



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday
Baccalaureate Sunday
5 June 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Vacation Bible School Karen Sherrick
Education and Compass Leadership Recognition

Voluntary

Allegretto Eric Thiman

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Leader: A mighty wind has blown,
People: **and tongues of fire have danced!**
Leader: The presence of the Spirit is with us,
People: **just as Jesus the Christ promised.**
Leader: The Spirit moves and gathers us into community.
People: **Let us worship with reverence and joy.**

*Processional Hymn 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us *Ebenezer*

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and loving God, we confess that we have failed to open our hearts to the power of your Spirit as companion, advocate and counselor. Too often we continue the divisions of Babel, speaking in tongues that confound rather than clarify, hurt rather than heal, divide rather than unite. Forgive us and breathe into our lives your healing and liberating grace. Enable us to grow into a deeper understanding of your nature. 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

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Response

Waterlife

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
When you hear the wonder of the Word,
I'll be there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.
I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

First Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-8, 11-18

Pew Bible, NT page 119

Second Scripture Reading

John 15:24-29

Pew Bible, NT page 110

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

Sermon

Companion, Advocate, Counselor

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Anthem

The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God F. J. Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament. Today that is coming speaks it the day. The night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

*Affirmation of Faith

From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and
to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,

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.

Recognition of High School Seniors

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

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

Concerto XIII: Allegro

G. F. Handel

*Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** Holy and loving God, our hearts overflow with gratitude as we raise our voices in joyous harmony. Let us use the breath you have given us to speak your truth and sing your glory. We dedicate the gifts of our lives and labor to build the Church you gave birth to on that first Pentecost. We pray in the name of the One who invites us to come and follow. Amen.

***Hymn 295** Go to the World

Sine Nomine

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Come, Holy Spirit, Our Own God

J. S. Bach

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

In Memoriam

John R. Dunn 10/27/1940 – 05/30/2022

United with Westminster 12/30/1984

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in celebration of Natalie Knox and Zach Heater's wedding, from her loving parents, Judy and Todd Knox.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian Choi
- **Wind and Fire Pentecost Banner:** Jim Kontio
- **Pentecost Readers:** Bob Blythe (German), Sophia Choi (Korean), Millie McNutt (Hindi), Carolyn Swanson (French), Bud Green (Spanish)
- **Greeters:** Mike and Julie Sundquist
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher) Mervice Alah Abung, Rich Canady, Terry Haynor, Mary King, Julie McDonough, Bruce Strom, Brinton Wilkey
- **Safety Team:** John Stafford
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Eleanor VanDeventer, soprano, Adam Miller, tenor, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organ
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

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's lesson: "The Holy Spirit" *Caregivers: Caroline Haynor, Sue Scaife, Valerie Leonatti*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children in Pre-K – Grade 2 begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school (**Third Floor Chapel**) following the Congregational Response. This week's lesson: "Pentecost" *Teacher: Karen Sherrick*
- **11:15 a.m. – Adult Ed Forum - Solutions to Climate Change: An Interactive Presentation (Second Floor Classroom)** Join us to learn more about the climate change issue, solutions, and the relative effectiveness of those solutions. As part of the exercise, participants discuss various actions that can be taken. The class is engaged to offer suggested solutions to slow climate change. The trained facilitator will show the group how each suggested action will impact climate change on a MIT/Sloan simulator that will model their proposed solution instantly in real-time. *Leader: Andrew Panelli. Group leader for Citizens' Climate Education.*
- **11:15 a.m. – Baccalaureate Reception (Parish Hall)** Thank you to the Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons for hosting the reception.

EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

The following members will be recognized Sunday, June 5 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We are grateful for their fluid and unwavering commitment during the pandemic nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Compass students. **As a token of our appreciation, we are giving the gift of clean water, Solar-powered wells, water kiosks, and irrigation systems to homes and communities in need through Heifer International.**

Nursery Guild: *Linda Caupert, DeeDee Duffy, Carolyn Dungan, Sara Eldridge, Sally Godbey, Nancy Huston, Priscilla Kluge, Judy Knox, Meg Kontio Val Leonatti, Lynn McMenamin, Christy Pound, Mary Ray, Sue Scaife, Jan Schuermann, Julie Sundquist.*

Sunday School Teachers: *Cara Barnett, Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans, Sophia Choi Adam and Chelsea Ekstedt, Sara Eldridge, Tamika and Jake Hill, Linda Purves, and Erin Winn*

Confirmation (Grades 6-7): *Jim Kincaid*

Youth Group Leaders: *Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray*

Adult Education: *Lyle VanDeventer, Ellen Carpenter, Becky Martin, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Dr. Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold, Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Dr. Peter Kieffer, Dr. Andrew Sherrick, Dr. Roy Wehrle*

COMPASS for Kids: *Cathy Allen, Cathy Brower, Kris Gates, Mia Marcy, Lynne McMenamin, and Bryce Pound.*

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Today we will recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will follow worship in Parish Hall. Congratulations to these young people and Godspeed as they continue the adventure of life. Those attending will receive two gifts from their faith community: a copy of the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer, and a hand-knitted scarf.

Harrison L. "Hank" Beatty from RHS attending University of Illinois
Jessica Suzanne Borland from SHS attending Miami University in Ohio
Madison Elizabeth Kruger from SHS attending University of Missouri
Clayton Maddox Kurmann from SHS attending SIU Edwardsville
Samantha Nichole Magalis from SHS attending University of Kentucky

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES

Abigail Fierstos from Denison University -B.A. in Educational Studies with a minor in History -will continue with a Juris Doctor degree at the University of Illinois in Chicago
Reaney Gaines from University of Kentucky with a focus in Actuarial Science – will continue with her master's in business analytics at Drake University
Barrett Kurmann from St. Louis University - B.S. in Mechanical Engineering
Ella Kurmann from Lincoln Land Community College – A.A. in Liberal Arts – transferring to IL State University for Design and Construction Management
Julia Lakin from Millikin University with an Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art
Mason Reiff from Illinois State University – B.S. in Finance
Matthew Tungett from U.S. Naval Academy - B.A. in Aerospace Engineering - moving to rank of Ensign in the U.S. Navy and attending grad school at Naval Postgraduate School and CBY flight school
Adam Vasconcelles from the University of Illinois - B.S. in Kinesiology – will continue with his master's in occupational therapy at DePaul University
Sarah Wagner from St. Louis University with a degree in nursing

DOCTORATE, GRADUATE, AND SPECIALTY DEGREES

Dr. Natalie Knox from Loyal University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine – M.D. – will begin her residency in Internal Medicine at Northwestern
Dr. Daniel O'Keefe begins his Fellowship in Infectious Disease (Internal Medicine) at SIU School of Medicine
Austin Robbs from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign – M.S. in Accounting – will work for KPMG in Chicago
Annie Sherrick from Institute of Culinary Education with a concentration in health and wellness

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR 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 one of our pastors. **A New Member Class will be held Sundays, June 19 and 26 at 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor's Study.**

PW THANKS ALL WHO JOINED IN BLANKETS+ To date, \$890 has been received.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is celebrated in today's worship service as Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt present their son Theodore Eldon for the sacrament. The assisting elder is Michael Morthland and representing the children is Diana Choi.

A NEW BAPTISM TRADITION AT WESTMINSTER - Theodore Eldon Ekstedt is the first child of Westminster to be the recipient of books from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Thank you to Todd Wise who has committed to providing each child baptized within our faith community a book a month through age five, given in memory of his wife, the late Lisa Wise (a kindergarten teacher), and in honor of Dr. Diane Rutledge who brought this exciting ministry to his attention.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet **Friday, June 10 with a 6:30 p.m. potluck and a 7:15 p.m. program.** Bill Link, from The Pollinators, will speak to us on the four main pollinators – Bees, Bats, Butterflies, and Beetles – and their benefits to our environment. Please bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP with our weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office by May 18.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TEAM will gather on **Sunday, June 12 at 11:15 a.m.** in Parish Hall to finalize plans. Every participant will need to bring all the paperwork and fees related to this mission trip. **Current 8th grade, high school youth, and college young adults are invited to join this summer's mission trip!** For more information, visit www.wpcspi.org/2022mission.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - This summer, **June 13-17, 9:15 a.m. to noon** all children age 3 through grade 5 will gather to exploring God's use of water as an agent of creation, salvation, healing, blessing, and health. Contact Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org if you would like to join our team of VBS Ministry Partners. Register your children here: <https://bit.ly/3KgF8yD>

2022 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE WEEK JUNE 17-JULY 1– If you would like to participate in the service week, please sign up on SignUpGenius found on the home page of the website. We hope you will consider partnering in this ministry. The **Team Building meeting** will be **Tuesday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m.** in Parish Hall.

ORGAN RECITAL featuring Andrew Johnson will be held **Friday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m.** in our Sanctuary. Enjoy the works of Reger, Vierne, Sweelinck, Bach, and others. Andrew is a native of Bloomington, IL and a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan. Andrew completed a Master of Music from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University where he received the Bruce R. Eicher Prize.

THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, June 28. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. The June book is *The Complete Maus* by Art Spiegelman. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT to welcome new and milestone members will be **Friday, June 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers'.** Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee. **The congregation is invited!** Please RSVP soon (online or Sunday mornings) and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. New and milestone members will be our guests. The evening will include a sing-along and boat rides.



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, June 6

Tuesday, June 7

- 11:00 AM Graveside Service for John L. Dunn
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 6:00 PM Compass Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, June 8

- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 5:00 PM Membership Committee (Pastor's Study)

Thursday, June 9

Friday, June 10

- 5:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands Shelter
- 6:30 PM DMA Potluck (Parish Hall)
- 7:15 PM DMA Program (Parish Hall)

Saturday, June 11

Sunday, June 12

- 10:00 AM Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 5)
- 11:15 AM Mission Trip Meeting (Parish Hall)

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