



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sacrament of Communion
11 July 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Allegretto grazioso Frank Bridge

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

***Call to Worship** 2 Sam. 6:5,14

Leader: Come, let us worship God with the passion
and joy of King David and all the people.

People: **who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.**

Leader: Come, let us worship our Savior with songs of praise.

People: **God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ,
who joined us in the dance of life.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God's Holy Name. Amen.

***Processional Hymn 1** Holy, Holy, Holy! *Nicaea*

***Prayer of Confession** Holy, holy, holy Lord, you are the God of glory. We confess that we often forget that your holiness is dangerous. We take our impurities for granted, make excuses for the sins we commit, and expect you to overlook the harms we cause while still demanding justice from others. Forgive us and return us to a right relationship with you for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent prayer 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

Congregational Response Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Children in grades Pre-K-2 will go to Summer Sunday School class following the Congregational Response.

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 6:1-15

Pew Bible, OT page 249-250

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

A Time to Dance

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: "David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might..."
2 Samuel 6:5

**2021 Youth Mission
Commissioning**

**The Presentation of Our Gifts
and Prayer of Dedication**

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

Offertory

O, Divine Redeemer

Charles Gounod

O Divine Redeemer! I pray thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins! Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my soul; fearful, I cry to thee; come to mine aid, O Lord! O Divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my Savior.

Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all of the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...
Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying,

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

The elements are served without interruption. Partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may symbolize our unity in Christ.

Music at Communion

I Choose Love

Mark Miller

In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love.
In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score, I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.
When my world falls down, I will rise. When my world falls down, explanations can't be found, I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.
In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love.

***Prayer after Communion**

Holy and loving God, you have shared with us the bread of life in this holy communion. We thank you for the foretaste of your heavenly banquet. May we live into the full humanity of Jesus Christ so that we may honor you, accept change with grace, touch the lives of others, and inspire them to join us in the dance of life. Amen.

***Hymn 157**

I Danced in the Morning

Lord of the Dance

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Dancing Toccata

Christopher Steele

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Worship Leader:** Karen Sherrick
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Jim Kontio (Lead), Mary Ray, Krista Steller, Bill Ward, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Marc Anderson, Aaron Berkowitz, Todd Knox, Avery Pound, John Cross, Norma Adams-Johnson, John Stafford
- **Communion Prep:** Mary Ray, Bill Deemer, Carol Bloemer, Ann Collins, Krista Steller
- **Music:** Eleanor VanDeventer, Soprano, Lyle VanDeventer, Bass, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Greeters:** Julie and Jim McDonough and Jeanne Pittman
- **Ushers:** Nathaniel Brower (Captain), Jessica Borland, Erin Ekstedt, Tara Fritsch, Bob Leffler, Mary Peura, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel, Ushers
- **Safety Team:** John Stafford

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery) gather for play and Bible Story. This week: Everyone Gets Upset. *Caregivers: Ella Kurmann and Annie Sherrick*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children Pre-K – Grade 2 begin in worship with their families & go to the Third Floor Classroom following the Children's Sermon for Summer Sunday school. The story this week is: *The Parable of the Lost Coin.* *Teacher: Karen Sherrick, Erin Winn*
- **11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Youth Mission Team Depart from the Parking Lot following a circle prayer with parents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about us is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining, speak to Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi.

2021 YOUTH MISSION THEME: MENDING LINKS, BREAKING CHAINS IS BASED ON JEREMIAH 33:3

Today sixteen youth will be commissioned during worship. They join adult mentors **Suzanne Borland, Cathy Brower, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Amanda Kurmann, and Mary Ray** led by **Rev. Christian Choi** (Associate Pastor for Family Ministry) on a mission to Little Rock, Arkansas July 11-17 to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at the Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center. In addition to the missional work, the youth and mentors will be visiting the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN, and other historic places in Little Rock. The WPC youth will **lead worship next Sunday, July 18.**

Braden Barton
Grace Batterman
Drew Borland
Jessica Borland
Emily Brower
Jeffrey Elms

Luke Elston
JT First
Madison Kruger
Clayton Kurmann
Ella Kurmann

Samantha Magalis
Benjamin Parker
Avery Pound
Bryce Pound
Matthew Scott

2021 VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ADVENTURE ISLAND: QUEST FOR GOD'S GREAT LIGHT

We are excited to serve 10 families and 17 children this summer with our school. At the end of June, families picked up a kit with materials to create science experiment to accompany the weekly, virtual, day of VBS. Families skits, snacks, music, crafts, and experiments to help "shine God's great light **Two** was emailed to participating families on Thursday, July 8. Lesson Thursday, July 15.



at-home vacation Bible the daily crafts and a will share Bible stories, into our world." **Lesson Two** will be emailed



2021 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK - AUGUST 2-6, 2021

TEAM BUILDING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, JULY 22, 5:30 P.M.

The Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force is recruiting ministry partners for this year's service week August 2-6. Join this neighborhood outreach as we get collaborate on projects, build community with one another, and get to know our neighbors. Sign up today in the West Narthex or on our website.

THANK YOU MEALS ON WHEELS MINISTRY PARTNERS who provided this community service the week of July 6-9 and will provide next week July 12-16: *Peggy Ashline and Karen Springer, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Mary King and Marilyn Rigney, Mary Caroline Mitchell and Olivia Simonson, Mary Ray and Gayle Wilson, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Krista Steller.*

HELPING HANDS - The July 9 Helping Hands meal was prepared by Janie Bahlow, Sally Godbey, Julie James, Pat Picchi, and Amy Xanders. Marc Anderson will provide milk. We are still in need of ministry partners for October, November and December!

LITTLE PANTRY AT GRAHAM ELEMENTARY – The Little Pantry supplies are stocked regularly by our Mission & Community Service Committee. Items are located on shelves on the lower level by the elevator. We encourage our ministry partners to use the supplies that are provided. Donations are still encouraged. Contact Lisa Runkle for reimbursement for donations. Sign-up to stock the pantry is available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b49a8ae22a3f85-little>.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JULY MENU *Canned spaghetti or pasta meal, canned fruit in juice or water, rice bagged or boxed, disposable razors, hygiene products, and diapers (size 3 or above).* Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank and to Jess Werner for delivering the donations each month.

CONTACT MINISTRIES BACKPACK COLLECTION - Once again WPC will Contact Ministries as we collect backpacks to be distributed at their **Ready School Event on Thursday, August 19, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.** We will collect **Sunday, August 15.** Around 250 school-aged children will receive a new Ministries and a new pair of Payless shoes from Share the Spirit! Last year, backpacks! Now more than ever the kids in our community need the the West Narthex.



partner in ministry with **for Success Back to backpacks** through backpack from Contact we collected 185 support. The basket is in

WESTMINSTER WILL SERVE AS A VACCINATION SITE on **Monday, July 19 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.** This is open to the public, as well as members of the church. A registration link will be available, but it is NOT required. Walk-ins are encouraged. The clinic will offer the Pfizer shot for ages 12 & up and the Johnson & Johnson one dose shot for ages 18 and older. The second shot date is scheduled on August 9. Please contact Jennie Alt or Ellen Carpenter for questions.

FELLOWSHIP AND CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES

Knit 2 Purl 4 – K2P4 invites members and non-members to join In-person knitting weekly on Tuesdays at 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The monthly knitter's lunch is on the first Tuesday of each month at Noon in the Second Floor Classroom. Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship with all who attend.

ILLINOIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AROUND THE TOWN CONCERT will be hosted by Westminster on Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. as a part of a Chamber Music Festival running four days that week and featuring musicians from the Illinois Symphony.

NOMINATIONS WELCOME

THE 2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now receiving nominations for the following positions of leadership at Westminster: **Deacon (Class of 2024), Elder (Class of 2024),**

Nominating Committee (Class of 2022), Strategic Planning Committee (Class of 2024),

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, emailed to the committee chair, Jim Kincaid, at jbkin@comcast.net or placed in the Nominating Committee's mailbox on the wall in the West Narthex by the Edwards Street doors. Please complete by August 15, 2021. Nominees will be presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

2021 Nominating Committee members: *Jim Kincaid (Chair), Carolyn Swanson, Mary King, Bill Deemer, Camille Massey, Alan Stutz and Julie Sundquist*

Name of Nominee _____

Recommended for (check choice)

Deacon Elder Nominating Strategic Planning Ass. Pastor Nom.

1. Qualities that would make this person a good church officer

2. Past experience/current interests and activities in the church

3. Helpful information: special skills, training, employment, community involvement, etc.

Your Name (optional) _____

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, July 12

Youth Mission Team in Arkansas
9:30 AM Meals on Wheels Delivery

Tuesday, July 13

Youth Mission Team in Arkansas
9:30 AM Meals on Wheels Delivery
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM SNE Mission Task Force (2nd Floor Classroom)

Wednesday, July 14

Youth Mission Team in Arkansas
9:30 AM Meals on Wheels Delivery

Thursday, July 15

Youth Mission Team in Arkansas
8:00 AM VBS Email Sent
9:30 AM Meals on Wheels Delivery

Friday, July 16

Youth Mission Team in Arkansas

Saturday, July 17

Youth Mission Team Travel Home

Sunday, July 18 - Youth Mission Team Lead Worship

10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)

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