



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
6 February 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Souper Bowl of Caring Mia Marcy

Voluntary Prelude on *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

*Call to Worship Psalm 138

Leader: We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole heart;

People: **Thank you for your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

Leader: We shall sing of God's mysterious ways,

People: **Let us worship our Triune God, whose love endures forever.**

*Hymn 1 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty *Nicaea*

*Prayer of Confession Holy God, donor of grace and giver of life, you call us to a reconciled life and to live in unity with one another and with you, yet we create divisions that separate us. Forgive us for not responding to your call. Have mercy upon us. Fill our hearts with courage to do what is right in your sight and to return to you and your will. 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

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 6:1-8 Pew Bible, OT page 635

Second Scripture Reading Luke 5:1-11 Pew Bible, NT page 62
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon God's Clarion Call Rev. Christian K. Choi
*Texts: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I
send? And who will go for us?" Isaiah 6:8a
"Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a
catch." Luke 5:4*

Anthem

Just as I am

Richard DeLong

The text for the anthem is 442 in the hymnal.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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 Pavane

Robert Elmore

***Prayer of Dedication** Holy God, your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the faithful lives we are called to bear. As we offer our treasures and hearts to you; may they be blessed and used to pass on the promise of hope to those who are in need of your love and presence in their lives. Amen.

***Hymn 170** You Walk along our Shoreline *Wie lieblich ist der Maien*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Postlude John Ireland

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Wells Langbehn
08/26/1937 – 01/30/2022

United with Westminster 01/26/2014

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given in loving memory of their mother, Faye Hildebrand by her children Pat Hildebrand-Culler and Mal Hildebrand.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Greeters:** Karl, Christy, and Bryce Pound
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head), Melanie Green, Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Camille Massey, Jim Rigney, Susan Shaw, and Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** John Stafford and Mary Ray
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 a.m. Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter** will check blood pressures before and after 10:00 service
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2- & 3-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week: Joseph and His Brothers. *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. (Third Floor Chapel) Story: The Very Thirsty Woman *Teachers: Karen Sherrick and Cathy Brower*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Confirmation** (Third Floor Classroom) *Echo the Story* session 9: Wandering *Ministry Partners: Dr. Kieffer, 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 "Nowhere Among the Gentiles" –Led by Lyle VanDeventer
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon 2022 Youth Mission Trip Information Meeting (Parish Hall)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are can be found 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.

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.

You may also give online using the new phone texting option which connects members to online giving by texting the keyword "GIVE2WPC" to the number 73256. You'll receive a return message with a link which will take you to the new online giving page for your donation. To give to Souper Bowl of Caring, select Special Mission Donation and in the memo line, choose Souper Bowl of Caring. You may learn more about online giving at Westminster at wpcspi.org.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR begins again on **Tuesday, February 8** at 4:45 p.m.

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.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST is **Thursday, February 10 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Sangamon County Clerk Don Gray will be the speaker. Jim Dolan will provide breakfast. RSVP with the weekly email link, our website, or by calling the church office.

MANDATORY REPORTER CERTIFICATION MEETING on **Sunday, February 13 at 9:00 a.m.** If you are a Ministry Partner with the Children's Ministry or Youth, please join us in Parish Hall to fulfill the annual mandated requirements for our Safe Child Policy.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, February 14** at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. We will discuss lesson six "Bathsheba." Contact Sue Baker at 217-670-2052.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, February 15** at 9:30 a.m. in Third Floor Classroom. We will discuss lesson six "Bathsheba." For more information, contact Nancy Canady at 217-899-9890.

COMPASS FOR KIDS begins again on **Tuesday, February 15 at 3:00 p.m.**

BRIDGES AND CHORISTERS begins again on **Wednesday, February 16** from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

CHURCH MICE begins again on **Saturday, February 19** from 11:00-11:45 a.m.

AUDITIONS FOR THE RISING UP OF THE SPRINGDALE LADIES AID SOCIETY 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 Jennie Alt or [sign up on SignUpGenius](#).

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets **Fourth Tuesday, February 22, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library.** The book selected for February is *In Lincoln's Shadow: The 1908 Race Riot in Springfield, IL* by Roberta Seneschal de la Roche. In March, the group will read *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu. New members are welcome.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

THEME: LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT

5:45 P.M. CHICKEN ALFREDO AND CAESAR SALAD DINNER IN PARISH HALL

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

We begin our Lenten Journey with dinner followed by a family centered worship service including:

- Bridges children present liturgy music
- Choristers present special music
- Meditation by Rev. Choi
- The Imposition of Ashes
- Holy Communion

This year a simple **ceramic dish with an engraved cross** will be distributed to worshippers as a reminder that God is often at work through the ordinary as we journey through *Lent in Plain Sight*.

LENTEN GIVING:

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** denominational offering will be received during Lent. This is an opportunity to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and empower the poor and oppressed.

A **Lenten Coat Drive** will collect coats in the West Narthex. These coats will line the center pews of our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday and then they will be donated to Contact Ministries.

LENTEN COURSE: MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION AND RESILIENCY will be presented by Dr. Virginia Dolan during the Season of Lent as we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. The series will be held on **Mondays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4**. This class is an evidence-based program from Benson Henry Institute at Mass General in partnership with Harvard Medical School. 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.

WE ARE CALLING ALL WCP ALUMNI TO JOIN US ON FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 22 as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool, recognize the vision of those who created our preschool, and honor the teachers and parents who have served through the years. If you have a son or daughter who attended WCP, please email Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) who is putting a list together for our celebration. We welcome photos and can scan them!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, February 7

9:00 AM Garden Club of Springfield (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, February 8

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:30 PM Support & Endowment (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:00 PM Worship, Music & Arts (Pastor's Study)
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Off-site)

Wednesday, February 9

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel
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, February 10

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
11:00 AM PW Board Meeting (Conference Room)
12:00 PM PEO Chapter EQ 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, February 11

5:00 PM Meals Delivered to Helping Hands

Saturday, February 12

10:00 AM Suffrage Play Auditions (Parish Hall)

Sunday, February 13

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)
11:15 AM Confirmation Class (3rd Floor Classroom)

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