



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
186th Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
20 February 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Praise to the Lord

Johann Walther

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 37

Leader:

Let us delight in our God,

People:

and gratefully receive the desires of our hearts.

Leader:

Let us commit our ways to God,

People:

because when we trust, God acts.

Leader:

God illuminates the path of justice,

People:

so that we might follow in faith.

Leader:

God is our refuge in the time of trouble;

People:

our helper, our rescuer, our savior.

All:

Come O Church, let us sing in joy. Amen.

***Hymn 305**

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and loving God, too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude. Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy. Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love and kindness. Forgive us and give us your perspective that we may see your hand in the circumstances within our lives. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

*Sung Response	Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us	Hymnal, Back Cover
*Declaration of Pardon	Leader: Friends, believe the good news. People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you. All: Thanks be to God.	
*Response of Praise	Gloria Patri	Hymnal, Back Cover
Anthem	The House of the Lord	Ann Ker
Children's Sermon	<i>Students in grades Pre-K-5 will go to Sunday school class during the Congregational Response.</i>	
Congregational Response	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.	<i>Houston</i>
First Scripture Reading	Genesis 45:1-11, 15	Pew Bible, OT page 42
Second Scripture Reading	Luke 6:27-38 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	Pew Bible, NT pages 64-65
Sermon	The Gift of Mercy	Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer <i>The text: "But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. Luke 6:27"</i>

Anthem

The Great Commission

John Carter

Go! Go! Go and preach the gospel!
Go into the world and tell the good news!
Tell the world how he came to save.
Tell them what his message cost.
Tell the world how he came to save
every single soul who's lost.
Tell the world what he came to say:
"I am Truth and I am Light!"
Tell the world what he came to say:
"Love the Lord with all your might!"
Tell the world how he healed the lame,
how he made the blind man see.
Tell the world how he healed the lame,
how he set the sinners free.
Go! Go! Go into the world and tell the good news.

*Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Mission Statement

Westminster Presbyterian Church believes it is in the world for ministry. With each new day, we affirm our common purpose: to join in the worshipful praise of God; to teach the children, to lead and inspire the young, and to call everyone to life-long learning in the church; to be influential participants in society, by being accountable to the Gospel; to show the love and compassion of Jesus Christ toward each other, and toward those who are hurting; to be a caring community welcoming both friends and strangers; to own our Presbyterian heritage, reformed and always reforming; and to be prayerfully open to the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. Let the door of this church be a way to service. Amen.

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**Prayers of the People
and The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal, page 35

**The Presentation
of Our Gifts**

*At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass
the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.*

Offertory

Madrigal

Louis Vierne

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy and loving God, give us grace to reflect your
character and show kindness toward friend and enemy.
Make us joyful in giving that we may live as your children
and testify to your grace and mercy within our lives.
Amen.**

***Hymn**

Mission Statement Hymn

Woodlands

***Charge and Benediction**

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***Voluntary**

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.



MISSION STATEMENT HYMN

A Metrical Paraphrase by
Dale Thomas Rogers, 1994

Walter Greatorex, 1919



1. This church is in the world for min - is - try. With
2. With one ac - cord, re - spond - ing to your word. Our
3. This church is in the world for min - is - try. Res -
4. This liv - ing church, re - form - ing, ev - er new; give
5. This church is in the world for min - is - try. With



1. sure con - vict - ions may our faith pro -
2. ad - or - a - tion, hymns and prayers we
3. pon - sive to the hurts and needs of
4. height - en - ed vision that we see your
5. hope, faith, love, we praise the Lord of



1. claim the love of God to our com - mun - i - ty; a
2. bring. Our young we nur - ture in your path as - sured that
3. all. Seek - ing so - lu - tions for so - ci - e - ty, we
4. ways. With quick - en'd pulse, we con - se - crate to you em -
5. Hosts. Serv - ing all ways the bless - ed trin - i - ty; Cre -



1. fer - vent wit - ness to Christ's ho - ly name.
2. ev - er - more God's ho - ly truths may ring.
3. strive al - ways to heed the Gos - pel's call.
4. pow - er'd lives to serve you all our days.
5. at - ing God, your Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Jeanne Pittman, Julie and Jim McDonough
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head), Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Jim Rigney, Marilyn Rigney, Mike Sundquist, and Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady and Pete VanGieson
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Westminster Choristers, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Youth Egg-tastic Mission Trip Fundraiser (Parish Hall)**
Members and friends enjoy breakfast served by the youth. Body and soul are nourished for worship and the Annual Meeting. *ALL DONATIONS SUPPORT THE 2022 YOUTH MISSION.*
- **9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Earth Care Team (Library)** Led by Dr. Peter Kieffer
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week: “Abraham and Sarah” *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5** begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. (Third Floor Chapel) “Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man” *Teachers: Karen Sherrick and Cathy Brower*
- **11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. 186th Meeting of the Congregation (Sanctuary)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are can be found on our website at www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, speak to Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi.

THANK YOU TO THE HUNGER ACTION TEAM whose members provided 75 sack lunches to the Salvation Army Warming Center on Friday, February 18.

DR. KIEFFER’S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY meets **Thursday from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.** for a study of the parables by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. This week’s parable is “The Pearl of Great Price.”

COMPASS FOR KIDS resumes this **Tuesday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m.**

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets **Tuesday, February 22, 6:00-7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library. The book selected for February is *In Lincoln’s Shadow: The 1908 Race Riot in Springfield, IL* by Roberta Seneschal de la Roche.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.** hosted by Dr. Diane Rutledge (3935 Surry Place Lane, 62711). The lesson is chapter five “Ruth 3-4.” Please text Diane directly to R.S.V.P. at 217-725-3016. *We will not meet March 2 because of Ash Wednesday!*

ADULT ED FORUM PRESENTS GIANTS on **Sundays, March 6, 13, 20** This three-session course will behold the lives of the three nineteenth century giants Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Elijah Lovejoy, who led abolitionists in our congregation and across the land towards emancipation. Dr. Peter Kieffer will lead the class and is grateful to Archivists Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer for their extensive research

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

THEME: LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT

5:45 P.M. CHICKEN ALFREDO AND CAESAR SALAD DINNER IN PARISH HALL

A free-will offering will be received.

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Child-friendly meditation presented by Rev. Christian Choi,

Bridges children will serve as liturgists.

St. Andrew's Sisters provide special music.

Communion served to worshipers in their pews,

Ashes imposed as worshipers exit sanctuary,

Childcare provided during worship for children Birth – Age 5.

This year a simple **ceramic dish with an engraved cross** will be distributed to worshipers as a reminder that God is often at work through the ordinary in our journey through *Lent*.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIA CONSTANT CONTACT AVAILABLE THROUGH LENT

Members and friends who sign up with Jennie Alt will receive a daily devotional via constant contact as we journey through Lent together. The devotional "Lent in Plain Sight," was written by Presbyterian pastor and former Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, the Rev. Jill J. Duffield. She draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection.

Please sign up with Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) to receive the Lenten Devotional Daily Email. Westminster will cover the copyright cost for each email sent.

LENTEN COURSE: MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION AND RESILIENCY

Mondays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Virginia Dolan will lead a Lenten course as we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. This class is the evidence-based program from Benson Henry Institute at Mass General in partnership with Harvard Medical School. The cost of the book will be subsidized by Westminster and will be \$30. **If you are interested in participating, please contact Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter at ranell@comcast.net.**

LENTEN GIVING:

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** denominational offering will be received during Lent. This is an opportunity to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and empower the poor and oppressed.

A **Lenten Coat Drive** will collect coats in the West Narthex. These coats will line the center pews of our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday and then they will be donated to Contact Ministries.

WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, February 21

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 22

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM Compass for Kids
- 4:45 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
- 5:00 PM Hunger Action Team (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:30 PM Family Ministry Committee (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 6:00 PM Apostle's Read (Library)
- 7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters Rehearsal (Offsite)

Wednesday, February 23

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Library)
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 4:00 PM Bridges (Youth Room)
- 4:00 PM Property Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 4:45 PM Choristers (Music Room)
- 5:00 PM Membership Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee (Pastor's Study)

Thursday, February 24

- 6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 7:30 PM Choir (Parish Hall)

Friday, February 25

Saturday, February 26

- 11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, February 27

- 9:00 AM Congregational Care (Pastor's Study)
- 9:30 AM New Member Session (Library)
- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Chapel)
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group

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