

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2155 UNIVERSITY AVE | DUBUQUE, IA



August 4, 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

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me

arr. Heather Sorenson

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Holy Spirit, come with healing power;

Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with us God's love.

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to us even now O Lord of Life,
And fill this place with your presence!
We praise your name and rejoice in your love,
We stand in utter amazement of who you are!
Everyone who calls upon you will find fulfillment,
They will rejoice forever, because you are God!
Rejoice and give thanks!
Halleluiah! Amen!

***SONG OF PRAISE** GTG #182 *I heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O, Holy Spirit, work in us, and through us, to glorify yourself. Cleanse us and mold us into the people that you want us to be. Let us operate in the fruits of your Spirit, God: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control—we want it all. These are the defining characteristics of who you are, and if we want people to see *you* in *us*, we need these characteristics to define us as well. Make it so, Holy Spirit. Clear out the junk in our hearts that is preventing us from being fruitful. Burn us up in your refiner’s fire so that all that’s left is your righteousness.

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

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 19:9b-12, 15

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING John 8:1-11

These are the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON The Fruit of the Spirit: “*Gentleness*”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #301** *Let Us Build a House*

***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

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Mary McDonald

***DOXOLOGY #606**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING HYMN GTG #436 *For the Healing of the Nations*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

They'll Know We are Christians

arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIP gift cards available today in the Narthex.

JOIN US TODAY at the Church Picnic

Brats, hamburgers, corn provided. Please bring a side and dessert.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FPC and WPC are engaged in an adventure of faithfulness this summer; as we were so beautifully reminded through Rev. Marsha Wilfong's sermon on July 28. We invite you to continue to pray and discern, along with each Session, using these questions as a guide: Is it possible that we can better utilize what God has entrusted to us together than separately? Can our collaboration encourage our faithfulness, and strengthen our faith? Should we perhaps risk investing in God's future together, rather than simply holding onto the capital of our past? Do we trust God to guide us and provide for us in our efforts to serve God in faithfulness? What might that look like? What would it feel like? What risks are involved?

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!

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.

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.



I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards flowers and calls I received during my recent fall and hospitalizations. All was much appreciated!

Arlys Williams

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 the family of **Jerri Maxwell** who passed away on May 12th.
- For **Doug & Lois Pearce**. Doug is in rehab for his leg and Lois is struggling with heart issues.
- For **Terry Harris** in Room 417 at Mercy. Prayers for recovery.
- For **Cheryl**, Deb Seiffert's sister, for pain relief and productive healing of her arm.
- For **Gary Scoggin** as he rehabs from another heart procedure.
- For **Linda Stovall** who is having a total knee replacement surgery tomorrow.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List**.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS AND FOOD NEEDED - On August 8th we will be serving a meal for 80 plus people who are attending U.D.'s Seminary Intensive Training. Here are the details on what we need:

We serve starting 11:45AM

Need helpers from 9AM to 1PM -- call Rich so he knows

Need colorful salad

Need brownies, bars with fruit & cookies

Salads & desserts need to be at the Church kitchen by 10AM

Call Rich Henderson, 563-580-6289 on the salads & desserts so we know what we have!

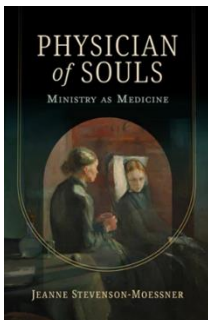
Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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, August 4

9am - Coffee and Donuts

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

Rev. Stephanie Ells, preaching
Picnic to follow.

Tues. & Thurs., August 6 & 8

9am-1pm Church Office Hours

Tuesday, August 6

4pm – Christian Education Team Mtg.
(Zoom)

Saturday, August 10

11am-2pm – FPC Leadership Team Mtg.

Sunday, August 11

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1pm – Property Mtg., BR

4:30pm – Deacons Mtg., BR

Wednesday, August 7

8am – Prep for UD Meal, K

10:00am – Staff Meeting, WR

Thursday, August 8

8am – Prep for UD Meal, K

11:45 UD Seminary Meal, FH

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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.

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

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

Communion Servers: Alex Jack, Judy Sheridan, Deb Stant, Lindsay Ward

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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: Sue Dravis & Carolyn Dausener

Hospitality Set Up: Pat Judge

Hospitality Clean Up: Pat Edwards

Liturgist: Tom Stovall

Communion Servers: Denise Reyerson,
Deb Seiffert, Mike Jozefowicz, Doug
Cheever

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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** 

