



ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021  
10:00 A.M.  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

## Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary      Elegy      George Thalben-Ball

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

**\*Call to Worship**      Psalm 139

Leader: If we ascend to heaven, you are there!  
People: **If we take the wings of the morning and dwell in the outermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead us.**  
Leader: even there your hand shall lead us.  
People: **How precious are your thoughts, O God, how vast is the sum of them!**  
Leader: If we should count them, they are more than the sand.  
People: **When we awake, we are still with you.**  
Leader: Come. Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn 673**      Jesus, Light of Joy      *Lauda Anima*

**\*Prayer of Confession**      Holy and loving God, you call us to be a special people; to love kindness, to seek justice, and to walk humbly with you. You lead us into unknown places with unexpected blessings, and gift us with faithful companions along the way. Forgive us for not recognizing your generosity or living into all you call us to be. Hear now are 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.

### **Anthem**

My Train is Bound for Glory

Westminster Choristers

My train is bound for glory, my train.  
If you ride, you must be holy, my train.  
My train don't carry no gamblers, midnight  
ramblers, no pan-handlers, if you ride, you must be holy.  
My train don't carry no liars, no pryers, spyers,  
no high-flyers, if you ride, you must be holy, my train.  
My train don't carry no drifters, grifters, sniffers,  
wallet lifters, if you ride you must be holy, my train.  
My train don't carry no drinkers, finkers, stinkers,  
evil thinkers, if you ride, you must be holy, my train.

*Children in grades Pre-K-5 will go to Sunday School  
class following the Baptismal Response.*

**First Scripture Reading**

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Pew Bible, OT page 243-244

**Second Scripture Reading**

Mark 12:38-44

Pew Bible, NT page 49-50

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

Unexpected Blessings

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: "Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you.'" Ruth 3:1*

**Anthem**

Pie Jesu

Malcolm Archer

Blessed Jesus, grant them eternal rest.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that  
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of  
God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of the Lord 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 the Lord is in this place.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

### Presentation of our Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

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

### Offertory

#### What I Did for Love

Marvin Hamlisch

Kiss today goodbye; the sweetness and the sorrow  
Wish me well, the same to you. But I can't regret  
What I did for love, what I did for love.  
Look, my eyes are dry; the gift was ours to borrow.  
It's as if we always knew and I won't forget what I did for love.  
Gone, love is never gone, as we travel on.  
Love's what we'll remember. Kiss today goodbye;  
And point me toward tomorrow We did what we had to do.  
Won't forget, can't regret what I did for love.  
Love is never gone; as we travel on love's what we'll remember.

### \*Offertory Response

#### Doxology

Hymnal, 606

**\*Litany of Thanksgiving  
and Dedication**

Leader: God of the Ages, we thank you for all your children,  
who have done justice, loved mercy,  
and walked humbly with their God.  
For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and  
place, who have witnessed to your truth in life and death.

**People: We give you thanks, Creator God.**

Leader: For all your children who have faithfully served you,  
witnessed bravely, and died for faith,  
who still are shining lights to the world.

**People: We give you thanks, Redeemer God.**

Leader: For those we have known and loved,  
who by their faithful reverence and steadfast hope,  
have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

**People: We give you thanks, Sustainer God.**

Leader: Keep us grateful for the witness of those members  
of the Westminster family who have died this past year:  
*(Pause while names are spoken.)*

May we, like them, be eager to follow in the way of  
Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share  
the inheritance of the saints of light;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**\* Hymn 326** For All the Saints

*Sine Nomine*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Voluntary** Sortie

Percy Whitlock

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand



## All Saints' Remembrance Sunday – November 7, 2021

Members of the Westminster family who have died since Remembrance Sunday 2020 will be remembered in prayer during our 10:00 a.m. service of worship. The loving support of the church is extended to all members and friends who have experienced the death of a loved one this past year. Family members are invited to the Chancel following worship to receive a white rose.

Evelyn N. Jensen	November 22, 2020
Dr. Elvin J. Zook	November 24, 2020
Renee E. Housel	November 28, 2020
Joe D. Burgess	December 9, 2020
Patrick A. Noonan	December 11, 2020
Roy A. Baker	January 17, 2021
Dr. Robert A. Lynn	February 11, 2021
Raymond A. Phipps	March 15, 2021
Alan J. Wallace	June 08, 2021
Sandra E. Deilkes	June 20, 2021
Judith H. Barthoff	July 03, 2021
Paula R. Stewart	July 27, 2021
Stanley J. Papp	July 28, 2021
Pamelia Waughop	August 06, 2021
Betty Jellema Denham	October 25, 2021

## SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist** – Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters** – Krista and Brad Steller
- **Ushers** - Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Sara Eldridge, Bud Green, Rachael Hickman, Gregg Humphrey, Richard Leary, Mary Peura, Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team** – Julie James and Alan Schuermann
- **Music** – Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Diane Dietz, Soprano, the Westminster Choristers, 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: Creation. *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Ella Kurmann*
- **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) God Tug's at Rebekah's Heart Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz (lead), Meleah Berkowitz
  - **Grades 3-5 Foundation** (Tower Room Classroom) God Tug's at Rebekah's Heart Teachers: Karen Sherrick (lead), Andy Sherrick
- **11:00 a.m. Blood Pressures** taken following the Worship Service in the church office.
- **11:15 a.m. Junior High Confirmation** (Third Floor Classroom) *Echo the Story, Session 5: Jacob & Esau Ministry Partners: Jim Kincaid, Sally Godbey*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon Adult Ed Forum** (Second Floor Classroom) What is the Christian Imagination? What does it mean to approach creativity from a Christian perspective? This course will examine that question through the works of a range of nineteenth- and twentieth century voices, culminating with an overview of C.S. Lewis, the subject of the 2021 Bay Weekend. Led by Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold
- **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Senior High Dinner and Youth Group Fellowship** (Parish Hall, Youth Room) Theme: Persistence *Dinner: Julie Barton. Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray*

The Library Committee has prepared a cart of books available for checkout from both of our libraries this Sunday in the West Narthex. Please plan to stop to peruse the books and resources.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME VISITORS!** Information about who we are is on our website at [www.wpcspi.org](http://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 Rev. Choi or Dr. Kieffer.

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

**Rachael and Chris Hickman** present their daughter Madelynn Nicole.

The assisting elder is Mary Caroline Mitchell. Representing the children is Junie Berkowitz.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** – Children in grades K-2 gather on Tuesdays at 4:45 in the choir room.



## WESTMINSTER MEMORIAL GARDEN



Our Memorial Garden is a place of peace and repose for the ashes of those interred within its walls. The cost of an individual inurnment in the South wall is \$1,000 for a member or their immediate family and \$2,000 for friends of Westminster. Persons desiring to reserve space may complete an application form located in the West Narthex and on our website. In 2016, a webpage was added to the Church website with pertinent information about those inurned in the garden.

**DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY** meets Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for a discussion of The Ten Commandments by Joan Chittister.

**GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH** – Beef-a-roni & other canned pasta meals, rice (instant, bagged, or mixes) and Jiffy cornbread or muffin mixes, and 100% juice or water canned fruit.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** meets **Monday, November 8 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The lesson is on “Rahab.” Call Sue Baker (217-299-5216) for details.

**CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM** gather **Wednesday, November 10** Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to join us as we welcome our friends from other faith communities. The 2021-22 theme “Be the Light” is based on Amanda Gorman’s inauguration poem, “The Hill We Climb.” We will view a portion of Amanda reciting her poem, read “I am Courage” by Susan Verde, and consider those times in our lives when we have had the courage to be the light in God’s world.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** meets **Thursday, November 11 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Brad Swanson will speak to us on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Public Radio. Please RSVP via the weekly email link, our website, or by calling the church office.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** meets on **Tuesday, November 16 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Third Floor classroom. The lesson is on “Rahab.” Call Nancy Canady (217-899-9890) for details.

**DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)** meets **Friday, November 19 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner (Provided by WPC) & 7:00 p.m. Program** DMA welcomes a musical program “Sing All About Love” by Diane Dietz and Friends. Please RSVP via the weekly email link, our website, or by calling the church office.

**ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY** Westminster will continue the rich tradition of celebrating St. Andrew's Sunday on **November 21** with a flourish of bagpipes and drums presenting traditional Scottish music. *The Little Entry* is the opening procession of the service. Along with the pipers, drummers and the pastors, youth will enter with the Bible to underscore the importance of the Word of God in Reformed liturgy, and the cross to highlight its centrality in our faith.

**ADOPT A FAMILY GIVING TREE** goes up **November 21**. Westminster will again sponsor families through Contact Ministries. Please sign up for gifts on our website and return gifts to the church unwrapped. Please put a tag with the family and gift number on returned gifts.

**ST. JOHN'S BREADLESS BREADLINE FUNDRAISER** - For decades, each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, churches in Springfield have sold bread donated by a local grocery store to raise money for St. John's Breadline, which serves hot food 365 days a year to those who need it. This year, we will once again host the “Breadless Breadline Sunday” on Sunday, November 21.



## THE 2021 BAY WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 13-14

WELCOMES DR. CHAD SCHROCK  
Associate Professor of English  
at Lee University

Presentation:

Knowing God in Paradise: C. S. Lewis's *Perelandra*

### Saturday, November 13

#### Welcome Reception

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Members are invited to a welcome reception at the home of Dr. Andrew and Karen Sherrick hosted by the Adult Education Committee.

### Sunday, November 14

#### Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Dr. Schrock will preach.

#### Education Forum

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Presentation

***Description:** There's a cliché that bad characters are more interesting than good characters, pain and conflict more interesting than happiness, and the roster of fantastic literature and film bears that out these days: stories from *Game of Thrones* to the *Hunger Games* strongly feature dystopia and grim violence. Yet in the second novel of his space trilogy, C. S. Lewis uses a Christian imagination to conceive of a perfect (and also interesting) world, the planet Venus. His protagonist, a Christian from Earth named Elwin Ransom, meets God on Venus. How might we learn to relate to God from Ransom's strange encounters with the Golden Voice in the Garden?*

#### All Church Lunch

12:30 P.M. The Westminster family will share an English theme meal.

***Biography:** Chad Schrock is Associate Professor of English at Lee University in Cleveland, TN and secretary of the Conference on Christianity and Literature. His academic interest, the relationship between the Bible and English literature (especially from 1350-1650), has produced a book (*Consolation in Medieval Narrative*) and numerous articles on topics ranging from *Beowulf* to C. S. Lewis and twenty-first-century mysteries and science fiction. He is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College (B. A. English major, history minor), Eastern Mennonite Seminary (M.Div.), James Madison University (M.A. English) and The Pennsylvania State University (Ph.D. English, medieval literature). He and his wife of twenty-two years, Rachel, have two children, Toby (12) and Lucy (will turn 6 the Tuesday after Westminster's Bay Weekend).*

***Please RSVP at [wpcspi.org](http://wpcspi.org) by Thursday, November 12 for the Welcome Reception and/or the All Church Lunch.***

The Bay Weekend was established in 1974 by the family of Frances and Ed Bay with the formation of the Frances M. Bay Lay Education Fund. This fund has provided the Westminster congregation and community with educational weekends for over 40 years. We are grateful to the Bay Family whose generosity and legacy have nourished our faith for more than four decades, and for the Westminster Endowment Fund which has also contributed to these endeavors

## The Bay Weekend History

- 1974 The Frances M. Bay Fund for Lay Education established.
- 1976 Dr. William Eichelberger, Professor of Louisville Seminary:  
*A New and Re-newing Quest for Human Dignity*
- 1977 Dr. James Sanders
- 1979 Father Henri Nouwen: *Compassion in Medicine and Ministry*
- 1982 Rev. Dr. Howard Rice, Professor of San Francisco Seminary
- 1983 Dr. Gordon Ingram: *Thinking Theologically in the Future Tense*
- 1987 Rev. Shehadah N. Shehadeh of St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem:  
*Peacemaking in the City of Peace*
- 1988 Dr. James H Smylie, Professor of Union Theological Seminary:  
*Presbyterian Faith and Life: 200 Years and Beyond*
- 1990 Dr. Gordon Brubacher, Biblical Resource Center at Taintur, Jerusalem:  
*The Fragility of Life: The Biblical Response*
- 1991 Rev. Dr. William Hudnut, Mayor of Indianapolis:  
*Faith, Ethics, and Politics*
- 1993 Dr. Peggy Way, Professor at Eden Theological Seminary  
*Faith is my Compass*
- 1994 Rev. Dr. John Mulder, President of Louisville Theological Seminary:  
*Presbyterian Presence*
- 1995 Elder Marj Carpenter, Moderator of the 207th General Assembly  
*Mission! Mission! Mission!*
- 1996 Dr. Ken Lawrence: *Religious Interpretation of Art and Architecture*
- 1997 Dr. Jack Stotts, President of Austin Seminary: *Human Sexuality*
- 1998 Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell, President of McCormick Seminary:  
*Theological Challenges in the Modern World*
- 1999 Dr. George Hunsinger, Professor at Princeton Seminary: *The New Catechism*
- 2000 Dr. Robert Wuthnow, Director of the Center for the Study of Religion  
at Princeton University: *Spirituality and Church Vitality*
- 2001 Rev. Dr. Michael K. Kinnamon, Professor at Eden Theological Seminary:  
*What is the Vision and Future of Christian Ecumenism?*
- 2003 Ann Weems, author and poet.
- 2004 Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell, Professor at McCormick Seminary:  
*Making a Home for Faith & A Backpack of Belonging*
- 2006 Ethan Anthony, Architectural Firm of Ralph Adams Cram:  
*100th Anniversary of Laying the Cornerstone of Walnut and Edwards*
- 2011 Dr. Doug White with Rev. William Keagle and Attorney Fred Prillaman  
*Critical Medical Decisions: Clinical, Ethical and Spiritual Perspectives*
- 2016 Mark Yaconelli, Author and Storyteller - *Storytelling: Remembering What Matters*
- 2017 The Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana, Presbyterian Pastor and author - *Sabbath Keeping & Holy Time*
- 2018 Dr. Tom Schwartz, Director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum highlighted  
Mr. Hoover's humanitarian efforts in WWI – Title: *Am I My Brother's Keeper?*
- 2019 The Reverend Dr. Clint McCann, Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Seminary  
*The Psalms for Justice-Seekers and Peacemakers – I am for Peace (Psalm 120:7)*

## WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, November 8

- 1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
4:30 PM Symphony Guild ( 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Tuesday, November 9

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
3:00 PM COMPASS (Parish Hall)  
4:45 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)  
4:45 PM Fiscal Committee  
5:00 PM Congregational Care (Pastor's Study)  
5:00 PM Congregational Fellowship (Library)  
5:30 PM Stewardship Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
6:00 PM WCP Board Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sister Rehearsal (Music Room)

### Wednesday, November 10

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)  
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)  
4:30 PM Children of Abraham (Parish Hall)  
5:30 PM Session Coordinating (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
5:30 PM Board of Deacons (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Thursday, November 11 – Veterans Day

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)  
4:30 PM Personnel Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Classroom)  
5:45 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, November 12

- 5:00 PM Helping Hands Meal Delivered (Off-Site)

### Saturday, November 13

- 9:00 AM Presbytery of Great Rivers (Zoom)  
11:00 AM Church Mice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
5:30 PM Bay Weekend Reception (Off-Site)

### Sunday, November 14

#### **Communion Sunday & 2019 Bay Weekend**

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-2)  
11:15 AM Confirmation (Tower Classroom)  
11:15 AM Bay Weekend Presentation (Parish Hall)  
12:00 PM Bay Weekend Luncheon (Parish Hall)  
5:00 PM Dr. High Youth Group (Parish Hall)

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