



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday of Easter
24 April 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Rising Up Kate and Michael Morthland

Voluntary Dialogue Jean Adam Guilain

***Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

***Call to Worship** Psalm 118:14-29

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our might.

People: We thank you Lord that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

***Hymn 257** The Risen Christ

Woodlands

***Prayer of Confession** God of the empty tomb, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. 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 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. *(Repeat twice)*

First Scripture Reading 2 Kings 7:1-16 Pew Bible, OT page 338-339

Second Scripture Reading John 20:19-31 Pew Bible, NT page 115
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Peace on Earth Rev. Christian K. Choi
Text: Jesus said to them... "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." *John 20:21*

Anthem The Kingdom

André Thomas

Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost,
that's the Kingdom of God.
Don't you want to be a part of the Kingdom?
Come on everybody! Oh, yes, there's joy in the kingdom!
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
We are part of the earth. The perfumed flowers are our sisters,
the deer, the horse, the eagle, these are our brothers.
All things are connected. Rivers our brothers,
Earth our mother. The earth is the Lord's.
That's the Kingdom of God.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Belhar Confession

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

The Church at Prayer

Choir:
Surely the presence of our God 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 our God 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 Voluntary in D William Boyce

***Offertory Response** Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** Almighty God, the sovereign of the earth, we ask you for your blessings our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered for all your creation on earth. In Christ's name, Amen.

***Hymn 14** For the Beauty of the Earth *Dix*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Trumpet Tune in D John Stanley

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Erin Elzea and her Grandmothers, Naomi Elzea and Pat Calcaterra by Chris, Butch, Meg, and Meredith Elzea.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald Boutelle
- **Greeters:** Pat and Alan Hymans
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher), Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Erin Ekstedt, Mia Marcy, Susan Shaw, Bruce Strom, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Brad Steller
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, Bass, Dale Rogers, organ
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

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's lesson: "Go and Tell" *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor, Lynn McMenamain, Meg Kontio*
- **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. This week's lesson: "Memory and Surprise" *Teachers: Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt*
- **11:15 a.m. – Noon** **Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)** presents "Women's Suffrage History." This series will look at the history of efforts by American women to gain the right to vote. We will look at the beginnings of the suffrage movement in the 1840s, key figures in the movement, leading suffrage organizations and the history of the 19th Amendment. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz (Ph.D. in History from U of I Chicago).
- **4:00 Organ Recital by Dale Rogers** at the First Methodist Church (201 W North St. in Decatur). It is a different repertoire than the program played here at Westminster.
- **5:00 p.m. Youth Group (Parish Hall)** Summer Mission Trip Update Meeting

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.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM: Women's Suffrage History today at 11:15 a.m. and next Sunday, May 1. This series will look at the history of efforts by American women to gain the right to vote. We will look at the beginnings of the suffrage movement in the 1840s, key figures in the movement, leading suffrage organizations and the history of the 19th Amendment. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz (Ph.D. in History from U of I Chicago).

AN ORGAN RECITAL will be presented by Dale Rogers on Sunday, April 24. 4:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church (201 W North St, Decatur, IL 62522). It is a different repertoire than the program played here at Westminster.

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

THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet **Tuesday, April 26. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library. The April book is On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder. Snyder is a historian of 20th century Europe, focusing on Eastern Europe (including Ukraine) and the history of 20th century authoritarianism.

THE HUNGER ACTION TEAM will prepare a meal on **Wednesday, April 27**. Please contact Krista Steller ksteller@wpcspi.org to participate.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS will be taken **April 28-30, May 17-18, and May 24-25, 2022**. Sign-ups may be made online at (www.ucdir.com) for the dates listed above. Stop by the table in the West Narthex following worship today and a deacon will assist you in the sign-up process.

CONTACT MINISTRIES ANNUAL PROM will be **Friday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m.** Members of the Mission and Community Service Committee will represent Westminster at our table for this fundraising event. We are grateful for the outreach and compassion of this organization which we have partnered with since its beginning.

APRIL GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MARCH MENU Canned Chicken/Tuna, Canned Fruit in 100% Juice, and Baked Beans or Veggies. Feminine hygiene products, diapers, toilet paper, toothpaste. (No baby food, please.) Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex and to Jess Werner who delivers them to the Central Illinois Foodbank.

YOUTH SUNDAY - On **Sunday, May 1** our youth will lead us worship with the theme “Follow Me.” Seniors and Rev. Christian Choi will present the meditations. Junior and senior high youth will serve as liturgists and ushers. Special music will be provided by our youth accompanied by Dale Rogers.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets **Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Jeanne VanGieson (3928 Rocky Falls Road 62711). We will discuss Lesson Seven “Mary 1 and 2”. RSVP directly to Jeanne at 217-341-9255.

PW LUNCHEON on **Friday, May 6**. Join Presbyterian Women in Parish Hall at noon for lunch and Installation of Officers. RSVP to Jennie Alt at 217-522-4415 or online at www.wpcspi.org.

SUFFRAGE PLAY: RISING UP! On **Friday, May 6** and **Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, May 8 at 12 noon** The Women’s Suffrage Play *Rising Up of the Springdale Ladies Aide Society* written by Carole Kennerly and directed by Kelly Robertson will be presented **MOTHER’S DAY WEEKEND** with a Friday and Saturday evening performance for the community at 7:00 p.m. and a 12 noon Sunday performance in Parish Hall. The play will be introduced with a brief musical presentation. There will be a Tea Reception following worship Mother’s Day on the West Terrace. *Attendees are asked to make a donation to the 2022 Youth Mission Trip.*



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

THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM will meet Thursday, May 11, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Springfield Arts Association (700 North 4th Street) for their final 2021-2022 gathering. Children and Youth grades K-12 will participate in a special art project as we culminate our year together with the theme “Be the Light.” Sign up with Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE PERSONALIZED BIBLES Children in the third grade will receive their personalized Bibles on Sunday, May 8, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Our Ministry Partner Team of Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans, Sara Eldridge, and Linda Purves have been preparing the children for this milestone event on their faith journey. Each child will receive a NRSV Spark Bible with their name engraved on the cover.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020, 2021 AND 2022 will be recognized and commissioned on Sunday, May 15, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a time of celebration and a milestone on the faith journeys of our youth. The Board of Deacons will host a reception honoring the Confirmands following worship.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GARDEN PARTY will be **Saturday, May 18** at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Kathy Germeraad (1800 Illini Road, Springfield). Come, enjoy a brunch and fellowship. RSVP to Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org and let us know if you need transportation. The members of the PW Ruth and Naomi Circle will serve as hostesses for this year's brunch.

RAISING BUTTERFLIES ROUNDTABLE will be hosted by the Earth Care Team on Sunday, May 15, 11:15 a.m. The discussion will be led by Susan Shaw. Come, join the conversation!

HEROES OF THE FAITH MUSICAL

On Founders' Sunday, May 22, the Westminster Choristers will present "Heroes of the Faith." The musical is a field trip through the Heroes of the Faith Museum where we encounter Moses, Deborah, Elijah, and David.



WCP CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY on Founders' Sunday, May 22, 2022. All WCP alums are invited to join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool, recognize the vision of those who created our preschool, and honor the teachers and parents who have served through the years.

2022 FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 22

50th Anniversary of Westminster Cooperative Preschool Dedication of Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Plaque

Westminster will celebrate Founders' Sunday May 22 as we give thanks for the vision and fortitude of the thirty charter members who gathered on May 26, 1835 to begin our journey together. This year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool and Dedicate the Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Plaque. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. and a picnic reception following in Parish Hall.

Each year on Founders' Sunday, the Endowment Committee thanks those who have given and invites others to join the Albert Hale Circle. Those who make a gift by Sunday, May 15, will be included in the Albert Hale Circle that will be published in the bulletin on May 22 and in the June Reporter.



BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY is June 5. All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 5 bulletin and the June Reporter. Please contact Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) with information.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, April 25

- 9:00 AM King's Daughters Board Meeting (3rd Floor Classroom)
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 26

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM Compass for Kids (Parish Hall)
6:30 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (off site)

Wednesday, April 27

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
10:30 AM WCP Spring Fun Fair (Parish Hall)
12:30 PM Reporter (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Warming Center Meal Prep (Kitchen)
4:00 PM Bridges (Youth Room)
4:45 PM Choristers (Music Room)
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

Thursday, April 28

- 11:00 AM Congregational Fellowship (Conference Room)
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Choir Room)

Friday, April 29

- 6:00 PM Contact Ministries Prom (Illini Country Club)

Saturday, April 30

- 11:00 AM Private Memorial Service for Marge MacPherson (Library)

Sunday, May 1

- 10:00 AM Parish Nurse Ministries (Church Office)
10:00 AM Worship Service – Youth Sunday (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 5)
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)

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