



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mission Sunday
23 January 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Mission and Community Service Rachael Hickman

Voluntary Chanson Edward Elgar

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

***Call to Worship** Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
People: **May our worship reflect God's glory!**
Leader: the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
People: **May we see each other as God's handiwork.**
Leader: Let us worship together; let our singing and prayers reflect the love of God!

***Hymn 744** Arise, Your Light is Come *Festal Song*

***Prayer of Confession** Holy and loving God, through your power and Spirit, amend our lives each day to grow more firmly into the image of Christ. We confess that it is easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who do not look like we look. We confess we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. Forgive us and help us to find a more inclusive way of living, that Westminster's doors are indeed open and a way to service. May we love your people in all we say and do. Hear now our silent prayers of confession. Amen.

***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.**

***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.

Frist Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-21 Pew Bible, NT page 174

Second Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:20-31a Pew Bible, NT page 174

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Common Purpose Rev. Christian K. Choi

“For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body... and we were all made to drink of one Spirit... If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.” 1 Corinthians 12:13, 26

Anthem One Faith, One Hope, One Lord Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord,
one church for which he died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise
to him who was and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit,
as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith,
One God of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
we are given to each other for the unity of faith,
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God
In the fullness of Christ. Based on Ephesians 4:4-6, 13

***Affirmation of Faith** Confession of 1967, 9.07

**In Jesus Christ,
God was reconciling the world to Godself.
We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us.
Christ is the eternal Son of the Father,
who became human and lived among us
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.
Christ is present in the church
by the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue and complete his mission.
This work of God,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
is the foundation of all we confess
about God, humanity, and the world.
Therefore, the church calls all people
to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of our God is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and his 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

Siciliano

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal. 606

*Mission and Community Service Litany of Dedication

Leader: Holy and loving God, you have loved us beyond measure.

People: **you have called us as the body of Christ to work together for the common
good and to reach beyond ourselves in mission and community service.**

Leader: Generous God, you have endowed us with your holy spirit and with a variety
of gifts to fulfill a variety of services with love and common purpose.

People: **We bring to you all the gifts you have given us—our treasure, our talents, and
our very selves.**

Leader: Make us, with all that we are and all that we have, into steadfast and tender
hearted disciples, members of Christ's body and the church of Westminster
whose doors are a way to service.

People: **We ask this in the name of the Holy Trinity, grateful for the murmur of the
dove's song and the challenge of the flight to which you call each of us. Amen.**

*Hymn 285

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Bridegroom

*Charge and Benediction

* Voluntary

Grand Choeur

Henry Smart

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Greeters:** Pat and Al Hymans

- **Ushers:** Nathaniel Brower (lead), Jessica Borland, Erin Ekstedt, Tara Fritsch, Bob Leffler, Mary Peura. Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** John Stafford
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist,

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Nursery Guild Orientation (Nursery)**
- **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 5 (Third Floor Chapel) Story: The Thankful Woman *Teachers: Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Karen Sherrick*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Confirmation** (Third Floor Classroom) BGBQ session 7: What Does it mean to show Christ's love? *Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Jim Kincaid*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon Adult Education Forum presents Difficult Words of Jesus** (Second Floor Classroom) This six-session study features Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's reflections on the difficult teachings of Jesus. Today we explore Jesus' saying "Hate Father and Mother" –Led by Lyle VanDeventer
- **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. The New Members Class is rescheduled for Sunday, January 13.

NURSERY GUILD ORIENTATION gathers today at 9:15 a.m. in the Nursery for 2022 with an intergenerational steadfast presence in our nursery. Guild every 8 weeks. Thank you to the following persons who have joined: *Suzanne Caupert, Dr. Tanya DeSanto, Dee Dee Duffy, Carolyn Dungan, Sara Eldridge, Nancy Huston, Tim Kluge, Dr. Judy Knox, Meg Kontio, Valerie Leonatti, Carter Magalis, Lynn McMenamin, Mary Ray, Sue Scaife, Jan Schuermann, and Julie* not receive a personal invitation and are interested in being a part of this dynamic please contact Karen Sherrick (ksherrick@wpcspi.org).



orientation as we begin members will serve *Borland, Linda Sally Godbey, Magalis, Nichole Sundquist.* If you did team of caregivers,

2022 YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING scheduled moved to **Sunday, February 6 at 11:15 a.m.** For those who are interested in year's summer mission trip (scheduled for July 10-16), join us Sunday, February to discussion of the mission trip.

SESSION APPROVED POSTPONING THE ANNUAL MEETING TO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 upon the recommendation of the COVID-19 Task Force to allow local cases to subside. The Egg-tastic Youth Fundraiser will also be moved to February 20.

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 meets this Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. and will prepare a monthly meal for the Springfield Warming Center on **Thursday, January 27.**

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP begins this **Tuesday, January 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library. The group, led by Dr/ Aaron Berkowitz, will review the book Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers by Michael Long.

DR. KIEFFER'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY meets Thursday from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. to study the parables of Christ in Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book and DVD Series entitled Short Stories by Jesus.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets **Wednesday, February 2** at the home of Dr. Judy Knox (2004 Maryknoll Pl, 62704). We will discuss Lesson Five Ruth 3-4. Please rsvp to Judy at (217) 691-1057.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING is **Sunday, February 6!** Support those in need by placing your donation in the large soup pots held by our youth following worship. This is a program organized by the youth of the PC (USA). All donations will serve the hungry of Springfield.

PW LUNCHEON will not meet in February.

RISE UP OF THE SPRINGDALE LADIES AID SOCIETY. This play on Women's Suffrage written by Carole Kennerly and directed by Kelly Robertson will be presented **Mother's Day Weekend 2022** Weekend: Friday, May 6 at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, May 7 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 8 at 12 noon. **AUDITIONS** for the play will be **Saturday, February 12 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Rehearsals will take place in March and April. If you are interested in participating in the audition, please contact Kelly Robertson at 217-741-3605. This will be a fundraiser for the 2022 Youth Mission Trip whose theme will be the Women's Suffrage as they travel to Seneca Falls.

LENTEN COURSE ON MINDFULNESS will be presented by Dr. Virginia Dolan on **Mondays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4.** The cost of the book which will be a part of the course has been subsidized by Westminster and will be \$30. If you are interested in participating, please contact Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter at ranell@comcast.net.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM has been rescheduled from February 9 to **Wednesday, March 9 4:30 -6:00 p.m.** Temple B'rith Sholom hosts the March gathering of Children of Abraham Parents and children are also welcomed to drive directly to Temple B'rith Sholom (1004 S. 4th St.) If your child needs transportation, please email Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org

CONTACT MINISTRIES ANNUAL PROM has been rescheduled from **February 11** to **Friday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m.** at Illini Country Club. Westminster is one of the founding congregations of this faith-based organization and will sponsor a table again this year.

DANCING WITH THE STARZ, a fundraiser for the Springfield Art Association, has been rescheduled from **February 19 to Saturday, March 12** and will be taking place virtually. This year Drs. Jonathan and Katie Carlson-Eastvold will represent Westminster. Details will be forthcoming.

2022 APCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE "the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) Annual Event, "Circle of Faith: 50 years + one and beyond," will be held February 9-12 in Chicago, IL. Rev. Choi and Karen Sherrick will both represent Westminster at this event. Karen's time will begin on February 7 with an intensive course as a part of her Certification in Christian Education.



**EGGTASTIC BREAKFAST MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER RESCHEDULED
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

All youth attending the 2022 Mission Trip are expected to work the fifth annual Mission Trip Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, February 20. **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!

NEW DATE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**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 will be available Sunday, February 13 for those who would like to read them in preparation for our Annual meeting on Sunday, February 20.

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. 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 24

9:30 AM Kings Daughters Board Meeting
(3rd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, January 25

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission
5:00 PM Hunger Action Team
6:00 PM Congregational Care
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters

Wednesday, January 26

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel
10:30 AM Worship Planning
4:00 PM Property Committee
5:00 PM Membership Committee

Thursday, January 27

5:00 PM Congregational Fellowship
6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study
7:30 PM Westminster Choir

Friday, January 28

Saturday, January 29

Sunday, January 30

10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-5 go to Chapel)
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)

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