



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday after Epiphany
16 January 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen Spiritual

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

***Call to Worship** Psalm 36

Leader: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God.
All people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: **May we feast on the abundance of your house and
drink from the river of your delights,
for with you is the fountain of life.**

Leader: Come, let us lift every voice and sing of liberty.

***Hymn 339** Lift Every Voice and Sing *Lift Every Voice*

***Prayer of Confession** God, who is older than we can imagine yet ever new; you intend for us to live fully into the future, embracing the unknown with joy. We confess that we cling to what we know rather than risk in faith. We grow comfortable with the way things are because we don't know how to change for the better. Forgive us. Empty us of fear and fill us with love that is extravagant and unexpected. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us Hymnal, Back Cover

***Declaration of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

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 Psalms 36:5-10 Pew Bible, OT page 510

Second Scripture Reading John 2:1-11 Pew Bible, NT page 93

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

Sermon When the Wine Runs Out Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Text: "“When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” John 2:3

Anthem Hymn to Freedom

Oscar Peterson

When will we be free? Oh, when will we be free?
When every heart joins every heart and together yearns
for liberty, that's when we'll be free.
When everyone joins in our song and together
singing in harmony, that's when we'll be free.
When every hand joins every hand all together,
that's when we'll be free.
Any hour, any day, don't you know the time will
surely come when all will live in dignity,
that's when we'll be free.

***Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

**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.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**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 our God 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 our God 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

Adoration

Florence Price

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

Prayer of Dedication

Extravagant God, we gather in this sacred space, guests at a feast of your boundless gifts. Stretch out your canopy of grace that we may delight in your love and justice, which never runs out. Accept the gifts of our lives and our labor as we lift our voices in faith and gratitude. Amen.

***Hymn 749**

Come! Live in the Light

We Are Called

***Charge and Benediction**

***Closing Voluntary**

Amen (10:00 a.m.)

African-American Spiritual

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeter:** Marc Anderson
- **Ushers:** Nathaniel Brower (lead), Jessica Borland, Erin Ekstedt, Tara Fritsch, Bob Leffler, Mary Peura, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady, Marilyn Rigney
- **Music:** Eleanor VanDeventer, soprano, Julie Blythe, alto, 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: Abraham and Sarah. *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor,*
- **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: The Short Man *Teachers: Karen Sherrick (Lead), Andy Sherrick*
 - **Grades 3-5** (Third Floor Tower Classroom) Story: Baptism of the Lord *Teachers: Sara Eldridge (Lead)*
- **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 presents No Malice Films (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."
- **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, speak to Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi.

HELPING HANDS MEAL - Thank you Nancy Canady and Ann Collins who prepared the January 14 meal. More ministry partners are needed for 2022.

ADULT ED FORUM HOSTS NO MALICE FILMS TODAY 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). Westminster continues our support as a Platinum Sponsor, donating \$1,500 from the Endowment Scholarship Fund. It is symbolic and meaningful for us to have a presence at this community celebration especially considering our rich history as advocates for racial justice and equality. If you would like to join the pastors and attend, please contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org.

Westminster is this year's recipient of the Community Service Award.

Dr. Kieffer's Thursday Bible Study resumes Thursday, January 20, 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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS Friends and visitors are invited next **Sunday, January 23, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon** in the Library Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on January 30 following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

ADULT ED FORUM continues "Difficult Words of Jesus" next Sunday, January 23 - This six-session study features Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's reflections on the difficult teachings of Jesus. Lyle VanDeventer will lead the discussion. Join us 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon in the Second Floor Classroom.

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.

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.

HUNGER ACTION TEAM will prepare a monthly meal for the Springfield Warming Center on **Thursday, January 27.**

NURSERY GUILD ORIENTATION on Sunday, January 23, 9:15-9:45 a.m. We are excited to report that the New Nursery Guild has 16 members. If you did not receive a personal invitation; however, and are interested in being a part of this intergenerational space, please contact Karen Sherrick (ksherrick@wpcspi.org)

MISSION EMPHASIS IN WORSHIP next Sunday, January 23 Thanks to all in the WPC family who contribute time, effort, and expertise to the church's mission. A comprehensive list of the missions supported by Westminster will be presented on January 23rd. Gifts made to the WPC Support & Endowment Fund provide a significant source of financial support beyond our annual operating budget to mission and community service projects in Springfield and worldwide.

2022 YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING next Sunday, January 23 at 5:00 p.m. With respite of COVID Omicron variant and further unknowns of what the summer has in store, we are in the process of planning a 2022 Youth Summer mission Trip with prayer. For those who are interested in participating in this year's summer mission trip (scheduled for July 10-16), be part of this evening's Youth Group fellowship and discussion of the mission trip.



EGGTASTIC BREAKFAST MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

All youth attending the 2022 Mission Trip are expected to work the fifth annual Mission Trip Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, January 30. **Plan to arrive by 8:00 a.m. and work through the morning!** The Mission participants will prepare and serve a delicious Egg-tastic Breakfast before worship. Come support the Mission and be well nourished for the work of the church at the Annual Meeting following worship!

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.

ANNUAL STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK This year's neighborhood outreach will be the **week of June 27 – July 1.** Last year over fifty members gathered each morning for a devotion before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects include power washing, painting, landscape improvements, repairing front porches and fences. Many requested we get the date out early so they can make their summer plans around the "beautiful week in the neighborhood." Others suggested we meet earlier in the summer for cooler days to work. Please mark your summer calendar and consider joining us for one or more days of the final week of June as we spread goodwill in the neighborhood!



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, January 17 –

Church Office is closed for Martin Luther King Day

7:30 AM MLK Breakfast at the Wyndham

Tuesday, January 18 –

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

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

4:45 PM I.T. Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)

5:30 PM Family Ministry (2nd Floor Classroom)

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

Wednesday, January 19 –

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)

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

5:30 PM Session (Parish Hall)

5:30 PM Board of Deacons (Begin in Sanctuary)

Thursday, January 20 –

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

7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Parish Hall)

Friday, January 21 –

Saturday, January 22 –

Sunday, January 23 –

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)

11:15 AM New Members Class (Parish Hall)

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