



First Presbyterian Church

"We love because God first loved us."

1 John 4:19

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July 28, 2024 | Morning Worship 9:30 am

Welcome! If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would love to greet you by name.

Nursery care is located in the basement, provided for children through age five.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Unclouded Day

arr. Walz

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!**

Give thanks to him, bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

*SONGS OF PRAISE

Speak, O Lord

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us, Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, And the earth is filled with Your glory.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA PATRI #734**

**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 Matthew 25:14-30

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON The Fruit of the Spirit: *Faithfulness*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #64** *O God Beyond All Praising*

***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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS+

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (inside hymnal cover)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Give Me Jesus

arr. Hayes

*DOXOLOGY #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #409

God of Our Life

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord Ye Heavens

arr. North

* 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.

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 fpcdbg.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 both **Doug & Lois Pearce** who are dealing with multiple health issues. Currently Doug is at Hawkeye Care Center, Rm. 222, in rehab for his fractured leg and Lois has moved to their new residence at 1381 Oak Park Place, Rm. 205.
- For **Gary Scoggin** as he recovers from another heart procedure.
- For the family of **Mary Stovall** who passed away on July 19. Mary was Tom and Linda Stovall's sister-in-law.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List**.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S JOINT BREAKFAST: WPC & FPC men are meeting for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, August 3rd at 8:00am at Westminster in the Board Room. All ages are welcome to join.

THE POURING OF THE WATER INTO THE FONT at the beginning of worship engages our physical senses in worship of God. Hearing the water and seeing it poured connects us to the sacrament of Baptism, a sign & seal of our being marked as Christ's own forever. By carrying in the water during the prelude, children are offered an opportunity to participate in worship leadership.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO UTILIZE THE PILLOW CUSHIONS placed above the coat racks at the back of the church if it is difficult for you to sit in our hard pews.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS collected in today's service will be contributed to the general fund of First 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.

FOOD AND HYGIENE DONATIONS! Remember to bring non-perishable food items and hygiene items to worship at FPC and place them in the baskets at the entrance labeled "Food on the First" and "Supplies on the Second." The FPC Deacons will pack them up and deliver them to the Dubuque Food Pantry and Opening Doors.

PASTOR STEPHANIE IS ON VACATION through July 29. For emergency pastoral needs please contact Rev. Marsha Wilfong, 563-583-6571.



CHURCH POOL PARTY TONIGHT

for our congregations!
This is open to all ages.
Bring yourself, your family and
friends for a **FREE** swim

TODAY from 5-7PM at Sutton Pool.

There will be a food truck there if you
would like to purchase dinner as well.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AND PICNIC – Sunday, August 4th at Westminster

A wonderful opportunity for members of First Pres. and Westminster to join in an outdoor service including communion. Worship will be followed by a Church Picnic for all. Westminster will provide brats, hamburgers and corn. **Please bring a side dish and a dessert to share.**

WPC BOOK CLUB – Our next read is: *Churchill's Secret Messenger* by Alan Hlad

We will be discussing this book Aug. 21 at 3:30 in the Narthex at WPC.

A riveting story of World War II and the courage of one young woman as she is drafted into Churchill's overseas spy network, aiding the French Resistance behind enemy lines and working to liberate Nazi-occupied Paris...

FARMER'S MARKET THANK YOU - I wish to thank my team who worked hard at the Farmer's Market! This includes my co-organizer Karen Heidenreich, Rich Henderson for his donation of seeds, and Merrill Crawford for the use of his tent which we would have baked under the sun without. Of course, our workers, Lizz Tyler, Dan Emmert, Alex and Allie Wankerl. Last but not least, a big thank you to Don Schauf for his creative designs for the bags and banners. These definitely grabbed the attention of the market attendees. We had 63 people sign up for the "tent" prize! I can't wait to do this next year! - Deb Seiffert

GREEN TEAM TIP – Use Green Transportation

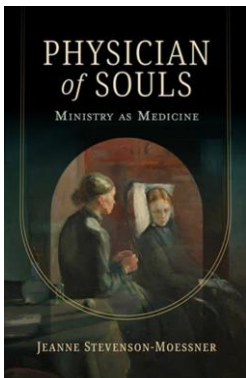
Make a plan as to how you can reduce your carbon footprint as you get from place to place. Can you walk or bike instead of driving? Can you use public transportation or join in carpooling? Can you group errands together to reduce the number of trips?

Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 8 p.m.

Rev. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner will be at River Lights Bookstore on Main Street, Dubuque, for a book signing and short reading of *Physician of Souls: Ministry as Medicine*.

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner a PCUSA minister who worships at Westminster in the summer months has published a book. **Physician of souls**, a term used by John Chrysostom (4th century), has been long forgotten in the church and theological circles. It is a connective term that links those who primarily tend the physical bodies of the suffering to those who primarily tend the emotions or the psyche or the soul.

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner retrieves, expands, and applies the term for religious and spiritual leaders (lay and ordained) in their response to pain, illness, moral injury, soul-wounding, and crisis. In offering mercy and hospitality, you may be a **physician of souls**.



CHURCH CALENDAR

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday, July 28

9:30am – Collaborative Worship at FPC
Rev. Marsha Wilfong preaching with
**coffee, treats and fellowship following
worship.**

1:30pm – Worship at Bethany Home

5:00-7:00pm – Pool Party at Sutton Pool
with Food Trucks

Tues & Thurs., July 30 & Aug. 1 9am-
1pm Church Office Hours

Friday, Aug. 2 9am-12 pm – Pastor at
JKP Council Meeting

Saturday, Aug. 3 8am – Men's Joint
Breakfast at WPC, Board Rm.

9-11am – FPC Leadership Team Meeting
(Elders & Deacons)

Sunday, August 4

9am - Coffee and Donuts

9:30am – **Outdoor Worship at WPC with
Communion**

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Picnic to follow.

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Monday, July 29-5:30pm

Hospitality/Outreach Mtg., BR

Wednesday, July 31

11:15am – Staff Meeting, WR

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Breakfast at WPC, Board Rm.

9am – Kitchen Prep for Picnic

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

OFFICE HOURS at WPC are Mon.-Thurs.

9 am-2 pm.

CHURCH STAFF

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Deacon of the Month: DeDee Cosgrove

Guest Preacher: Rev. Marsha Wilfong

Liturgist: Sara Blair

Musicians: Kristin Eby, Laura Rousell, John Eby & Steve Peake

Greeter of the Month: Alex Jack

Coffee Hour Hosts: Mark and Annalee Ward

Streaming Team: Blair

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Care Coordinator: Sam Wu #563-279-4545

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

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with **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** and
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

June 2	First	<i>To Live By the Spirit</i>
June 9	Westminster	<i>Knowledge of the Holy Spirit</i>
June 16	First	<i>Love</i>
June 23	Westminster	<i>Joy</i>
June 30	First	<i>Peace</i>
July 7	Westminster	<i>Patience</i>
July 14	First	<i>Kindness</i>
July 21	Westminster	<i>Goodness</i>
July 28	First	<i>Faithfulness</i>
August 4	Westminster	<i>Gentleness</i>
August 11	First	<i>Self Control</i>
August 18	Dbq. Arboretum	Annual Multi-Church Service with St. Luke's UMC
August 25	First	<i>Giving Thanks</i>

9:30 AM

