

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 UNIVERSITY AVE | DUBUQUE, IA



September 1, 2024 | Morning Worship 9:30 am

Welcome to Westminster! Please sign in so that we can connect with you!
Use the binders in your pew OR text WORSHIP to 563-227-8441

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 saved 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.**

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.

THE BELLS CALL US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission: The Season of Creation by Tom Stovall

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Craig Curry

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness.

On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. On this Lord's day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus

Christ, Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts,

he is the King of glory,

how majestic is his name in all the earth!

*SONG OF PRAISE

How Majestic is Your Name

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, the God of life, we have failed to live up to the high calling as your direct image-bearers. We have prioritized comfort over care, indulgence above equity, self-preservation over communal well-being, the easy choices over the difficult. We are sorry. We want to be better, to do better. God, our provider and healer – inspire us and help us to be ever more respectful and loving of all that you create.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***SUNG RESPONSE** #582 *Glory to God, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:27-2:4

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Entrusted by God

*HYMN OF RESPONSE GTG #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Our World Belongs to God, stanza 10

**As God's creatures, we are made in God's image
to represent God on earth,
and to live in loving communion with God.**

**By sovereign appointment we are
earthkeepers and caretakers:**

**loving our neighbor,
tending the creation,
and meeting our needs.**

**God uses our skills
in the unfolding and well-being of God's world.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS+

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God of Grace and God of Glory by John Hughes/arr. James Kimball

*DOXOLOGY #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN GTG #26

Earth and All Stars

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Marianne Kim

SCRIP gift cards available today in the Narthex.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! Interested in what being a part of these congregations 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.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL PROGRAMMING TO KICK OFF ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH! There will be Children's Church during worship for children ages 3-Grade 3 each week following the Time with Young Disciples, a sermon study after worship on Sundays for adults, and Sunday night activities from 5:30-7pm for all ages. During worship on September 8th, we will commission our Christian education volunteers and pray for their ministry among us.

FPC-WPC MEN'S GATHERING: Join the men folk for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, September 7th at 8:00am at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

THE WESTMINSTER CHURCH BAND is planning to play in worship on September 29th and October 20th. **We would like to invite band musicians from First Presbyterian to join us.** Our only rehearsal is the same morning that we play at 8:45. I can email music ahead of time for musicians to practice if they wish. Interested musicians should contact me at sstulken@gmail.com or (563)542-0035. Sally Stulken

FPC COLLECTS "Food on the First" and "Supplies on the Second." You can bring non-perishable food items to worship and place them in the basket at the entrance labeled "Food on the First." Baby wipes, liquid laundry detergent, and 13 gallon trash bags for the women's shelters in Dubuque can be placed in the basket at the entrance labeled "Supplies on the Second." FPC Deacons will pack the food items and deliver them to the Dubuque Food Pantry after worship on the first Sunday of the month, and the other items will be delivered to Opening

MEMBERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH are invited to attend our final listening session on Sunday, September 8th immediately following worship. This listening session is being hosted by FPC's leadership regarding opportunities for ongoing ministry; including the potential for continued partnership with WPC.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS collected in today's service will be contributed 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. This can be done via electronic giving, mail, or simply holding your pledge until worship is hosted at the church of your pledge commitment.

PASTOR STEPHANIE'S OFFICE HOURS are Tuesdays/Thursdays from 9am-1pm at FPC. As always, it is recommended you contact her via cell phone at (507) 227-8537 with your pastoral needs or to schedule a visit. She welcomes your connections! She encourages you to call ahead of stopping by.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WPC - JOIN US FOR A CHURCH CHAT!

The Session encourages all members of the Westminster Family to attend a Church Chat during the first week of September. The purpose of the chats will be to receive feedback and gather feelings about our partnership with First Presbyterian Church and discuss the direction that we feel the Holy Spirit is guiding us as we look to what form this partnership should take us into the future in a purposeful way.

Please attend one of the scheduled Church Chats listed here:

Today, September 1, following worship at 10:45 AM. in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 4, 10:00 AM or 4:00 PM in the Board Room.

Thursday, September 5, 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

Please join in prayer that God will lead us and guide us in this time of discernment.

FALL BIBLE STUDY: Genesis 1-11 – The Beginnings of God’s Relationship with the World and with Humankind. Marsha Wilfong will be leading the weekday Bible study. The stories are probably familiar: creation stories, Noah and the flood, and the Tower of Babel. But this time we will read them from an “adult” and theological perspective! All are welcome! The study will last 9 weeks. There are two options for participation:

Wednesdays, Sept. 18 – Nov. 13, 1:30–2:30pm, at Bethany Home (Molinare Room)

Thursdays, Sept. 19 – Nov. 14, 11:00am-Noon, at Westminster (Board Room)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the upcoming **Book Exchange**, beginning Sept. 29th and the **Rummage Sale** to be held on Oct. 11 & 12th. Set-up will be Oct. 10th. Volunteers are greatly appreciated for any of those days. To sign up or learn more, call Sue Case: 563-599-5289 or Diane Peake: 563-581-2523. Items can be dropped off beginning Oct. 7th.

HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR JOY TO SHARE? Folks on the **FPC 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 Prayer Chain this way!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST FOR WESTMINSTER

- For **HannahRose Otting** who is struggling with brain health and is in the hospital.
- For **Doug & Lois Pearce** for ongoing health issues. Doug is now out of Hawkeye Care Center and has rejoined Lois at Oak Park Place.
- 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, September 1

9:30am – Collaborative Worship at WPC

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching; with a
Coffee Hour to follow!

Monday, September 2 – LABOR DAY OFFICE IS CLOSED

Wednesday, September 4

5:30pm Nominating Committee meeting in
the Choir Room

Thursday, September 5

9am-1pm Office Hours

Saturday, September 7

8am – Joint Men's Group, WPC's FH

Sunday, September 8 – Kick Off Sunday

9:30am – Collaborative Worship at FPC
(Communion, Children's Church)

Rev. Stephanie Ells preaching with **coffee,
treats and fellowship following worship.**

10:45am FPC Listening Session

5:30pm – Food, Faith & Fellowship, WPC

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available in print form. If you are interested
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Tuesday, September 3

9pm – Tai Chi, FH

6pm – Master Gardeners Class, FH, K

Wednesday, September 4

10am – Church Chats, BR

11:15am – Staff Meeting, WR

4pm – Church Chats

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, SA

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NOTE: WPC, BECKY JENKIN'S WILL BE TEACHING A CLASS AT U.D. THIS FALL. Her office hours will vary. She will have SET HOURS for you to talk with her, if need be. They are: 11:15-2 Mon. & Wed. and 12:15-2 Tues. & Thurs.

CHURCH STAFF

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Deacon of the Month: Deb Stant

Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director: Kristen Eby

Streaming Team: Mark Stant, Tom Boelk

Greeter of the Month: Deb Stant

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WESTMINSTER

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Care Coordinator: Sam Wu

Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler

Choir Director: Steve Peake

Timbrel & Lyre Director: Dr. Luke Tyler

Band Director: Sally Stulken

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler

Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz

Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins

Custodian: Josh Henry

Worship Tech: Emily Delamora

Greeters: Tom & Linda Stovall

Ushers: Sally Madden & Carolyn Dausener

Hospitality Set Up: Pat Judge

Hospitality Clean Up: Pat Edwards

Liturgist: Tom Stovall

Music Ensemble: Handbells (Kristen Eby)

Flowers donated by Jim & Sue Huff In honor of their 65th Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations!

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A COLLABORATIVE WORSHIP SERIES ON STEWARDSHIP
with FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH and WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ENTRUSTED:



September 1	Westminster	<i>Entrusted by God</i>
September 8	First	<i>The Gospel</i>
September 15	Westminster	<i>Creation</i>
September 22	First	<i>Time</i>
September 29	Westminster	<i>Vocation</i>
October 6	Westminster	<i>Neighbors</i>
October 13	First	<i>Hearts</i>
October 20	Westminster	<i>Money</i>
October 27	First	<i>The Church</i>

SUNDAYS 9:30AM

