



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
First Sunday of Lent
6 March 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Préambule

Louis Vierne

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: **The journey begins in the wilderness.**

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

People: **Like Jesus, we are not alone.**

The Holy Spirit is with us. God's word is on our lips.

Leader: Our call is to trust God and every word that comes
from God's mouth for we shall not live by bread alone.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Lenten Candle Service

As we extinguish the first Lenten candle and begin our journey into the wilderness with Christ, we remember the loving presence of God's spirit and the words given to Christ in a time of temptation. May God give us that same strength and grace when we face temptation to be less than our best self. Let us pray:

Holy and loving God, in you we live and move and have our being. Everything we have comes from you, every breath, every moment, every relationship, every provision, our daily bread. May your Word sustain us and nourish us along our way. Amen.

***Hymn 166**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

***Prayer of Confession** Loving God, forgive us when we fail to trust in you, when we are swayed by false words or when we speak false words. Holy God, forgive us when we pray for easy lives rather than for your powers to equal the tasks before us. Forgive us when we fall short of living our best 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. Amen.**

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

Children's Sermon *Students in grades Pre-K – 5 will go to Sunday school class during the Congregational Response.*

Congregational Response Spirit of the Living God *Living God*
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Pew Bible, OT pages 180-181

Second Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13 Pew Bible, OT page 61
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Daily Bread Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Text: Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live by bread alone." Luke 4:4

Anthem

Blessed Jesus, God Incarnate

Gabriel Faure

Blessed Jesus, God incarnate, born of Mary, a virgin pure.
By thy suffering thou hast saved us; by thy death
Our redemption assure. Cleanse us by the blood and water
flowing from thy wounded side. Feed us with thy broken
body; let thy love in us reside. O Jesus, bless us. O Jesus,
thou son of Mary, grant us thy mercy. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives. 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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Jean Langlais

*Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

*Prayer of Dedication

God of daily bread and the wilderness,
in days of want and in days of plenty
you have been with us.
By these gifts we now share,
may others know of your providence and
be nourished for the journey before them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 509

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

*Charge and Benediction

*Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in e-minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Bill Schnirring, on the occasion of his birthday, by the Germeraad and Dungan Families.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Lenten Candle Service:** Jeanne and Pete VanGieson
- **Greeters:** Christy, Karl, Bryce Pound, and Harold Hale
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head), Mervice Alah Abung, Rich Canady, Terry Haynor, Julie McDonough, Jim Parker, Bruce Strom, and Brinton Wilkey
- **Safety Team:** John Stafford and Mary Ray
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery) gather for play and Bible Story. This week: “Daniel in the Lions’ Den” *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 (Third Floor Chapel) following the Congregational Response. “The Wild Test (of Christ)” *Teachers: Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** Confirmation (Third Floor Classroom) BGBQ: Session 2 & 4: Who is your Lord and how do we know and trust God? *Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Jim Kincaid*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon** Adult Education Forum (Second Floor Classroom) presents GIANTS. This three-session course highlights the three nineteenth century giants Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Elijah Lovejoy, who led abolitionists in our congregation and across the land towards emancipation. (Thank you to Archivists Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer for their research.) *Leader: Dr. Peter Kieffer*
- **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Senior High Youth Group (Parish Hall) gather for fellowship and discussion. Theme: How are we called to make a difference? *Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray*

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. New members will be received and recognized on Sunday, March 27.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING 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.

UKRAINE DISASTER RELIEF – Westminster welcomes donations which will be forwarded to the designated Disaster Assistance Fund for the denomination. Please write in the note: Ukraine Relief.

LENTEN COAT DRIVE – We are collecting new or lightly used coats in the West Narthex which will line the center pews of our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday and then be donated to Contact Ministries. Thank you for the 22 coats donated already.

LENTEN COURSE: Mindfulness, Meditation, & Resiliency meets Mondays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. To date over 20 have registered and will begin tomorrow in the Second Floor Classroom. The books have been donated so there is no cost to participants. Come join us!

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION & FELLOWSHIP gathers Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM gather this Wednesday, March 9, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Temple B'rith Sholom (1004 S. 4th St.) Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to join us as we gather with our friends from other faith communities. Parents and children are welcome to drive directly to If your child needs transportation, please email Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST is Thursday, March 10 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. Todd Wise, Chair of the Support and Endowment Committee with give a presentation on the Westminster Support and Endowment Plan. Richard Leary will provide breakfast.

**TEACH THE
CHILDREN
SO IT WILL
NOT BE
NECESSARY
TO TEACH
THE ADULTS**
— Abraham Lincoln



DANCING WITH THE STARZ FUNDRAISER is **Saturday, March 12** at 7:00 p.m. To keep everyone safe, the 15th Annual Dancing with the Starz, Color Compositions, will be taking place virtually on **Saturday, March 12**. This year, **Drs. Jonathan and Katie Carlson-Eastvold** will represent WPC, sponsored by James J. Greenwald, D.D.S., Becky and Rich Owens, and Marty Sumner. A week-long silent auction filled with original art, fun experiences, gift cards, and more will also take place. Members are invited to watch and take part in the silent auction. You can vote for Katie and Jonathan and support the Springfield Art Association at: <https://www.springfieldart.org/dwts.html>

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The lesson is on “Mary 1 and 2.” Contact Sue Baker at 217-670-2052.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m.** in Third Floor Classroom. The lesson is on “Mary 1 and 2.” For more information, contact Nancy Canady at 217-899-9890.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet **Friday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Following a meal provided by the church, Dr. Diane Rutledge will speak about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five.

CONFIRMANDS VISIT TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM on **Friday, March 18**, at 6:30 p.m. junior high youth and their parents will gather at Temple B'rith Sholom in Springfield for worship and a visit with Rabbi Lynn Goldstein. She is the first female Rabbi in Springfield area. Afterwards, we will have dinner together and share what we have learned and experienced.

FAIR TRADE will be held **Sunday, March 20** in the West Narthex.

DALE ROGERS' ORGAN RECITAL is **Sunday, March 20 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary featuring the Music of Bridge, Couperin, Bach, Scarlatti, Carter, Franck, Elmore, and Saint-Saëns. The Presbyterian calendar has designated March 20 at “Mr. Rogers' Day.” Come, celebrate Westminster's dedicated and gifted Mr. Rogers!

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets **Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** The Apostles Read Library Book Group will meet Tuesday, March 22. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. The March book is *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu.

TRIVIA NIGHT is next **Sunday, April 1** at 5:00 P.M. Each year, members support our youth at the Trivia Night Mission Trip Fundraiser. *Questions begin at 5:30 p.m. Dine in!* (\$5) and *Come play!* \$15 per person. This year we are excited to welcome Aaron Berkowitz and Mark Luttrell who will create and present the questions. Sign-up yourself or your team online at our website or at <https://bit.ly/3lxTdYv>



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS TAKEN APRIL 28-30, MAY 17-18, AND MAY 24-25, 2022- Westminster's last Pictorial Directory was published in 2018. This year's directory will be published by Unique Church Solutions of Universal Church Directories. Mark your calendar, gather your family members and don't miss this opportunity for a family portrait! Thank you to the Board of Deacons for coordinating this important endeavor.



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10
10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, Sunday school children and youth will lead us in the processional with palms and their One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes. The center aisle pews will be lined with donated coats. The Westminster Children's Choir will sing and the Westminster Choir will sing *Arise, My Soul* by Dan Forrest.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ART DISPLAY
April 10-17 in Parish Hall

Artwork depicting the Passion of Christ will be displayed in Parish Hall. Through the eyes of renowned artists, we will witness Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week leading to His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Westminster's Labyrinth will be displayed in Parish Hall during Holy Week for those who would like to practice this discipline of prayer.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE, APRIL 14
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Reverend Christian K. Choi will preach and the Westminster Choir will sing *At the Foot of the Cross* by Dengler. This service will include the solemn stripping of the Chancel accompanied by the *Adagio for Strings* of Samuel Barber and the Seven Words of Christ.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17
8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach, and the Westminster Choir will be joined by members of the Millikin Brass in Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* and *Christ the Lord is Risen Again* by Stopford and other festive music for Easter Day. The Chancel will be filled with the cross of lilies, a cherished tradition at Westminster.

Easter Egg Hunt in Parish Hall follows 10:00 a.m. Worship.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, March 7

- 5:30 PM Mindfulness Lenten Course (3rd Floor Classroom)
6:30 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, March 8

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM COMPASS
4:45 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (off site)

Wednesday, March 9

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (Pastor's Study)
5:30 PM Board of Deacons (3rd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, March 10

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
1:00 PM PEO BF
6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM Westminster Choir

Friday, March 11

- 4:00 PM Girl Scout Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
5:00 PM Meal delivered to Helping Hands Shelter

Saturday, March 12

- 11:00 AM Church Mice
3:00 PM Girl Scout BHM Fashion Show (Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Dancing with the Starz – Live Streamed

Sunday, March 13

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 AM Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K- Grade 5)
11:15 AM Adult Education Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)
11:15 AM Confirmation (3rd Floor Classroom)

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