



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

• 1 John 4:19

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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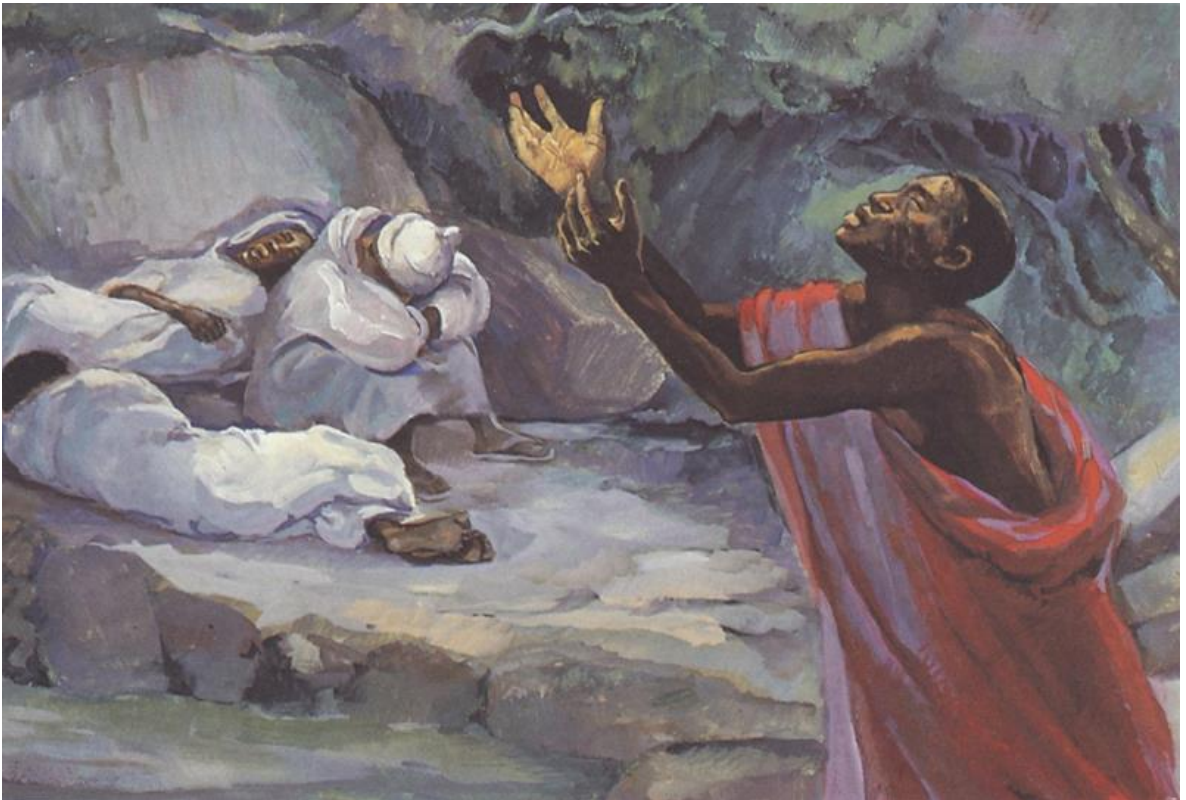
2155 UNIVERSITY AVE | DUBUQUE, IA



April 13, 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 Garden: Risking Temptation



Christ on Gethsemane by Jesus Mafa, 1973

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Enter the Passion”

PALM PROCESSIONAL #265

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Here we are, Jesus.

We find ourselves alongside you in a garden of grief
for the violence so many of this world endure.

We are tired.

We don't know what to do next. And so we sleep sometimes,
hoping to awake from a bad dream.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us face this hour knowing you are always here.

You only ask the same of us... to be present, to be awake.

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.

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

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

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For this is our pas - sion.___ En - ter the pas - sion.___

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SUNG RESPONSE #734

“Gloria Patri”

**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. Then, enjoy treats and fellowship together!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:32-42

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Garden: *Risking Temptation*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #270**

“Oh, How He Loves You and Me”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Jerusalem”

arr. Vogt

***DOXOLOGY #44**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORDS 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 #176**

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Hosanna”

arr. Hayes

* 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 (April 17) which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church campus downtown. *Thank you for your flexibility as we unify our wonderful congregations!*

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.

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."*

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.

GREEN TEAM TIP – RECYCLE Become an avid recycler! Find out where you can recycle items that are not included in your city bin. For example, you can recycle prescription bottles and batteries right here at church. *Containers are in the narthex.* The average life of a cell phone is about 18 months. Recycle and give life again!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TRANSITION: Becky Jenkins, who has served as the Financial Secretary for Westminster Pres over the last seven years, and for First Pres over the last year, recently completed her Master of Business (MBA) degree! Congratulations, Becky! However, this means she will be leaving her position to further pursue her career. **Her last day in the office will be Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025.** *The Personnel Team is working hard to assure all needs of the church are met. Jeff Gladwin, the Church Administrator, will be adding these duties to his position, as we ensure staff roles match the needs of our growing and changing church.*

CALLING ALL KIDS! SUMMER SOUNDS MUSIC CAMP IS BACK at St. Luke's UMC and the Presbyterians are partnering with them! This camp is designed for kids (*kindergarten to 6th grade*) who love or want to explore music and the arts! With helpful camp counselors, church choir members, and music teachers, your kids will have a wonderful time learning new skills! Join the fun **June 23rd-27th, 2025, from 9am - 12pm, ending with a performance on Friday, June 27th at noon.** Cost is \$30 with a \$60 cap per family; our church (WPC/FPC) is covering half the cost per student/family, so when you go to register, just pay half! Register & pay by going to: <https://www.stlukesdbq.org/summersounds>

DREAMING FORWARD: IMAGINING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER! As we join 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!*

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

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.

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

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.

WE'RE AT THE FARMER'S MARKET! We have a booth at Dubuque's Farmer's Market on Saturday May 17th. This will give us a chance to tell folks about our joint summer VBS program with St. Luke and give them an opportunity to sign their children up to participate. We are also letting them know about the Hunger Outreach dates and some activities we have planned in the Fall. **To make this successful**, we need **YOU** to sign up and man our booth. There is a sign-up sheet in the back with times. Help us get the word out about how wonderful we are and SIGN-UP today! Thank You! Questions? Contact Deb Seiffert or Rich Henderson

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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- For **Jeanne Beeghley** who is in Unity Point Hospital.
- For **Deb Stant's** family in Southern Indiana and Kentucky who are dealing with the aftermath of flooding.
- For **all nations** dealing with the new world situation
- **Patt Carmack** continues to recover in Arizona. She welcomes letters and is grateful for the continued support through prayers and the cards she has received.
- For **Paul Uzel** will have surgery at UWMC-Madison on Tuesday, April 22.
- **Gene Meyers**, father of **Jolene Kilcoyne**, who continues to heal.
- 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**.

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! **For Pastoral Care** please call **(563) 279-4545** or the church office.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, April 13th

9:30 – Palm Sunday Worship & Children’s Church at FPC

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

10:45 Choir Rehearsal, FPC

5:30pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship, FH

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

Monday, April 14th

1:00pm – Financial Review, WR

9:00am – Personnel Team, BR

4:30pm – Friends Yoga, Classroom

6:00pm – Pack 20 Parent Mtg., BR

6:30pm – Christian Formation Team, BR

Tuesday, April 15th

9am – Tai Chi, FH

10:30am – Cable Car Quilters, FH

6:00pm – Session Meeting, BR, Zoom

Wednesday, April 16th

9:15am – Staff Mtg., WR

12pm – Lenten Prayer Service, SA

1:00pm – Financial Review, WR

3:30pm – WPC Book Club, BR

5:00 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

Thursday, April 17th

11:00am – Genesis Bible Study, BR

7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service, FPC

Friday, April 18th

12:00pm – St. Luke's hosts the 114th Annual Community Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 19th

Sunday, April 20th

9:30am – Easter Sunday & Children’s Church at WPC

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

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

1:30pm – Worship at Bethany Home

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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CHURCH STAFF

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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

TODAY'S SERVICE:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Susan Ebertz
Musician: Kristen Eby
Greeters: Dan & Marilyn Emmert
Ushers: Randy Roos & Mark Ward
Hospitality Set Up: Carolyn Dausener
Hospitality Clean Up: Lizz Tyler
Snacks: Jenn Brehm

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

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