



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

1 John 4:19

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 4, 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.

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE

Wade in the Water

arr. Mark Hayes

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

If you lift your net and it is empty,
Come here!

We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,
Come here!

We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

If your life is filled with mourning,
Come here!

Christ is leading a dance of joy.

If you hunger and thirst for righteousness,
Come here!

We'll be filled with good things.

Come here, friends,

to give blessing and honor and glory to God!

*SONG OF PRAISE GTG #506 *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, yank us out of our post-Easter slump. Help us to be people of astounding faith, who have seen the light of Resurrection, who know that you have conquered death. Fear cannot claim and bind us. Help us to feel the rejuvenating power of your love in our lives. You have released us to serve others and witness to the glorious good news. Inspire us to move into compassionate ministries to your world. For we ask these things in the name of our Risen Lord.

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. Then, enjoy treats and fellowship together!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21: 1-19

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Throw your net ... again!

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** GTG #523 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

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

The Master Has Come

arr. Mary McDonald

***DOXOLOGY** GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND PETITION**

***SENDING HYMN** GTG #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

arr. Marianne Kim

* 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

CONGRATS GRADUATES! We celebrate this important milestone in your lives; and pray you know God is with you as you take brave steps forward. **HIGH SCHOOL:** *Donovan Dremmel*, son of Mark and Sandy Dremmel; *Adrian Huisman*, son of Pastor Stephanie Ells; *Zachary Heidenrieck*, son of Jacob and Karen Heidenrieck; *Peter Heiderscheit*, son of Jeremy and Michelle Heiderscheit and grandson of Glinda Manternach; *Hector Quintana Jr.*, son of Hector and Christina Quintana; **COLLEGE:** *Ethan Blair*, son of Bryan and Sara Blair; *Douglas Dremmel*, son of Mark and Sandy Dremmel; *Josh Husemann*, son of Frank Husemann and Karla Kaiser. **GRADUATE STUDIES:** *Sandy Dremmel*.

THANK YOU CHRISTIAN FORMATION TEACHERS: It has been a fruitful season of learning and connection in God's name for folks of all ages. Our Christian Formation programs will break for the summer beginning Sunday, May 18th, 2025. *Watch for pop-up opportunities this summer for kids and adults!*

SCRIP WORKSHOP TODAY! Learn more about how our SCRIP gift card program works to support the mission and ministry of our congregation after worship today, May 4, in the Westminster Boardroom. SCRIP fundraising is a method where individuals purchase gift cards for everyday use (like groceries, gas, etc.) from the church, and then we receive a percentage of those sales. It's a **"give while you shop" program**, where you are able to increase your giving to the church by making purchases you would normally make anyway! Led by Karla Kaiser and Shirley Meriwether.

WELCOME SOPHIA! Sophia Zebarth will join our staff as our **Summer Office Assistant** on Monday, May 5th, 2025. She will work Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am-2pm through August. Sophia graduated from the University of Dubuque with her BS in Mathematics this spring, and is set to start a Masters in BioStatistics at the University of Iowa this fall. A pastor's kid who's grown up in Dubuque, she is excited to support the congregation and staff here. *Stop by the office and make sure she feels welcome!*



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.

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 **tonight and next Sunday, May 11th for brainstorming sessions 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!

TREE PLANTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Green Team invites you to join them in our commitment as a congregation to assist *Trees Forever* and the *City of Dubuque* in the development, and care of, a neighborhood orchard at the corner of Hill Street and Caledonia. The first tree planting will be on **Saturday, May 10, at 8:30 am**. This would be a really great family project and a learning experience for kids. If you don't feel physically able, please come anyway to see the action and provide moral support! *If you plan to attend* OR have questions please contact Tom Stovall at 563-581-7220 or tomstov@aol.com.

WE'RE AT THE FARMERS 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's and give them an opportunity to sign their children up to participate. We are also letting them know about the Hunger Outreach dates and church activities we have planned in the Fall. **BUT to make this successful, we need YOU to sign up and help at 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.

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>

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! *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?* Pastor Stephanie would love to talk with you. Simply contact her at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com or (507) 227-8537.

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

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

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

- On Sunday, April 27th, we gathered in the church courtyard for a "**Blessing of the Soil and Gardens**". Each year our church gardens produce around 2,000 lbs. of produce which is given to the Dubuque Food Pantry. Many thanks to our faithful gardeners whose hands "dig in" to helping with this important effort.
- **Cheri Phipps**, who had total hip replacement surgery on April 28th & is recovering.
- **Sandy Garrett**, the wife of new church member, **Gary Wagner**, passed away on Thursday, April 24th, 2025. Her memorial service will be held here at the church on Wednesday, May 28th at 10:00am.
- We celebrate with **Pastor Stephanie** and her engagement to Jeffrey Szalkowski of Peosta, IA. An early summer 2026 wedding is being planned!
- **Arllys Williams**, who is recovering from a fall.
- **Patt Carmack** as she continues to recover in Arizona. She welcomes letters and is grateful for the continued support through prayers and the cards she has received.
- **Lois and Doug Pearce** and their ongoing health issues.
- **HannaRose Otting's** brain health concerns.
- **Josiah Otting's** continued seizures caused by epilepsy.
- **Joyce Veach**, Mary Kay's sister in-law, whose liver cancer has now spread to her lungs.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List**.
- 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.

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, May 4th

9:30 – Sunday Worship & Children’s Church

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

10:45am – Partnership Taskforce, WR

10:45am – Scrip Workshop, BR

5:30pm – Provided Meal, FH

6:00pm – Dreaming Forward: *Imagining our Future Together*, FH

Monday, May 5th

7:00am to 6:00pm – DSOL Flower Sale, FH, K

4:30pm – Friends Yoga, Classrooms

5:00pm – Worship Team., BR

6:00pm – Pack 20 Parent Mtg., BR

Tuesday, May 6th

8:00am – Garden Harvest, FH, K

9:00am – Tai Chi, FH

6:00pm – Girl Scouts, Classrooms

Wednesday, May 7th

9:15am – Staff Mtg., WR

5:00 pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

Saturday, May 10th

9:00am – FPC Session Meeting, FPC Basement

Sunday, May 11th

9:30am – Sunday Worship & Children’s Church

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching

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

5:30pm – Provided Meal, FH

6:00pm – Dreaming Forward: *Imagining our Future Together*, FH

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

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

TODAY'S SERVICE:

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgists: Bryan Blair
Musician: Dr. Luke Tyler
Greeters: Tom & Linda Stovall
Ushers: Carolyn Dausener
Hospitality Set Up: Pat Judge
Hospitality Clean Up: Rich Henderson
Snacks: Pam Adams
Communion Servers: Carol Chesterman, Tom Stovall, Linda Stovall, Annalee Ward, Alex Jack, Tom Boelk, Myra DeLong, Randy Roos

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