



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
St. Andrew's and Christ the King Sunday
21 November 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Scholarship Presentation

The Little Entry Murdo's Wedding Gavin Stoddart

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

*Call to Worship Psalm 90:1,2

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
People: **you have been our home throughout all the ages.**
Leader: You were there before the world was made
and will be there forever.
People: **From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**
Leader: Come, let us worship with reverence and joy.

*Hymn 620 Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven *Lauda Anima*

*Prayer of Confession Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you and to become truth tellers. Restore us in your love and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ. 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

Scottish Dance A Village Maid and a Highland Laddie Traditional

Children in grades Pre-K-5 will go to Sunday School class following the baptismal response.

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

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

Offertory Highland Cathedral Korb and Roever

***Offertory Response** Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** Holy God, the psalmist declares that in your realm, all the poor are satisfied with bread. Plant that promise firmly in our hearts that we might be agents of your covenant love. Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more—for Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor's daily bread. Amen.

***Hymn 33** Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show *Llanfair*

*Charge and Benediction

***March and Retreat** Scotland the Brave Traditional

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

ERVING THIS /SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Flowers in the Chancel** are given in loving memory of Scott Hoff by his mother, Elaine Hoff.
- **Flowers in the West Narthex** are given in loving memory of Roxie and David Reid by their daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Norm Hoback.
- **Sunday Liturgists:** Rev. Christian K. Choi, Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle
- **Greeters:** - Kate, Michael, and Walter Morthland
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Sara Eldridge, Bud Green, Rachael Hickman, Nancy Huston, Gregg Humphrey, Richard Leary, Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** Charlie King and Marilyn Rigney
- **Music:** Lyle VanDeventer, bass, the Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist, and St. Andrew's Pipes and Drums: Victor McMullan, Beth and Tom Ogilvy, Steve Scaife
- **Scottish Dancers:** Augusta Leigh and Lisa Runkle

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery) gather for play and Bible Story. This week: Noah. *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Karen Sherrick*
- **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) St. Andrew's Lesson Teachers: Chelsea Ekstedt (lead), Adam Ekstedt
 - **Grades 3-5 Foundation** (Tower Room Classroom) St. Andrew's Lesson Teachers: Cathy Brower (lead), Linda Purves
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** Junior High Confirmation (Third Floor Classroom) *Echo the Story* Session 6: Joseph. Leaders: Rev. Choi, Jim Kincaid
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Adult Ed Forum presents "Twentieth Century Creeds" This is the first of three sessions summarizing the four 20th century creeds in the PC(USA) Book of Confessions: Theological Declaration of Barmen, Confession of 1967, Confession of Belhar and Brief Statement of Faith. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Professor of History at Lincoln Land Community College.
- **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Senior High Youth (Parish Hall) Theme: Bible & Dreams. Dinner: Katie & Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold Leaders: Rev. Choi, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray

ST. JOHN'S BREADLESS BREADLINE FUNDRAISER

Westminster has hosted this annual fundraiser on behalf of the St. John's Breadline for many years. We join congregations throughout Springfield on the third Sunday of November to ask members for financial support to relieve hunger as we approach Thanksgiving. For many years bread was shared; however, this year we continue the Breadless Breadline tradition.

Look for the table full of bread in the West Narthex and donate to help relieve hunger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are is on our website at 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.

SPRINGFIELD WARMING CENTER MEAL was prepared by the Hunger Action Team Friday, November 19. Thank you to Pat and Al Hymans, Mary King, Krista Steller, and Marilyn Rigney.

FAIR TRADE SALE will be **Sunday, November 21** following worship in the West Narthex.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21. During worship on Sunday, November 21, Mervice Alah Abung will be presented \$1,000 to subsidize her tuition from Westminster's Scholarship Fund. Mervice joined WPC in October 2019 by Certificate of Transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Bonaberi, Doualla, Cameroon. Mervice was born in Douaoua Cameroon, the second of eleven children. She attended a boarding school for her secondary education and continued at the University of Dschang where she graduated with a master's degree in accounting and finance. Mervice and her husband Donatus Afeseh were chosen by the United States Diversity Visa Program which permitted them to move to the USA with green cards. They moved to Springfield in the summer of 2019 to join her brother Edison Zohfonyi. They welcomed their daughter Myra Afeseh February 19, 2020. Mervice is currently enrolled in the University of Illinois at Springfield Master's degree program in accounting with a goal to become a CPA.



2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE - As of **Friday, November 19** we have received **203** pledges for a total of **\$740,777** This is **93%** toward our dollar amount goal. We are excited about the timely response of so many members. The Stewardship Committee is making calls to the members who have previously pledged and from whom we have not yet heard.

PC(USA) GIVING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 The Presbyterian Church (USA) will host an eight-hour virtual telethon 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (CST) which celebrates the collective power of Presbyterian generosity. Presbyterians from near and far will gather for prayer and worship, fun with some familiar faces, and an unparalleled opportunity for our generosity to make a lasting impact around the country and around the world. You are welcome to join anytime during the day at: pcusa.org/givingtuesday. Dr. Kieffer serves as Honorary Co-chair of the event as a member of COGA (Committee on the General Assembly).





ADOPT A FAMILY GIVING TREE AND ONLINE SIGN-UP NOW AVAILABLE – The adopt-a-family tree is located near the elevator in the West Narthex. Sign-up online on our website or use the links in the weekly email to select gifts to purchase for the nine transitional shelter families. Please return gifts to the church unwrapped. Please put a tag with the family and gift number on returned gifts and place under the tree. If you need assistance signing up online, please contact Jennie Alt at 217-522-4415.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - On **Monday, November 22**, members will decorate Westminster in anticipation of the first Sunday in Advent on November 28. We begin at 10:00 a.m. If you are able to help, call Dale Rogers at 217-522-4415.

ADVENT AT WESTMINSTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: NOVEMBER 28

10:00 A.M. IN SANCTUARY

THE ADVENT WREATH - We began the season of Advent, the time of waiting and preparing with the lighting of the Advent Wreath by new members and dedicated the worship space in the newly renovated Zeigler Library.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 5

10:00 A.M. IN SANCTUARY

ADVENT CELEBRATION – 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary and 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall

The morning includes a special musical presentation of the “Hanging of the Greens” by Westminster Choristers (Grades 3-5) and the Children’s Choir (Grades K-2) during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

A reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include a festive brunch, the singing of Christmas Carols, the creating of ornaments and the decorating of Christmas cookies. Children who were not in Sunday School on November 28 will have the opportunity to create an advent wreath for home.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 12

10:00 A.M. IN SANCTUARY

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION will be celebrated as we continue our Advent journey. Elders and Deacons resume Home Communion.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 19

10:00 A.M. IN SANCTUARY

SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY PAGEANT - The Sunday school classes will come together under Sue Cull and Meredith Bryan’s leadership to experience the Christmas Story and Nativity. The children will process through the Sanctuary during the final hymn in costume and conclude in the Chancel with the pastors for the benediction.

CHRISTMAS VESPERS - 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The program includes choral music and carols sung by the Westminster Choir and the St. Andrew’s Sisters. Featured in the program will be harpist, Ellie Kirk and oboist, Lucy Yockey. Deb Watts Elliot will accompany the Westminster Choir and Dale Rogers will play organ works based on Christmas carols.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND DECORATION FUNDS

Members and friends are invited to make a suggested donation of \$25 to support Westminster’s decorations funds, which includes the poinsettias. You may go online at www.wpcspi.org to donate. Donations of \$25 or more to the Special Music Fund are accepted at this time and through the year for pipers and drummers for St. Andrew’s Sunday and the Millikin Brass for Easter. Please submit your donations with your desired wording and dedications by Monday, December 13. Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, November 22

- 9:30 AM Decorate for Christmas (West Narthex)
- 9:30 AM King's Daughters' Board Meeting
(3rd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, November 23

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM COMPASS
- 4:45 PM Children's Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 PM Hunger Action Team (2nd Floor Classroom)

Wednesday, November 24

- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 5:00 PM Adult Ed Committee (Pastor's Study)

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 26

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 27

- 3:00 PM Celebration of Life for Betty J. Denham
- 4:00 PM Celebration Reception (Parish Hall)

Sunday, November 28 – First Sunday of Advent and Zeigler Library Rededication

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:00 AM Library Reception (Zeigler Library)
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)

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