

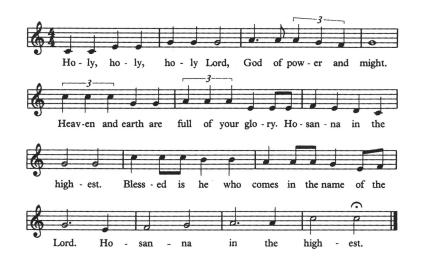
W E S T M I N S T E R PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMUNION SUNDAY Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 13 February 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary	Church Sonata in D	Wolfgang .	Amadeus Mozart
*Ringing of the Bell	The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.		
*Call to Worship			Psalm 1
Leader:	Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread.		
People:	Their delight is in the law of and on God's law they med	the Lord,	
Leader:	They are like trees planted b which yield their fruit in its s	y streams of wat	•
People:	Their leaves do not wither a		
Leader:	in all they do, they prosper. Come, let us worship and be rooted in the God for whom glorious things are spoken. Amen.		
*Hymn 81	Glorious Things of Thee Ar	e Spoken	Austrian Hymn
*Prayer of Confession	Blessed God, you are our peace and consolation. We seek your strength and sustenance in our poverty and in our wealth, in our hunger and in our fullness, in our weeping and in our laughter. We confess that trusting you fully is difficult. Too often we put our trust in ourselves or others. Forgive us. Plant in our hearts the seeds of faith and nourish us with your living water. Hear now also our silent prayers of confession.		

*Sung Response	Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us	Hymnal, Back Cover
*Declaration of Pardon Leader: People: Leader: People: All:	Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The peace of Christ be with you; and also with you. Thanks be to God, Amen.	
*Response of Praise	Gloria Patri	Hymnal, Back Cover
Children's Sermon		
Congregational Response	l want to walk as a child of the light, l 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 to 2 go to Sunday School class. Children in grades 3-5 remain in worship for communion.	
First Scripture Reading	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Pew Bible, OT page 719
Second Scripture Reading	Luke 6:17-26 Leader: This is the Word of the L People: Thanks be to God.	Pew Bible, NT page 64 ord.
Meditation	Arborvitae: The Tree of Life	Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
	Text: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. Jeremiah 17:7-8	
Anthem	Gloria in Excelsis	Franz Joseph Haydn
	Glory be to God on high and on earth, peace. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.	

*Affirmation of Faith	I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		
The Presentation and Dedication of our Gifts	At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.		
Offertory	Folk Tune	Andrew Fletcher	
*Offertory Response	Doxology	Hymnal, 606	
Invitation to the Lord's Table			
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving			
Pastor: People:			
Pastor:	And also with you. Lift up your hearts.		
People:	We lift them to the Lord.		
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.		
People: Pastor:	It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is truly right and our greatest joy to give praiseTherefore we praise you, joining choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, a with all the faithful of every time and place sing to the glory of your name:	our voices with and martyrs, and	



Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine... Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

The Lord's Prayer		Hymnal, page 35
Words of Institution		
Communion Music	Humbly I Adore Thee	Plainsong Chant
Distribution of Elements		
	The elements are served without interruption. Partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may symbolize our unity in Christ.	
	Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the plate.	

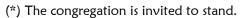
*Prayer after Communion Holy and loving God, we go forth from your table grateful for the spiritual nourishment we have received which strengthens our lives. May we rejoice and be glad, may we stand tall, may we live with generosity and resilience because our roots are firmly grounded in you. Amen.

*Hymn 172 Blest Are They Blest Are They

*Charge and Benediction

*Voluntary Paean

Michael Higgins





An image of a frozen lake and the reflection of willow branches above the water's icy surface has claimed the top prize in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award 2021. The photograph was taken by Italian photographer Cristiano Vendramin,

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- Sunday Liturgist: Rev. Christian K. Choi
- Greeters: Christy, Karl, and Bryce Pound
- Elders Serving Communion: Mary Ray (Lead), Emily Brower, Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Adam Ekstedt, Mal Hildebrand, Robyn Hovey, Jay Kennerly, Peter Kieffer, Tim Kluge, Christy Pound, Carolyn Swanson, and Sarah Zerfas
- Communion Prep: Mary Ray, Bill Deemer, Carol Bloemer, Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Krista Steller
- Ushers: Alyssa Haaker (Head), Rich Canady, Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Camille Massey, Jim Rigney, Marilyn Rigney and Mike Sundquist
- Safety Team: Julie James
- Music: The Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- 9:00 a.m. Mandatory Reporter Certification Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 9:30 a.m. 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery) gather for play and Bible Story. This week: "Baby Moses" *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- 10:00 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K Grade 2 begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. (Third Floor Chapel) "The Rich Man" *Teachers: Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz*
- 11:15 a.m. 12:15 p.m. Confirmation (Third Floor Classroom) BGBQ: Session 8: Will You Devote Yourself to the Church's Teaching? *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 "Outer Darkness Led by Lyle VanDeventer

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.

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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THANK YOU! Westminster Youth raised \$1,100 last Sunday thanks to your generosity. The donations will be distributed to local food pantries.



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.

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

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 DVD Series entitled <u>Short Stories by Jesus</u>.

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

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

COMPASS FOR KIDS begins again on Tuesday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m.

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.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.** hosted by Dr. Diane Rutledge (3935 Surry Place Lane, 62711). The lesson is chapter five "Ruth 3-4." Please text Diane directly to R.S.V.P. at 217-725-3016. *We will not meet March 2 because of Ash Wednesday!*

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

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

Please sign up with Jennie Alt to receive the Lenten Devotional Daily Email. Westminster will cover the copyright cost for each email sent.

LENTEN COURSE: MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION AND RESILIENCY will be presented **Mondays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** by Dr. Virginia Dolan. 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 <u>ranell@comcast.net</u>.

WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, February 14 1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, February 15

9:30 AM Lydia Circle (3rd Floor Classroom)
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
11:45 AM Staff Lunch (Offsite)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:45 PM I.T. Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:45 PM Children's Choir (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Family Ministry Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters Rehearsal (Offsite)

Wednesday, February 16

- 10:00 AMPastors Pray in Chancel (Library))10:30 AMWorship Planning (Pastor's Study)4:00 PMBridges (Youth Room)4:45 PMChoristers (Music Room)
 - 5:30 PM Session (Parish Hall)

Thursday, February 17

6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom) 7:30 PM Choir (Parish Hall)

Friday, February 18

<u>Saturday, February 19</u> 11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, February 20

8:30 AM Egg-tastic Breakfast Fundraiser (Parish Hall)
10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)

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