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### November 3, 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 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**– Share your joys and concerns -Do you have a prayer request? Would you like to share a joy or concern? Please write it down on a Prayer Request Form found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. The ushers will share your request with the pastor following the offering. It will be included in the pastoral prayer.

#### 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.

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

arr. T. Smith

### FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

God of Peace and protector of the poor, we forsake the stale bread of anxiety and seek instead the bread of your Living Word. We turn our hearts to you, the only one who is truly just, so that our living and our dying, our worship and our praying, our singing and our suffering, may not be in vain.

## OPENING PRAYER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying:

**Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

### \*SONGS OF PRAISE #610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

by Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

#### **Refrain:**

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

#### **Refrain**

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

#### **Refrain**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we are tightly bound by the ways of the world, by sin and the power of death. Our hands are not clean, our hearts are not pure, and we have lifted up our souls to what is false and does not satisfy. We are not worthy to ascend your holy hill or enter into your presence. Forgive us, Lord. Purify us. Unbind us from our grave clothes and summon us to new life, for we are helpless to save ourselves. Our hope is in you alone!**

## 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.**

*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**

*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 READINGS** Exodus 32:30-32; Psalm 61; Acts 7:54-60

These are the Words of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

"The Incalculable Influence of the Saints"

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please hold the elements until all have been served.  
All bread is gluten-free.*

### 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** – Handbell Choir      *There is a Redeemer*    by Melody Green/arr. Lloyd Larson

**\*DOXOLOGY** #606

### \*PRAYER OF PETITION AND DEDICATION

**\*SENDING HYMN** #645      *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*POSTLUDE** –      *Toccata on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      J. Wayne Kerr  
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\* You are welcome to stand in body or spirit.

+ Each Sunday we take the opportunity to speak our joys and concerns in a communal setting, so that we may pray for one another throughout the week. You are welcome to share during this time, or simply to listen. Please be mindful we are streaming our worship service, so sharing is public.

**WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** Interested in learning more about these congregations? 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](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com) or (507) 227-8537.

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### The worship schedule for Nov/Dec 2024 will be as follows:

- 1st/3rd/5th Sunday - WPC (Communion on 1st Sunday)
- 2nd/4th Sunday - FPC
- If inclement weather exists, **Sunday morning** worship will be **moved to WPC OR canceled** no later than 7am Sunday morning, and will be posted on the WPC and

FPC website as well as emailed to both congregations. If there are no Sunday morning activities, there will be no Sunday evening activities either. **During the week**, we will follow the **Dubuque Community Schools** closings and/or delays. Please be diligent in planning for winter weather circumstances.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** will be celebrated today during worship. This sacrament is a gift of God, for the people of God; and we welcome you to fully participate with us. If you are worshipping with us online, please utilize food and drink you have available; trusting the power of the Holy Spirit to be present in our community far and wide!

**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.

**WEATHER BAD? IS CHURCH CANCELED?** If inclement weather exists, **Sunday morning worship** may be moved from FPC to WPC OR cancelled. Such a decision will be made no later than 7am Sunday morning and will be posted on the WPC and FPC websites and emailed to both congregations. If Sunday morning worship is canceled, there will be **no** Sunday evening activities. **During the week**, we will follow the Dubuque Community Schools closings and/or delays. Please be diligent in planning for winter weather circumstances.

**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*," and **hygiene items** and place them 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 hygiene items will be delivered to Opening Doors.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Each week, we encourage folks to share their joys and concerns with one another using the Prayer Cards in the pews (and at the back of the church). Please complete a Prayer Card and place it in the Offering Plate during worship, and we will be sure you are lifted up to God in prayer. "*Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*" (Jer. 29:12-13)

**FALL BIBLE STUDY:** Join us on Wednesdays at 1:30 at Bethany Home or Thursdays at 11:00 at WPC in the board room. Leader; is Marsha Wilfong with a study of Genesis 1-11.

“The Beginnings of God’s Relationship with the World and with Humankind.” And God saw that it was Good!

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WPC BOOK CLUB**, will meet on **Wed., Dec. 4th** at 3:30 in the board room to discuss *The Talented Mrs. Mandelbaum: The Rise and Fall of an American Organized-Crime Boss* by Margarlit Fox (Biography)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SUNDAY EVENINGS & WESTMINSTER TABLES**

Please contact Rich Henderson if you can help at 563-580-6289 with food and Deb Seiffert at 563-543-1661 if you can help with the children on Sunday evenings.

### **SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS AT THANKSGIVING**

Members of the First and Westminster family of faith will join together on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28) to provide a place at the table, a free traditional holiday meal and fellowship for anyone in our community who wants to join us. Our volunteers will serve 100 or more of our neighbors between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. No reservations are needed.

Volunteers will be needed from approximately 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to provide hospitality, serve food, wait and bus tables, and clean up. Following the community meal time, our volunteers will be invited to join together for a meal as a church family.

Please sign up to volunteer by using the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary with your name, phone and email. You can also sign up with an email or call to Tom Stovall at 563-581-7220 or [tomstov@aol.com](mailto:tomstov@aol.com).

**MISSION TEAM** is always looking for new members. Now with the combining of our two churches let’s have a truly combined Mission Team. The next meeting is November 11th at 5:30 pm in the Work Room. If you have any questions, please contact: Linda Stovall at [LinStov@aol.com](mailto:LinStov@aol.com).

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**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](mailto: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 **Lisa MacNaughton** who had a spontaneous pelvic bone fracture and needs prayers for healing and pain control.
- For **Joyce Veach**, Mary Kay's sister in-law, who has liver cancer.
- For **Patt Carmack** who is having ongoing medical procedures.
- For **HannaRose Otting** who moved to a residential care facility and is getting settled into her new home and school.
- For **Doug & Lois Pearce** for ongoing health issues.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List**.
- For the family of **Gladys Porter** who passed away Sun., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral will be here at Westminster on November 16 with visitation at 10:00 and funeral service at 11:00. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**For Pastoral Care** please call the **pastoral care # 563-279-4545** with your pastoral needs or call the office at 563-583-1729.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH CALENDAR

WESTMINSTER

### **Sunday, November 3 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – FALL BACK**

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

Rev. Tim Slemmons, preaching; with a **Coffee Hour to follow!**

11am – Unity Celebration Potluck – WPC, Fellowship Hall

5:30pm – Navigating Grief or Loss, WPC, Fellowship Hall

**5:30 pm – NO Food, Faith or Fellowship**

### **Monday, November 4**

11:30am – Westminster Tables, WPC - FH, K

### **Tuesday, November 5**

**7am – General Election**

9am – Tai Chi, WPC-Narthex

9am-1pm – Pastor's Office Hours at FPC

1pm – Property Mtg., WPC - BR

4:30pm – Deacons Mtg., WPC – BR

5:30pm – Streaming Mtg., WPC - BR

### **Wednesday, November 6 – HOTLINE DEADLINE**

11:15am – Staff Meeting at WPC

1:30pm – Genesis Bible Study at Bethany Home

5pm – Handbells Rehearsal, WPC-SA

## Thursday, November 7

9am-1pm – Pastor's Office Hours at WPC

11am – Genesis Bible Study, WPC-FH

1pm – Finance Mtg., WPC - WR

## Sunday, November 10

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

**Coffee, treats and fellowship following worship.**

3pm – Dubuque Interfaith Coalition, WPC - BR

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

6pm – Partnership Taskforce Mtg., WPC - 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](mailto:fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com) or 507.227.8537

## CHURCH STAFF

### A NOTE FROM MARY KAY:

We are trying to go paperless, so please faithfully read your emails from [marykay@wpcdbq.org](mailto:marykay@wpcdbq.org). Also, be sure WPC is in your contacts, so it doesn't go to your junk mail. We want you to be up to speed of everything going on at WPC. Thanks!

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Deacon of the Month:** Deb Stant

**Pastor:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Director of Music:** Kristen Eby

**Streaming Team:** Stant/Boelk

**Greeter of the Month:** Lindsey Ward

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## WESTMINSTER

**Preacher:** Rev. Timothy Slemmons

**Care Coordinator:** Sam Wu #563-279-4545

**Director of Music:** Dr. Luke Tyler

**Handbell Director:** Kristen Eby

**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

**Worship Tech:** Deb Seiffert, Marsha Wilfong,  
Bruce Hallahan

**Liturgist:** Rev. Stephanie Ells

**Musicians:** Kristen Eby, John Eby

**Musical Ensemble:** Handbell Choir

**Greeters:** Tom & Linda Stovall

**Ushers:** Sally Madden & Carolyn Dausener

**Hospitality Set Up:** Pat Judge

**Hospitality Clean Up:** Pat Edwards

**Communion Servers:** Mark Ward, Tom Boelk,  
DeDee Cosgrove, Annalee Ward, FPC.

Glinda Manternach, Myra Delong, Mike  
Jozefowicz and Doug Cheever, WPC.

**Custodian:** Josh Henry