



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism
Recognition of New Members
15 August 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Oboe Sonata: Allegretto

Camille Saint-Saëns

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 111

Leader: Come, give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

People: **We come as a congregation to praise the Lord.**

Leader: The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

People: **The Lord is gracious and merciful and mindful of the covenant God had made.**

Leader: With gratefulness, let us praise God's holy and awesome name forever.

People: **Come Sing, O Church, in joy!**

*Processional Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Merciful God, you remind us that you are our Jehovah Jireh, God who provides. Every blessing that we have, they come from you. But sometimes we forget how we are loved and cared by you. We wallow in our difficulty; we fail to love others and ourselves as you have first loved us. Forgive us and teach us to examine our lives and to follow you more closely. Remind us again that we are your beloved and you are the Bread of Life, who sustain us and encourage us in our daily walk. 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

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Response

Waterlife

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

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

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 111

Pew Bible, OT page 562

Music

Oboe Sonata: Andantino

Camille Saint-Saëns

Second Scripture Reading

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-15

Pew Bible, OT page 304 & 306

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Be Thou My Vision

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Text: Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" 1 Kings 3:9

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

***Prayer of Welcome**

We, as a church of Jesus Christ, lovingly receive you to our communion. We welcome you to this fellowship with us, in the blessings of the gospel; and we promise to treat you with Christian affection, to watch over you with tenderness, and to offer our prayers on your behalf.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Hymn**

We All Are One in Mission *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

We are all one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

The Church at Prayer

Leader:

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.

Leader: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

The Presentation and Dedication of Our Gifts

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

Offertory Cantilena Robert Schumann

Offertory Response Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** Holy God, we thank you for your generous outpouring of
grace in our lives and for the vision you provide. May
these gifts of time and labor which we present to you
embody our desire to share your love and to become a
source for hope in the world. These things we pray in
Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn 450** Be Thou My Vision *Slane*

*Charge and Benediction

***Voluntary** Sortie Noel Rawsthorne

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

<p>In Memoriam Pamelia Waughop 08/02/2021 United with Westminster 05/10/2015</p>
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SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Worship Leader:** Benjamin Parker
- **Greeters:** Carolyn and Keith Beatty
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Captain), Sara Eldridge, Bud Green, Rachael Hickman, Gregg Humphrey, Nancy Huston, Richard Leary, and Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady and Mary Ray
- **Music:** Lucy Yockey, Oboe, Logan Campbell, bass, Dale Rogers, organist,

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: Rufus and His Angry Tail. *Caregivers: Ella Kurmann, Leigh Milward*
- **9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Special Session Meeting (Parish Hall)** to receive new members.
- **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: The Parable of the Pearl. *Teachers: Karen Sherrick and Cathy Brower*
- **11:00 a.m. Reception in West Narthex** – The congregation is invited to greet new members and enjoy coffee, lemonade, and cookies following worship.
- **11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Circle (Second Floor Classroom)** gather to attach Bible verses to the Contact Ministries Backpacks. *Leader: Sue Baker*

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is celebrated in today's worship service as:

Kate and Michael Morthland present their son Walter Everett. Walter's grandparents are Jane and Mark Morthland. The assisting elder is Krista Steller and the child representing the congregation is Diana Choi.

NEW MEMBERS were received this morning at a Special Session meeting. We welcome:

M. Brownell (Brownie) Anderson by Reaffirmation of Faith. Brownie grew up at Westminster, began her career in medical education at SIU School of Medicine, then at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in Washington, D.C. and recently retired from the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) at Philadelphia. Brownie moved back to Springfield in August of 2020. Her sponsor is Carole Kennerly.

James McDonough by Reaffirmation of Faith. Jim grew up in Chicago, the oldest of seven children within an Irish catholic family, and moved to Springfield to pursue a Master's degree in Public Administration. He recently retired from a career in State Government working in a variety of agencies as Chief of Staff. Additionally, he developed a consulting company which worked with government agencies and non-for-profit organizations to develop residential and occupational opportunities for individuals with special needs. He also served as an Alderman in Ward 10. Jim has two daughters and two grandchildren. His

marriage to Julie Pittman in December of 2016 brought him to Westminster. Jim's sponsors are Julie McDonough and Jeannie Pittman.

Debbie and Jim Parker by Letter of Transfer from Hope Church. Deb and Jim met in Chicago while she was teaching international students English and U.S. culture and Jim was completing his law degree at Loyola. They moved to Springfield to raise their sons, Jacob and Benjamin. Jim worked with the States Medicaid Program and currently works for the University of Illinois as a consultant developing healthcare policy for the State. Deb continued her teaching career at UIS and Benedictine University and after completing her Ph.D. in 2016, accepted a faculty position at Western Governors University. Debbie and Jim's sponsors are Christy and Karl Pound.

Benjamin J. Parker by Reaffirmation of Faith. Ben is a 2021 graduate of Springfield High School and has been active in our youth group since the Fall of 2018. Ben will attend the American University in Washington, D.C. this fall. Ben's sponsor is Avery Pound.

Judith and Harvey Stephens by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Illinois. Judy and Harvey met in Colorado and spent their first years of marriage in Chicago while Harvey completed his law degree at the University of Chicago and Judy worked at Marshall Fields. Harvey grew up in Springfield and is Senior Counsel for Brown, Hayes, and Stephens. Judy grew up in New England and made her home in Springfield raising their three children, Winnie (died in 2006), Harvey M. and Scott. Judy also served as a volunteer in community organizations and within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). They have two grandsons. Judy and Harvey's sponsors are Dee Dee Gain and Dale Rogers.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

HELPING HANDS MEAL on Friday, August 13 was prepared by Dee Dee Duffy and Nancy Canady.

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. Sign-up to stock the pantry is available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b49a8ae22a3f85-little>.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH AUGUST MENU *Beef Stew, Applesauce, Pancake Mix, and Syrup, Dry Cereal, 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 At the time of this printing, we have collected **145 backpacks**. Immediately after the Sunday worship service on August 15, Elizabeth Circle members will gather in WPC's second floor classroom to place a Bible verse backpack tag on each of the donated backpacks. *The basket is in the West Narthex.*

COMPASS FOR KIDS - During the 2021-2022 school year Compass 4 Kids will return to in-person gatherings at Westminster on **Tuesday, October 19 at 3:00 p.m.** Westminster hosts Compass for the students at Graham Elementary School. **If you are interested in joining this meaningful and dynamic team of ministry partners, contact Ann Collins, Dr. Kieffer, or sign up on Sunday, September 12.**

GRAHAM ELEMENTARY IS SEEKING MENTORS/TUTORS to work one-on-one with children and help them with the basics in reading and math. Graham is flexible on the amount of time you can give. Contact the parent educator, Brittany Rummans, with questions at brummans@sps186.org or call the school at 217-525-3220.

THE MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE will review grant applications for funding from Westminster's Mission Endowment at its September 1 meeting. The deadline for submission of grant proposals for consideration September 1 is August 20. Applications are available on our website where information on organizations who have received grants is also located. Please contact Mary Caroline Mitchell, 217-553-4688 or Bob Leffler 217-546-3879 for more information.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - God's Got Your Back! On Sunday, August 22, the children and youth of Westminster are invited to bring their backpack to the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the Blessing of the Backpacks as we begin a new school year. Along with a blessing, each will receive a monogrammed carabiner with a Bible verse for their backpack as a reminder of God's loving presence on their journey throughout this school year.

ANNUAL YOUTH KICK OFF SWIM - On **Sunday, August 22**, from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**, incoming Junior and Senior High Youth are invited to a swim party at the **Batterman Home (1620 Outer Park Dr.)** as we kick off a new year together. Friends are always welcome and encouraged.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH MINISTRY PARTNER ORIENTATION - Youth Ministry Partners (Junior and Senior High) will meet **Sunday, August 29, from 11:15 – 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom for orientation and lunch. Thank you to ministry partners: Jim Kincaid, Anna Koeppel (Junior High) and Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray (Senior High).

FELLOWSHIP 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.

ALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 2021-2022 CIRCLES have chosen the Horizon's Bible Study "What My Grandmothers Taught Me," based on the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair. The book cost is \$11 and can be purchased from Jennie Alt in the Church Office

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

THE WORSHIP, MUSIC AND ARTS COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. to begin planning a Congregational Art Exhibit on Sunday October 24 that will highlight the many gifted Westminster artists.

SOUND CELEBRATION AND LAND OF LINCOLN CHORUS' CONCERT - Join the Sound Celebration Chorus and Land of Lincoln Chorus for an outdoor concert held at Sherman Village Park on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 AT 5:00 P.M.** Bring your lawn chairs, drinks, snacks, and enjoy an hour of fun and upbeat acapella music. There will also be food vendors to purchase items to eat or drink.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR resumes its regular rehearsals on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. and will have its annual Choir Retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 11 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Following the retreat, the choir is invited to share dinner at the home of Jim and Meg Kontio.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

EIGHTH BIENNIAL HEALTH FAIR – The Eighth Biennial Health Fair will be **Sunday, September 26 at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall.** Along with B/P screening, glucose screening, and other health related tables, flu vaccinations will be provided. We are grateful for those medical professionals who have shared their expertise as ministry partners for this event. **If you would like to serve or host a table, please contact our Parish Nurse, Ellen Carpenter at 217-793-3412.**

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, August 16

11:00 AM Contact Ministries Golf Event (Offsite)

Tuesday, August 17

Pastors Offsite Worship Planning

1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)

6:00 PM Worship, Music, & Arts

Wednesday, August 18

Pastors Offsite Worship Planning

5:30 PM Session (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, August 19

Pastors Offsite Worship Planning until 12 noon

10:00 AM Contact Ministries Back to School

Friday, August 20

Saturday, August 21

Sunday, August 22- Blessing of the Backpacks

10:00 AM Worship Service

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

5:00 PM Youth Swim Party at the Batterman Home

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