



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
3 July 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Fugue

William Selby (1776)

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Leader:

Sing to the Lord, all you faithful,

People:

give thanks to God's holy name.

Leader:

God turned our mourning into dancing!

People:

Our souls cannot be silent,

Leader:

they tell of God's faithfulness.

People:

Our hearts sing without ceasing.

Leader:

Let us lift our voices with joy and gratitude
and worship God.

***Hymn 41**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we come to the river's edge because we need your healing touch. Our journeys are long and take unexpected turns. We come to your water's edge seeking justice and wholeness. Loving God, forgive us for speaking silence too long and empower us to find our own voices and advocate for those long silenced. 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

Steadfast Neighbor Service Team Report

Light the Fire

Verse 1:

I stand to praise you, but I fall on my knees.
My spirit is willing, but my flesh is so weak.

Chorus:

So Light the Fire (light the fire)
In my soul (in my weary soul),
Fan the Flame (fan the flame),
Make me whole (make my spirit whole).
Lord you know (Lord you know)
Where I've been (where I've been)
So Light the Fire in my heart again.

Verse 2:

I feel your arms around me
as the power of your healing begins.
Your spirit moves through me like a mighty rushing wind.

Chorus: Repeat chorus twice more.

Musical Interlude

It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

Fred Rogers

Students in grades Pre-K – 2 will go to Summer Sunday school class during the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 30

Pew Bible, OT page 505

Second Scripture Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

Pew Bible, OT page 336

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

Sermon Silence Is Not Spoken Here Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Text: "You have turned my mourning into dancing...so that my soul may praise you and not be silent." Psalm 30:11a, 12a

Solo Trumpet Voluntary Thomas Sanders Dupuis

***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.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen.

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	Martial Air	Henry Purcell
*Offertory Response	Doxology	Hymnal, 606
*Prayer of Dedication	Holy God, in your love, you have given us the strength to stand up and continue on our journey. In your wisdom, you have given us each an identity and a voice. Help us to use the gifts you have given us with mercy, love, and wisdom, so that we can continue to listen, to speak and to honor you with our lives. Amen.	
*Hymn 331	God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand	<i>National Hymn</i>
*Charge and Benediction		
*Voluntary	Liberty Bell March	John Philips Sousa
	(*) The congregation is invited to stand.	

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flower** are given in celebration of Judy and Todd Knox's 34th wedding anniversary today.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeter:** Maribeth Norton
- **Ushers:** Jim Rigney (Head Usher), Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Erin Ekstedt, Bud Green, Mia Marcy, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Marilyn Rigney and Alan Schuermann
- **Music:** Joseph Runkle, trumpet, 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: "Clap, Sing, Dance" *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: "Who was Invited? Who Came?" Teachers: *Karen Sherrick*
- **11:00 a.m. – Parish Nurse Ministry (Church Office)** Marilyn Rigney

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



Last week, the team gathered Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. We partnered with 18 neighbors to do work on their homes. Together, we were able to: (1) Power wash three homes and clean the gutters of four homes, installing gutter guards on one home. (2) Paint a picket fence white, four porches, two doors, intricate house trim and a window frame. (3) Install a fence, repair a fence, paint a fence. (4) Landscape six yards including removing 2 tons of rotted firewood from a neighbor's yard. (5) Completely rebuilt a porch, repair two porches, and clear one porch. (6) Provide masonry work to stabilize a porch, which was donated by Pulliam Masonry. This porch will be completed in July. (7) Clear out two garages and (8) fill two dumpsters to the rim. We will fill one more dumpster in the coming week.

Ministry Partners

Marc Anderson
Sandy Bellati
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Rich Canady
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Dick Cordier
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Harper Huston
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Mary King
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Tim Kluge
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Todd Knox
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Val Leonatti
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Jim McDonough
Lynn McMenamin
Kate Morthland
Michael Morthland
Coleman Moore
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Tom Owen
Mary Peura
Christy Pound
Mary Ray
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Bill Steele
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Priscilla Kluge
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Pat Hymans
Jeanne Pittman
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Staff Partners

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

Westminster invested approximately \$12,500 in our neighborhood through our service week! This does not include the 27 Matching Grant applications we have approved and anticipate receiving receipts once the work is complete. The congregation is invited to a reception in Parish Hall following worship to view a PowerPoint presentation and enjoy refreshments.

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.

NEW MEMBERS will be recognized next **Sunday, July 10** during the 10:00 a.m. worship service following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Zeigler Library.

THE PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING unites the PC(USA) by helping youth begin their life with a solid foundation of faith. Thank you to all who contributed in June. We collected \$375 in donations of which 40% \$150 supported the 2022 Youth Mission Trip.

YOUTH MISSION TEAM commissioned next **Sunday, July 10**, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The week of July 10-16, thirteen youth join adult mentors **Suzanne Borland, Cathy Brower, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Amanda Kurmann, and Mary Ray** led by **Rev. Christian Choi** (Associate Pastor for Parish Life) on a mission to Madisonville, KY. We will work with Hopkins County Emergency Management Agency and Long-Term Recovery Committee to assist in the rebuilding effort in Bremen, Barnsley, or Dawson Springs, KY, three cities which experienced devastation from the December 2021 tornado that swept through western Kentucky. Our home camp will be the First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville, KY, and we look forward to visiting the PCUSA national office and Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville.

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported the 2022 Youth Mission through our fundraisers and the Pentecost Offering! We could not do it without you. This year the youth raised \$2,885 at the Eggastic Breakfast, \$2,725 at the Trivia Night, \$3,356.08 from the Rising Up Suffrage Play, and \$1,270.25 during the Car Wash and Bake Sale. The youth received \$150 from the Pentecost Offering. These total \$10,386.33 thanks to the collaboration and teamwork of our youth, their parents, adult mentors, and this generous congregation.

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. Please contact Jeanne or Pete VanGieson at 217-652-1310 and they will arrange for you to be mentored and schedule a day for you to help.

DAILY BREAD MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERIES ON JULY 18, 25, 27, AND 28 - Westminster is collaborating with Senior Services of Central Illinois 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 8

JULY GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MENU Canned spaghetti or canned pasta meals, peas, canned fruit in juice/water, rice bagged or rice mixes, disposable razors, soap, diapers, feminine hygiene products (no baby food). Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

JOIN THE SOUND CELEBRATION CHORUS AND LAND OF LINCOLN CHORUS for an outdoor concert held at Duncan Park (formerly Douglas Park) on **Saturday, July 10** at 6:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, drinks, snacks, and enjoy an hour of fun and upbeat acapella music. You may see a couple Westminster members!

WESTMINSTER SUMMER CHOIR The Westminster Summer Choir will meet on Thursday, July 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room to prepare for the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, July 17**. In August, the Summer Choir will meet on Thursday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. to prepare for **Sunday, August 14**. If you have contemplated joining the choir, this is a great time to give it a try. The regular season of the choir will begin on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. and hold its annual retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 10. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates for the choir.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet **Friday, July 15** with a 6:30 p.m. potluck and a 7:15 p.m. program. Joe Crain will provide the program "Behind the Scenes of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library." Please bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP with our weekly email link, website, or by emailing or calling the church office.

APOSTLES READ Library Book Group will meet **Tuesday, July 26**. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. The July book is *The Family Roe: An American Story* by Joshua Prager. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

ADULT ED FORUM PRESENTS: Prairie Reconstruction and The Sherrick Farm **Sundays, July 31 and August 7** Come, hear the story of how the 108-acre Sherrick Farm has been restored to a landscape that has all but disappeared in the Prairie State of Illinois. Learn about the prairie reconstruction which Dr. Andrew Sherrick has orchestrated over the last 20 years and visit the Sherrick Farm to view the natural beauty of the flowers, grasses and plants. On **Sunday, July 31** at 11:15 a.m. Dr. Sherrick will share his story through a PowerPoint Presentation in the 2nd Floor Classroom. On **Sunday, August 7** at 11:15 a.m. we will carpool to the Sherrick Farm in an unincorporated area between Pleasant Plains and Springfield. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this delightful adventure together.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS JULY 6-9 - The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 225th General Assembly completed their second week of in-person committee work in Louisville, KY. Committee in preparation for the online plenary July 6-9. Dr. Kieffer returned from Louisville on 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.



MAKEUP DIRECTORY PICTURES – Bob Leffler will take directory photos on **Tuesday, July 19 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at Westminster for members who missed getting family photos for this year's directory. Call Jennie in the church office to request a photo time that day.

CONTACT MINISTRY BACKPACK COLLECTION - Once again, WPC will partner in ministry with Contact Ministries as we collect backpacks to be distributed at their Ready for Success Back to School Event on Wednesday, August 17, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. We will collect backpacks through **Sunday, August 14**. Around 250 school-aged children will receive a new backpack from Contact Ministries and a new pair of Payless Shoe Source shoes from Share the Spirit! Last year, we collected 195 backpacks! Please drop your donated backpacks in the basket located in the West Narthex.



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, July 4

Independence Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 5

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)

Wednesday, July 6

All-Day Staff Calendar Meeting (Off Site)
5:00 PM Adult Education Committee (TBD)

Thursday, July 7

Friday, July 8

5:30 PM Helping Hand Meal

Saturday, July 9

Sunday, July 10

Holy Communion
9:30 AM Special Session Meeting
10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)
11:15 AM Youth Mission Trip Departure

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