



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Baptism of the Lord
9 January 2022 +10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcement

Voluntary

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry
David Mitchell, arr.

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

(from Isaiah 43)

Leader: Thus says the Lord, 'Fear not, I have rescued you,
I have called you by name, you belong to me.

People: **When you cross deep waters, I will be with you;
and the waters shall not overcome you.'**

Leader: God's voice is heard over the waters, the mighty waters.
God's voice is heard at the baptism of our Lord, saying,
'You are my beloved child.'

People: **Hear the waters of baptism calling us to be renewed
and reminding us we are God's beloved children.**

Leader: Let us worship with reverence and joy.

*Hymn 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and loving God, renew us with the flowing waters of baptism that we may hear your voice. A voice that forgives, calls us to serve, and invites us to use our own voices to challenge injustice in our world. Thank you for meeting us where we are and gently embracing us in our uncertainty. 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.**

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Houston*
I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
Children in grades Pre-K-5 go to Sunday School class following the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 Pew Bible, OT page 672

Second Scripture Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Pew Bible, NT page 60
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The Power of Speech Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: But now thus says the Lord, God who created you, O Jacob, God who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Isaiah 43:1

Anthem Here's a Pretty Little Baby André Thomas, arr.

Here's a pretty little baby! Look in the manger!
Behold, believe and be baptized!
Wise men riding. Bright star shining. Name is Jesus.
Behold, believe and be baptized.

***Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Pastor: Holy and loving God...
Remember your baptism and be thankful.
**People: In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. 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

The Lord's Prayer

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 in the pew racks.*

Offertory
Jonathan Larson

Seasons of Love

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes,
five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear.
Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes,
How do you measure, measure a year?
In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee,
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife.
In five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes,
How do you measure a year in the life?
How about love? How about love? Measure in love.
Measure in seasons of love.

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Ordination and Installation of Officers**

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts,
People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,
People: but it is the same Lord who is served.
Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,
People: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
Pastor: To each is given a gift by the Spirit,
People: to be used for the common good.
Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ,
People: and individually members of it.

The Presentation of Elected Church Officers

Session: Jay Kennerly, Dr. Peter Kieffer, Tim Kluge, Dave Leonatti,
Michael Morthland, Christy Pound, Karen Sherrick, Eleanor
VanDeventer, Sarah Zervas *Youth Deacons* - Emily Brower and
Bryce Pound

Board of Deacons:

Mervice Alah Abung, George Botanga, Sophia Choi, Melanie Green, Camille Massey, Jim Parker, James Rigney, Susan Shaw
Youth Deacons – Braden Barton and Mia Marcy

Constitutional Questions

The pastors shall ask the constitutional questions to the elders and deacons.

***Questions to the Congregation**

Pastor: Do you, as members of the church, accept these individuals as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: **We do.**

Pastor: Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

People: **We do.**

***Laying on of Hands**

The candidates for ordination kneel. Ordained elders are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

***Ordination Prayer**

***Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

***Hymn 69** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Trumpet Tune

Andrew Carter

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Flowers in the Chancel** are given in loving memory of Jon R. Hockenyos by his family
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Nancy & Rich Canady
- **Ushers:** Nathaniel Brower (lead), Jessica Borland, Erin Ekstedt, Tara Fritsch, Bob Leffler, Mary Peura. Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Julie James, Marilyn Rigney
- **Music:** David Mitchell, pianist, The Westminster Choir, Adam Miller, tenor, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist

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: Creation. *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor, Carolyn Dungan*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children Pre-K – Grade 5** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
 - **Pre-K – Grade 2** (Third Floor Chapel) Story: Baptism of the Lord *Teachers: Cara Barnett (Lead), Erin Winn,*
 - **Grades 3-5** (Third Floor Tower Classroom) Story: Baptism of the Lord *Teachers: Cathy Brower (Lead), Karen Sherrick*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Junior High Confirmation** (Third Floor Classroom) BGBQ session 5 Who is Your Neighbor? *Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Jim Kincaid*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**
 - **Adult Education Forum** (Second Floor Classroom) *Difficult Words of Jesus* - This six-session study features Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's reflections on the difficult teachings of Jesus. Leader: Lyle VanDeventer.
 - **New Member Class** (Parish Hall) Friends and visitors who would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member are invited. Leader: Dr. Kieffer
- **5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group** will not meet.

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, attend the New Member Class today.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, January 10 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The lesson is "Ruth 1 & 2". For more information, contact Sue Baker at 217-670-2052.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST will not meet this week.

DR. KIEFFER'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY resumes **Thursday, January 13, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.** to begin exploring the parables of Christ in Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book and DVD Series entitled Short Stories by Jesus. Books are available in the church office for \$15.

CHURCH MICE, WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS and BRIDGES will not meet during the month of January as originally planned. Rehearsals and classes will resume later in the season.

ADULT ED FORUM hosts No Malice Films **MLK Sunday, January 16, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon** in Second Floor Classroom. Students in Illinois were challenged to explore the topic of racial healing using the medium of film through the “No Malice Film Contest.” Our own Abigail Eldridge won third place for the 11-14 age group with "We the People." Join us Sunday, January 16 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for a special presentation of Abigail Eldridge’s film and others.



THE ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST MONDAY, JANUARY 17

The 47th Annual MLK Breakfast will be held in person, with a mask and social distancing in place, on Monday, January 18, 8:30 a.m. at the Wyndham Hotel. This year’s speaker is Dr. Charles Person who was the youngest of the original thirteen Freedom Riders sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). If you would like to attend, please contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org. *Westminster is this year’s recipient of the Community Service Award.*

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP begins Tuesday, January 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. The Adult Education Committee is introducing a new book group called “Apostles Read” which will gather on the **Fourth Tuesday of the month** in our newly renovated Ziegler Library beginning in January. The group will be led by Aaron Berkowitz. Participants may sign up on the church website and are responsible for purchasing their own books. Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers by Michael Long is the book selected for the first discussion.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

ANNUAL MEETING

8:30 – 9:45 A.M. EGG-TASTIC BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Members are invited to an incredible breakfast served by youth attending the 2022 Youth Mission Trip. Come support the Mission and be well-nourished for the work of the church at the Annual Meeting following worship!

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

11:00 – 11:30 A.M. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

2021 ANNUAL REPORTS from the Session and Deacon Committee chairs are **due Thursday, January 13, 2022 by noon**. Please submit your reports to Jennie Alt jalt@wpcpi.org. They will be included in the 2021 Annual Report.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, January 10 –

1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, January 11 –

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)

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

5:00 PM Congregational Fellowship (2nd Floor Classroom)

5:00 PM Congregational Care (Pastor's Study)

7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Off-Site)

Wednesday, January 12 –

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (Pastor's Study)

5:30 PM Session Coordinating (2nd Floor Classroom)

5:30 PM Board of Deacons (3rd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, January 13 –

1:00 PM PEO BF Meeting (Parish Hall)

4:00 PM Personnel Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)

6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)

7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Parish Hall)

Friday, January 14 –

5:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands

Saturday, January 15 –

Sunday, January 16 –

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-5 go to Chapel)

11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)

11:15 AM Confirmation (3rd Floor Classroom)

WESTMINSTER STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Pastor and Head of Staff

The Reverend Christian K. Choi
Associate Pastor for Parish Life

The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle
Parish Associate

Dale T. Rogers
Director of Music and the Arts

Deb Watts Elliott
*Saturday Worship Pianist and
Music Coordinator*

Karen Sherrick
Director for Children's Ministry

Leigh Milward
Nursery Coordinator

Ellen Carpenter
Parish Nurse

Pat Hymans
Hospitality Coordinator

Emily Rowley, Kacey Belitsos
Cooperative Preschool Teachers

Lisa Runkle
Financial Administrator

Jennie Alt
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