



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pentecost and Founders' Sunday
23 May 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voluntary

Processional on *Lift High the Cross*

Andrew Carter

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

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Samantha Magalis

Leader:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being;

People:

we thank you for your steadfast presence among us and in your whole creation.

Leader:

We delight in the legacy of faith which binds us with those who have come before us.

People:

Fill us with your Spirit, that through truthful words, just actions, and steadfast love,

Leader:

we may witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sure foundation.

*Processional Hymn 826

Lift High The Cross

Crucifer

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Holy and loving God, we confess that we have failed to open our hearts to the power of your Spirit. Too often we continue the divisions of Babel, speaking in tongues that confound rather than clarify, hurt rather than heal, divide rather than unite. Forgive us and breathe into our lives your healing and liberating grace. Enable us to stand firmly on the sure foundation of Christ and to grow into a deeper understanding of who you are and who you call us to be. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

***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

Sacrament of Baptism *Katrina and Doug Opperman present their daughter, Sloan Louise.*

Baptismal Response

Waterlife

I was there to hear your bawling cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong:
I was there to hear your bawling cry; I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Children pre-K through grade 5 depart with Mrs. Milward for Sunday School on the third floor, where parents may pick them up following worship.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-8, 12-18

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. (pause)

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

Amen.

Anthem Thy Church, O God

Eric H. Thiman

Thy Church, O God, her heart to thee upraiseth;
With her the nation bows before thy face:
With high thanksgiving thee thy glad church praiseth;
Our strength thy spirit, our trust and hope thy grace.

Unto great honor, glory undeserved,
Hast thou exalted us, and drawn thee nigh.
Nor, from thy judgments when our feet had swerved,
Didst thou forsake, nor leave us, Lord most high.

Unto our minds give freedom and uprightness;
Let strength and courage lead o'er land and wave.
To our soul's armour grant celestial brightness,
Joy to our hearts, and faith beyond the grave.

Our plenteous nation still in power extending,
Increase our joy, uphold us by thy word:
Beauty and wisdom all our ways attending,
Goodwill to all, and peace through Christ our Lord.

Second Scripture Reading Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Sure Foundation

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." Romans 8:26

Anthem Christ is Made The Sure Foundation

Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, the head and cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one.
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness, hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one.
One in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run.

Latin, 7th Century

The Church at Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his 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: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

The Presentation of our Gifts

Offertory Andante Festivo Andrew Carter

***Offertory Response** Doxology

***Pentecost Offering Dedication**

Pastor: O God, on the day of Pentecost you came in the rush of the wind and filled your followers with your Spirit. As we dedicate this Pentecost Offering, we thank you for the mentors in our lives who have provided us a sure foundation.
People: **God the Spirit: We give you thanks.**
Pastor: Through your Spirit you call each to use the gifts you have given us. On this Founders Sunday, we thank you for those who have come before us to lay the foundation of this community of faith, sharing their gifts with energy, imagination, intelligence, and love.
People: **God the Creator: We give you thanks.**
Pastor: Like the flames alighting the disciples, you lit our founders with a passion for your justice. We thank you for the ways they have emboldened us with a sense of your justice in the world and inspired us to work for mercy and peace.
People: **God of the Cross: We give you thanks.**
Pastor: From our youth you have taught us, O God, and we still proclaim your wondrous deeds. We thank you for the sure foundation provided by the legacy of faith campaign and the Albert Hale Circle.
People: **Holy Triune God, we give you thanks. Amen.**

***Hymn 463** How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, through all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no, never forsake.”

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** St. Wilfrid’s Suite: Final

Andrew Carter

() The congregation is invited to stand.*

Flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of Mary Schirring on her birthday,
May 24, 1929 and in celebration of our precious new grandson,
Hallum Wells Walden, born May 13, 2021 by Kathy & Randy Germeraad.

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff

Rev. Dr. Lonnie H. Lee, Former Pastor and Head of Staff

Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life

Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

Samantha Magalis, Liturgist and Youth Assistant in Sunday School

James Maeda, Macklin Metzger, Acolytes

Benjamin Parker, Bible Carrier Jessica Borland, Cross Carrier

Mia Marcy, Wind and Fire Banner Carrier

Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts

Westminster Choir Lyle VanDeventer, Bass

Bud Green (Spanish), Sophia and Diana Choi (Korean), Toshi and James Maeda (Japanese),

Carolyn Swanson and Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold (French),

Eleanor VanDeventer (German), Pentecost Readers

Bob Fox and Krista Steller, Videographers

Dee Dee and Rick Duffy, Greeter

Sara Eldridge, Tara Fritsch, Bud Green, Alyssa Haaker, Rachael Hickman

Gregg Humphrey, Julie McDonough, Mike Sundquist, Ushers

Julie James and Todd Knox, Safety Team



ALBERT HALE CIRCLE

In May of 2015, on the 180th Founders' Sunday, Westminster dedicated the BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH TWENTY-YEAR Anniversary Endowment Campaign and established the ALBERT HALE CIRCLE with a goal to grow Westminster's Endowment from \$1.7 to \$5 million by 2020. Currently, \$1,589,975 from the 101 pledges totaling \$1,646,620 has been received. Additionally, non-pledge gifts and gifts exceeding pledges of \$2,830,349 were donated. **The market value of the Support and Endowment Fund was \$8,308,882 on March 31, 2021.** *This does not include planned gifts.*

The **ALBERT HALE CIRCLE** is listed below and includes pledges, gifts, pre-campaign gifts and planned gifts. Reverend Hale, pastor from 1839-1866, laid the cornerstone for the legacy of faith and sure foundation we are building together in the Westminster Endowment Fund.

Cornerstone

(\$250,000 and above)

Fern Garrett Estate*
Betty & Henry Dale Smith, Sr.
Dale Smith, Jr.

Foundation

(\$150,000 to \$249,999)

Kathy & Randy Germeraad
Lynne O'Shea †
Mary & William Schnirring Estate

Tower

(\$100,000 to \$149,999)

Harry Bergmann*
Memory of Ruth Bergmann
Garvey Estate*
Alice Stuart Payne Estate*

Keystone

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Paul Bowman Estate*
Linda & Grady Chronister
Louise Cragoe †
Sue & Roland Cull
Linda Culver Memorial*
Carolyn & Dan Dungan
Evelyn Jensen †
Blythe & Peter Kieffer
Judy & Todd Knox
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee †
Preckwinkle Families
Jean & William Sherrick
Jean & William Sherrick*
Nancy & Bill Simpson
Marty Sumner

Pillar

(\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Silvey & James Barge
Frances Batchelder Estate*
Bennett Estate*
Mina & Harry Bentsen
Velda & George Finney*
Kathy & Randy Germeraad*
Gerry & Harold Hale
Alice Lambert Estate*
Ruth Langdon Estate*
Emma Mae Large Estate*
Ann & Bill Lienemann
Trudy M. & Douglas C. Nelson
Karen & Andrew Sherrick
Hannah Morrow Siebert Estate*

Marty & Alan Stutz
Barbara Sutton Estate*
Eleanor Wahlbrink*
Martha & Jeff Wilday
Martha & Jeff Wilday †
Lisa & Todd Wise
Sharon & Elvin Zook

Samaritan

(\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Jane & Steve Arbuthnot
*Honor of Julia & Steven
Arbuthnot's marriage*
Kathie & Michael Nenaber
Rebecca & Lionel Stirrett
Dorothea Thrasher Estate

Advocate

(\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Anonymous
Frances & Edwin Bay*
Dorothy D. & William Black Trust*
Carolyn & Keith Beatty*
Mark Beatty*
Leah & Martin Duling
Chris & Butch Elzea
Sharon & Matthew Gilmour
Helen Hansen Estate*
Irwin & Becker Estate*
Evelyn Jensen Estate
Priscilla & Tim Kluge
Margot Kramer
Carol & Walter Lohman*
LaVerne Marlowe Estate*
Bev & Jim Orr †

Honor of our Family

Dorothy Park Estate*
Holly Howe Parker*
Jeanne & Glen Pittman
Cathy Schwartz & John Shafer
Dorothy Temple*
Don Thompson Estate*
Marjorie VanNattan Estate*

Counselor

(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
George Adams Estate*
Katrina Archer
Jan & Cliff Baxter
Sandy Bellatti
Carolyn Berning

Don Blackburn Estate*
Meridith & James Bryans
Eleanor Copper Foundation*
William Deemer, Jr.
Linda N. Dillard
Hazen & Roland Folse
James S. Francis Estate*
Barbara Greening

Memory of Gershom K. Greening

Christie, Robyn & Will Hovey
Louise Kuehn Estate*
Eleanor & Richard Leary
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee
Judith & Tom Lewis
Ann & Bill Lienemann*
Mary Caroline & David Mitchell

Robyn Newton
Sally & Stan Papp

Memory of Dr. & Mrs.

W. J. Trainor

Judy & Fred Prillaman
Patricia Albrecht Purdy Estate*
Mary Ray

Memory of Doris Ray

Julie & Randy Robbs
Ruth Robert-Roland*
Diane Rutledge
Elaine Ryder Estate*
Sue & Steve Scaife
Schemmerhorn Estate*
Linda & Bill Schlosser
Linda Shaefer
Mary Anne & James Singleton
Julie & Michael Sundquist
Carolyn & Brad Swanson
Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer
Jeanne & Peter VanGieson
Sue & Jesse Werner
Cheryl & Neville White
Jean Williamson Estate*
Sarah & Bob Zerfas

Companion

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Anonymous
Anonymous
Carolyn & Keith Beatty
Catherine Brower
Joann & Doug Brown*
Ellen & Rance Carpenter
Ann W. Colliins
Deborah & David Coontz
Memory of David M. Coontz

Carol & Dick Cordier
*Memory of John S. &
Theda Muirhead and
George & Dorothy Cordier*

Lois Davis Memorial*

Gale & Jack Fixmer

Elsie & Robert Fox

Joseph A. Harrison

Ione Hermann Estate*

Renee Housel Estate

Nancy & Keith Huston

Marci & Bill Irvine

Mary & Charles King

F. Wells Langbehn

Mary & Bob Leffler

McCaugh Estate*

Patricia McKenzie

Mary Ann Nation

Memory of James Nation

Richard Newton Estate*

Stan & Barbara Papp

Memory of

Sally Trainor Papp

Sharon Reynolds

Judy Ridinger

Leona Sangster Estate*

Robert A. Stuart

John Thompson Estate*

Alan J. Wallace

Friend

(up to \$2,499)

Anonymous

Anonymous

Norma Adams-Johnson

Marc Anderson

Charlotte Bailey

Jane R. Barry

Neil Bassett

Ella Grace & Robert Bengel Estate*

Meleah & Aaron Berkowitz

Meggan & Brady Bird

George Botanga

Jo Ann Brown Estate

Nancy & Richard Canady

Linda & Ed Caupert

Alexander Moore Chipman

Sophia and Christian Choi

Stephanie Churchill

Ada & Stephen Cobourn

Memory of Loved Ones

Marilyn Cohen

Robert Copper Estate*

Robert Cordier

Catherine Cragoe

John Cross

Betty Dawkins

Judy & Dan Dees

Virginia & Jim Dolan

Hannah M. Dreitcer

Tempa Dunn

Betsy Dye

Chelsea & Adam Ekstedt

Helen Evenson

Joseph Fierstos

Donna & Francis Foster

Carmel Fratianni

& Michael Schneider

Deanna & Donald Funk

Honor of Dale Rogers

Melanie & Bud Green

Anne & David Haaker

Roberta & Richard Hendee

Mal Hildebrand

Pat Hildebrand-Culler

Tamika & Jacob Hill

Sandy Hill

Sandy & Jon Hockenyos

Renee Housel

Katharine M. Hughes

Thomas H. Janeway

Minnie Lee Jones Estate*

J. M. Keller

Kathleen H. Kenyon

Paul Denham Kieffer

Beth & Jim Kincaid

Clyde Knock*

Karen Kraft

Memory of Amolee McIntyre

Valerie & Dave Leonatti

Naomi & Robert Lynn

Katie & Carl Matteson

Teresa & Terry McElwee

Sarah & Trajan Iliff McGill

Jack McKee Estate*

June McKee Estate*

Kathy & Bill Meriwether

Lisa Metzger

Memory of

Mary & Edmond Metzger

Leigh & Kevin Milward

Carolyn & R. L. Moore

Kathy & Tim Moore

Memory of the Koessel

& the Moore Families

Stephanie S. Moore

Bev & Ken Morey

Madelyn Morris Bogue

Memory of Richard Morris

Joyce Newcomb Family

Tom Owen

Mary & Harold Perkins

Michelle Power

Claire & Richard Priller

E.L. Pruitt Co.

Linda & Mark Ranck

Marilyn & James Rigney

Kelly Robertson

Mary Gail & Steve Romack

Memory of Helen & Clyde Knock

Kim Leistner Root

Memory of Dorothy Irvine

Debra (Pollock) Rudis

Memory of Laura Pollock

Betsy Ruklick

Susan & Grant Russel

Memory of Joseph Dawkins

Jo Ann & Eric Schmidt

Susan R. Shea

Rebecca Sherrick

*Honor of Dr. & Mrs. William
Sherrick's 60th Anniversary*

Donna Solomon

Suzann & Thomas Spada

Krista & Brad Steller

Paula Stewart

Strawbridge Estate*

Bruce Strom

M. Jill Sullivan

Debbie & Skip Turnbull

Sharon Turner

Mary Waddell Estate*

Rosemary Schussle*

Elizabeth E. Unglaub

Memory of Margot Kramer

James Wilday

Charles Wilkin

Memory of Rebecca Wilkin

Kate Wilson

Amy & Sam Xanders

Marlene Zimmerman

Testamentary

(Amount Unknown)

Janie & Clay Bahlow †

Sandy Bellatti †

David Becker †

Virginia & Jim Dolan †

Carolyn & Daniel Dungan †

Gale Fixmer †

Kathy & Matt Fogal †

Donna Garman †

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William Wright †

New since last published

* Pre-campaign gift
† Planned gift

PENTECOST DENOMINATIONAL OFFERING DEDICATED

The Pentecost Offering will be dedicated in today's worship. This is the second year Westminster participated in the Pentecost denominational offering which unites the church by helping youth begin their life with a solid foundation of faith. Forty percent of all gifts stay within Westminster and our portion will support the 2021 Youth Mission Trip as the pandemic has prohibited in-person fundraisers.

Twenty-three youth and ministry partners will participate in this year's mission (July 11-17, 2021) to Little Rock, AR. They will work with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at the Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center. An educational component includes visiting the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN and other historic places in Little Rock. Among those places visited will be Heifer International (which our youth have supported with their Sunday School offerings for many years).

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MINISTERS WALL

Today on the 186th Founders' Day, we are delighted to introduce the "Ministers Wall" of Westminster's 18 senior ministers above the wooden pew near the Tower Door. Thank you to the Archives Team of Sue Cull, Carol Bloemer, and Dale Rogers who created this lovely gallery of photos in wooden frames. A pamphlet with a brief history of each minister was also created to accompany the framed black and white photos.

DR. LEE'S NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOK AVAILABLE TODAY

Dr. Lee will sign copies of his new book this morning following worship in the West Narthex. *A Brief History of Belle Isle Plantation, Lancaster County, Virginia, 1650-1782* was published by Heritage Books in 2020. In the book, Dr. Lee identifies and interprets the rich cache of surviving archival and primary records relating to the Virginia colonial plantation that came to be called Belle Isle. After a long history as a Native American settlement visited by Captain John Smith in 1607 and 1608, this Rappahannock River plantation was first patented by Thomas Powell (d. 1670) as English settlers were pouring into this part of Virginia in 1650. In 1692, a Huguenot-Anglican immigrant clergyman named John Bertrand (c. 1651-1701) purchased this 500-acre plantation that he later enlarged to 924 acres.

Dr. Lee has graciously donated a copy to our library. Books are available for purchase (\$22.50) today and a portion of the cost will go to the Special Church Support Endowment Fund in support of the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor.

FAIR TRADE SALE

Westminster will host a table today in support of Fair Trade. We offer coffee, tea, and chocolate for sale in the West Narthex after worship, sourced to support economically just, environmentally sound farming practices. Thanks to Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson for leading this ongoing mission.

FOUNDERS' SUNDAY PICNIC RECEPTION THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

Thank you to all who purchased a chicken meal for today's Founders' Picnic in support of the 2021 Youth Mission Trip. The picnic lunch provided by Nelson's Catering includes ½ grilled chicken, potato salad, green beans, roll and butter. The cost of the meal is \$12 (additional donations are welcome).

Those who plan to dine in and join us for the picnic in Parish Hall will pay for their meal at the table located inside the South Door to Parish Hall. After payment, you are invited to pick up your picnic box on the counter along the north wall and find a seat at socially distanced tables in Parish Hall and on the West Terrace.

Those who plan to eat at home are invited to pay for their meal at the table located near the North door in the Narthex and pick up your picnic box at the same location. Other members and friends are invited to pick up their dinner at the drive-through in the parking lot.

Thank you to our youth, ministry partners Suzanne Borland, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray, and Rev. Choi for providing our Founders' Sunday Picnic as we collaborate in the spirit of Pentecost.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Session has called a Congregational meeting Sunday June 6 following worship for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Trajan I. McGill who has accepted an I.T. position as a Development Lead at Blend. Trajan's last Sunday with us will be June 13. A reception honoring Rev. McGill and his ministry will be held on the 13th.