



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
World Communion Sunday
3 October 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment I Have Called You Friends Meleah Berkowitz

Voluntary We Are Marching in the Light of God Zulu melody
Procession of Bridges Children with breads of the world.

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, enter into unity with one another,
People: **and with those who seek the presence of Jesus Christ,**
Leader: through the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup.
People: **In Christ's love there is no east, west, north, or south,**
Leader: but one great fellowship of love throughout the world.
People: **In remembrance of Christ we receive blessing;**
Leader: In remembrance of Christ we share blessing.
All: **Let us worship God together.**

*Hymn 318 In Christ There is No East or West *St. Peter*

*Prayer of Confession Holy and loving God, forgive us for not trusting you with the breadth of our emotions and for the unhealthy ways we deal with loss and regret. Sometimes we live in denial and sometimes we overindulge ourselves. Let us find a silence that can hold all our emotions, a confidence that we are held in your strong embrace, and a faith that empowers us to persist in integrity. 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

Congregational Response **God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong, and it never ends.**
*Following the Congregational Response, children in grades Pre-K-2 go to Sunday School.
Grades 3-5 remain in worship for communion.*

Scripture Reading

Job 1:12, 2:1-10

Pew Bible, OT pages 453

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Persisting in Integrity

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: Then Job's wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity?'" Job 2:9a

Anthem

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.
Hear, O gracious Saviour, accept our love that we,
We hoe know your favor may serve our king,
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
make a joyful duty our song of praise, our sacrifice of praise.

**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 at the end of each pew*

Offertory

Allegro Moderato

Astor Piazzolla

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 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

Music at Communion

In Remembrance of Me

Beryl Red

The text for the anthem is at 521 in the hymnal.

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.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the plate.

*Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help all who have shared Christ's body and received Christ's cup, to be persistent so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 295

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

*Charge and Benediction

*Voluntary

Tocatta on *Jesus Shall Reign Wherever the Sun* Gilbert Martin

(*) The congregation is invited to stand

SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Worship Leaders:** Bridges Children **Greeters:** Priscilla & Tim Kluge
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Jim Kincaid (Lead), Norma Adams-Johnson, Marc Anderson, Aaron Berkowitz, Deb Coontz, John Cross, Dee Dee Duffy, Mal Hildebrand, Robyn Hovey, Lynn McMenamin, Mary Ray, Carolyn Swanson
- **Communion Prep:** Mary Ray, Bill Deemer, Carol Bloemer, Ann Collins, Krista Steller
- **Ushers:** Nathaniel Brower (Head Usher), Jessica Borland, Erin Ekstedt, Tara Fritsch, Bob Leffler, Mary Peura, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel **Safety Team:** Rich Canady
- **Music:** Lyle VanDeventer, bass, the Westminster Choir, and 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: The Good Shepherd. *Caregivers: Meleah Berkowitz, Kate Morthland*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children in Pre-K – Grade 5 begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
 - **Pre-Kind - Grade 2 Young Children and Worship** (Third Floor Chapel) The story is “Abram and Sarai Find a New Home” Teachers: Cara Barnett (lead), Sophia Choi
 - **Grades 3-5** will stay in the worship service for communion.
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** Junior High Confirmation (Third Floor Tower Room) Session 3: Flood from *Echo the Story*. *Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Jim Kincaid*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon** Adult Ed Forum (Second Floor Classroom) This three-week course begins with an overview of Hunger statistics followed by information about two non-governmental sources of food: CROP Walk and Kumler Outreach Ministries which receives funding from CROP Walk. *Leaders: Mary Caroline Mitchell, Krista Steller, Sharon Brown, Executive Director of Kumler Outreach Ministries*
- **1:30 p.m. – CROP WALK BEGINS** (Third Presbyterian Church) Organizer: Krista Steller
- **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Senior High Dinner and Youth Group Fellowship (Parish Hall, Youth Room) Theme: Hunger *Dinner: Nichole Magalis. Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about Westminster can be found 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 learning more about membership, speak to Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi.

BREADS OF THE WORLD PROCESSIONAL - We welcome our Bridges children who will process with the breads of the world during the 10:00 a.m. voluntary as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. This bread will be served in the West Narthex following worship. The Communion table is adorned with African textiles, a gift of the late Andrea Butler.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS KATHLEEN AND ARLON RAHN join us for worship today. Kathleen and Arlon live in Meza, AR and have strong ties to Illinois. Both are Elders within the PC(USA). They were received into our membership on Sunday, May 9, 2021.

ANNUAL CROP WALK ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 1:00 P.M. AT THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The walk begins at Third Presbyterian (1030 N. Seventh). **Check-in is at 1 p.m. 1:30.** The 2-mile walk will take an average walker less than one hour to are welcome. Park in the Third Presbyterian parking lot at Bergen and 7th at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/westminster-presbyterian-2> or write WPC a check with Crop Walk in the memo line.



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GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH OCTOBER MENU - Canned chili or soup with pop tops, biscuit mix, and 100% juice or water canned fruit. **Items in High Demand:** *feminine hygiene products, shampoo, diapers & wipes, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets Monday, October 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 – KNIT 2 PURL 4 meets in person on **Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom.** On Tuesday, October 7, we welcome Sharon Brown, Director of Kumler Outreach Ministries, who will explain how our knitted donations enrich their community.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will resume **Wednesday, October 6, 6:00 p.m.** at the home of Dr. Roland Folse, 2 Virginia Lane, Lake Springfield, off West Lake Drive. Our Bible Study will begin at 7:00 pm. Please RSVP no later than September 24. Text or call Linda Chronister at 217-306-3455

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST meets **Thursday, October 7 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Julie Bobell, Advanced Care Coordinator from Memorial Medical Center, will speak about advanced care planning, palliative care, and end of life care. Tim Kluge will lead the devotional and Randy Germeraad will provide breakfast. Call Pete VanGieson (217-652-1310) for details.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) meets **Friday, October 15 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner (Provided by WPC) & 7:00 p.m. Program** DMA welcomes Dr. Todd Knox, who will speak on the Steadfast Neighbor Service Week. Please RSVP to the office or on our website by October 13.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets on **Tuesday, October 19 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Third Floor classroom. The lesson will be on *Tamar*. Call Nancy Canady (217-899-9890) for details.

THE ANNUAL SPUD BAKE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, Youth will gather in the kitchen from 9:00 a.m. to Noon to prepare loaded baked potatoes to raise funds for the Contact Ministries Christmas Gift Distribution. Members are invited to buy a Spud for \$5.00 and help our youth share God's love!

FELLOWSHIP AT SHEEDY SHORES WINEGARDEN On Sunday, October 17 from 2-4 p.m., members and friends are invited to a time of fellowship at Sheedy Shores Winegarden. Bring a snack to share and enjoy the fall scenery. Please RSVP by online <https://bit.ly/3ojoZRY> or by calling the church office.

COMPASS FOR KIDS in-person gatherings begin at Westminster on **Tuesday, October 19 at 3:00 p.m.** This weekly tutoring after-school program also offers a life skills class. A snack will replace the weekly dinner this year. We are grateful for the following ministry partners who will serve on the 2021-2022 team: **Cathy Allen, Ann, Collins, Rance Carpenter, Kris Gates, Carole Kennerly, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Lynn McMenamin, Kate and Michael Morthland, and Kate Wilson.** *Compass for Kids Orientation was rescheduled to Tuesday, October 12, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.*

2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REFLECTION – I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS

When Chairman Pete Van Gieson called to ask if I would serve on the Stewardship Committee my thoughts were laser focused and twofold: First, I thought now there is something I have not done before. Second, I doubt if I will offer to provide a ministry moment. My lazy pronunciation and rusty speaking skills do not need to be shared with an unsuspecting congregation. I soon learned the campaign would center on "I Have Called You Friends." There is more to that scripture, but let's begin there. Since being baptized at Westminster sixty-eight years ago, I am certain my church friends must number in the thousands. My maternal grandparents were members, their children as well. My parents were married in the Sanctuary in the 1940's, my brother and I were baptized in the 1950's, Camille and I were married at the Mason City (IL) Presbyterian Church by a Westminster minister in the 1970's. In the 1980's our children were baptized in the Sanctuary by my brother, their uncle, the Rev. Dr. David Massey.

Yet, our church family is so much larger. Several years ago, Camille and I were serving home communion to a member, perhaps twenty or thirty years our senior. She mentioned that as a young wife and mother she had served numerous times in the kitchen at the church. I knew the woman's sons from high school; I asked if she knew my grandmother. Although she was much younger than my grandmother at the time, she revealed that they were good friends and enjoyed working together at church.

It matters not how many years or months or days you have felt welcomed in this church, multiple generations of church friends are brought together by the Friendship of Christ. If you would please, take a look at last week's bulletin. It was eight pages long, four directly related to the worship service, four detailing education and fellowship, events, mission, calendar, and church governance. It certainly appears to be a very engaged congregation, wouldn't you agree?

We hope you will consider your financial support. Please complete your pledge card and return by Dedication Sunday, October 24, 2021. -Tom Massey

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

**To change the terms of call to the Rev. Christian K. Choi
who will serve as the Associate Pastor for Parish Life,
to elect an APNC for Associate Pastor for Family Ministry:**

APNC: Craig Batterman, Meleah Berkowitz, Emily Brower, Meridith Bryans,
Adam Ekstedt, Tom Owen, and Krista Steller

and to elect the Church Officers presented by the Nominating Committee.

ELDERS CLASS OF 2024: Jay Kennerly, Tim Kluge, Dave Leonatti, Michael Morthland,
Christy Pound, Karen Sherrick, Eleanor VanDeventer, Sarah Zerfas

YOUTH ELDERS – Emily Brower and Bryce Pound **ELDER CLASS OF 2022:** Peter Kieffer

BOARD OF DEACONS CLASS OF 2024: Mervis Alah Abung, George Botanga, Sophia Choi,
Melanie Green, Camille Massey, Jim Parker, James Rigney, Susan Shaw

YOUTH DEACONS – Braden Barton and Mia Marcy

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Tod Knox, Valerie Leonatti

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bill Deemer, Deb Coontz, Alan Stutz, and Julie Sundquist

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, October 4

9:00 AM Garden Club of Springfield (Parish Hall)
1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, October 5

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
12:00 PM Knitters' Lunch (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Fl. Classroom)
4:00 PM Memorial Garden Committee (Pastor's Study)
4:45 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sister Rehearsal (Offsite)

Wednesday, October 6

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
4:00 PM Bridges (Tower Room)
4:45 PM Choristers (Music Room)
5:30 PM Mission & Community Service
(2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Family Ministry (3rd Floor Classroom)
6:00 AM Ruth and Naomi (Offsite)

Thursday, October 7

4:00 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)
6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Parish Hall)

Friday, October 8

5:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 9

11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)
11:00 AM Celebration of Life -Pamelia Waughop
at Bisch Funeral Home
3:00 PM Eric Wise/Shannon Dennis Wedding

Sunday, October 10

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-2)
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)
11:30 AM Jr. High Confirmation (Tower Room)
5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Parish Hall)

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