
5:00 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA
5:15pm – People In Need, BR

Thursday, April 10th

11am – Genesis Bible Study, BR

Friday, April 11th

Saturday, April 12th

9:00am – Partnership Taskforce, BR

Sunday, April 13th

9:30am – **Palm Sunday & Children's Church at FPC**

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

10:30am Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.
10:45am Choir Rehearsal, Basement
5:30pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship
6:00pm Elementary, Youth and Moms on Fire

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: Annalee Ward
Musician: Handbell Choir – Kristen Eby
Greeters: Tom & Linda Stovall
Ushers: Carolyn Dausener & Glinda Manternach
Hospitality Set Up: Pat Judge
Hospitality Clean Up: Pat Edwards
Snacks: In the Fellowship Hall
Communion Servers: Alex Jack, Tom Boelk, Mike Jozefowicz, Allie Hinga Wankerl, Tom & Judi Schutt, Karen Heidenreich, John Adams.

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