



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after Pentecost
26 June 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When forces in the world threaten us,
People: **when our bodies or spirits turn against us,**
Leader: there is One who meets us. One who listens to us,
People: **One who heals us, whose love washes over us
and sets us free for joy.**
Leader: This One is our Holy and Loving God.
People: **Come, let us worship with gratitude and awe.**

***Hymn 667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, whose understanding is unsearchable, thank you for listening to our cries of lament with understanding and compassion. Thank you for holding us in your loving arms during times of distress and uncertainty. Help us to have a deeper faith in you and to trust you with the range of our emotional life. Forgive us when we suppress our emotions or are overcome by them. 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 borming 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 borming cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 77:1-10

Pew Bible, OT page 537

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 77:11-20

Pew Bible, OT page 537

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

Sermon Emotional Intelligence and Psalms of Lament
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that God may hear me.
Psalm 77:1*

Solo Arabesque No. 1 Claude Debussy

**Steadfast Neighbor
Service Team Commissioning**

The Church at Prayer

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 Impromptu in G-flat Franz Schubert

***Offertory Response** Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** Holy and loving God, thank you for being our provider, supplying what we need when we need it. Open our eyes and hearts to see the needs of others. Use the gift of our lives and our labor to be to others what you are to us. Amen.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** New Era

Nigel Ogden

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Roberta Diane Ross 6/29/1949– 05/26/2022
United with Westminster 06/07/1992

IN MEMORIAM

Elder Lionel S. Stirrett 8/11/1939– 06/21/2022
United with Westminster 02/07/1965

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** John, Millie, Luke and Jennifer McNutt
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher), Rich Canady, Terry Haynor, Mary King, Julie McDonough, Bruce Strom, Brinton Wilkey
- **Safety Team:** Charlie King and Brad Steller
- **Music:** Garry Fredrickson, piano, 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: "Pray to God" *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 summer Sunday school (**Third Floor Chapel**) following the Congregational Response. This week's lesson: "The Widow and the Judge" Teachers: *Sophia Choi, Karen Sherrick*
- **11:00 a.m. – Fair Trade Sale in West Narthex**
- **11:15 a.m. – New Member Class (Pastor's Study)** Those interested in membership will learn more about Westminster and the Presbyterian Church (USA) *Leader: Dr. Kieffer*

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is celebrated in today's worship service as: **Drs. Jonathan and Katie Carlson-Eastvold** present their son Everard Lamstedt. Everard's older siblings are Aerwynna, Kristiana, Katherine, and Juliana Eastvold. *The assisting elder is Dr. Aaron Berkowitz and representing our children is June Berkowitz.*



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

THE PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING unites the PC(USA) by helping youth begin their life with a solid foundation of faith. This offering is collected during June. Forty percent of all gifts stay within Westminster and our portion will support the 2022 Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky.

NEW MEMBER CLASS TODAY -Friends and visitors are invited to a New Member Class today, June 26, 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. 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 July 3, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.



FAIR TRADE MINISTRY TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE WEST NARTHEX. Westminster sells Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate and tea are sold to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers. Thanks to *Becky Martin* and *Jeanne VanGieson* for providing this ministry.

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.



LITTLE PANTRY NEEDS MINISTRY PARTNERS - Thank you to the devoted ministry partners who regularly stock and clean Westminster's Little Pantry located at Graham Elementary School daily. Ministry Partners are needed to join the team of dedicated members as we enter the summer months. Please contact Jeanne or Pete VanGieson at 217-652-1310 and they will arrange for you to be mentored.

JUNE GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MENU Canned tuna, boxed meals to use with tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, toilet paper, dry cereal, toothpaste, soap, laundry and dish detergent. Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

DAILY BREAD MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERIES



Westminster is collaborating with Senior Services of Central Illinois **July 18 - 22 and July 25 – 29** by delivering food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Daily Bread - Meals on Wheels program. There will be 1-3 routes on each day and will take 45 minutes to an hour for each route. The online sign up is available on our website www.wpcspi.org.

2022 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK – JUNE 27 – JULY 1

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is no in vain. 1 Corinthians 14:58



The steadfast team of ministry partners will be commissioned in worship. During the work week, the team will gather each morning at 8:30 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects include power washing, painting, landscape improvements, repairing front porches and fences. Lunches will be prepared by Pat Hymans' Hospitality Team and served at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Following lunch each day the teams will return to their sites to complete the day's work. The team will gather for a celebratory lunch and awards presentation on Friday. A report to the congregation including photos will be presented Sunday, July 3. The 2022 Steadfast Neighbor team includes:

Ministry Partners

Marc Anderson
Sandy Bellati
Braden Barton
Rich Canady
Nancy Canady
Dick Cordier
Scott Day
Susan Day
Barry Denham
Sara Eldridge
Bud Green
Keith Hamilton
Robyn Hovey
Nancy Huston
Huston Grandchildren
Kathy Kenya
Mary King
Peter Kieffer
Priscilla Kluge
Tim Kluge
Judy Knox
Todd Knox
Richard Leary
Dave Leonatti

Val Leonatti
Robert Leffler
Camille Massey
Jim McDonough
Lynn McMenamin
Kate Morthland
Michael Morthland
Coleman Moore
Lynne O'Shea
Tom Owen
Mary Peura
Christy Pound
Mary Ray
Jim Rigney
Julie Robbs
Diane Rutledge
Steve Scaife
Sue Scaife
Bill Schlosser
Andy Sherrick
D.L. Stanfield
Krista Steller
Mike Sundquist
Jeanne VanGieson
Pete VanGieson

Becky Denham Wernlund

Rev. Paul Wernlund
Bob Zervas

Neighborhood Partners

Bill Steele

Hospitality Team

Nancy Canady
Melanie Green
Priscilla Kluge
Al Hymans
Pat Hymans
Sue Scaife
Karen Sherrick

Staff Partners

Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Rev. Christian K. Choi
Rev. Jerry Boutelle
Bill Hibbert
Dale Rogers
Gary Warnick

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS JUNE 18 – JULY 9 - The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 225th General Assembly completed their first week of in-person committee work in Louisville, KY. Committee work continues in person June 27 – July 1 in preparation for the online plenary July 6-9. Dr. Kieffer returned from Louisville June 25 following five days of assisting with the committee process as a part of her service on the Committee of the Office of the General Assembly. For up-to-date news, go to ga-pc.usa.org.



NOMINATIONS WELCOME

THE 2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now receiving nominations for the following positions of leadership at Westminster.

DEACON (CLASS OF 2025)

ELDER (CLASS OF 2025)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2023)

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2025)

Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, emailed to the committee chair, Eleanor VanDeventer, at ehuitt@yahoo.com or placed in the Nominating Committee's mailbox on the wall in the West Narthex by the Edwards Street doors. Please complete by August 14, 2022. Nominees will be presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

2022 Nominating Committee members: *Eleanor VanDeventer (Chair), Carolyn Swanson, Mary King, Bill Deemer, Deb Coontz, Alan Stutz, and Julie Sundquist*

Name of Nominee _____

Recommended for (check choice)

Deacon Elder Nominating Strategic Planning Ass. Pastor Nom.

1. Qualities that would make this person a good church officer

2. Past experience/current interests and activities in the church

3. Helpful information: special skills, training, employment, community involvement, etc.

Your Name (optional) _____

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, June 27

8:30 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

Tuesday, June 28

8:30 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

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

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

Wednesday, June 29

8:30 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

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

12:30 PM Reporter (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, June 30

8:30 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

Friday, July 1

8:30 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

Saturday, July 2

Sunday, July 3

9:30 AM Special Session Meeting

10:00 AM Worship Service

10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)

11:00 AM Parish Nurse Ministries (Church Office)

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WESTMINSTER STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Pastor and Head of Staff

The Reverend Christian K. Choi
Associate Pastor for Parish Life

The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle
Parish Associate

Dale T. Rogers
Director of Music and the Arts

Deb Watts Elliott
*Saturday Worship Pianist and
Music Coordinator*

Karen Sherrick
Director for Children's Ministry

Leigh Milward
Nursery Coordinator

Caroline Hayner
Nursery Worker

Ellen Carpenter
Parish Nurse

Pat Hymans
Hospitality Coordinator

Emily Rowley
Cooperative Preschool Teachers

Lisa Runkle
Financial Administrator

Jennie Alt
Church Administrative Assistant

Krista Steller
Communications Coordinator

Gary Warnick
Building and Property Manager

**Terry Gietl, Bill Hibbert,
Eddie Hubbard, Steve Stapleton**
Part-time Custodians