

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mission Trip Presentation Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 17 July 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

# Welcome and Announcements

**Voluntary** Petit Prélude

Joseph Jongen

\*Ringing of the Bell The congre

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

\*Call to Worship

Leader: God has accomplished all things through Christ People: so that we might live as God's own children.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God

People: and proclaim the love of Christ.

\*Processional Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

\*Prayer of Confession

Kristianna Eastvold

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children, to be messengers of the Gospel, and to care for one another. Yet, we fall short in your expectations. Seeking forgiveness, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, nurture us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

\*Sung Response

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Hymnal, Back Cover

\*Declaration of Pardon

Aerwyna Eastvold

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

Jeffery Elms and Matthew Scott

Congregational Response

Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Children in grades Pre-K-2 will go to Summer Sunday School

class following the Congregational Response.

The Church at Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit.

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord 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 the Lord is in this place.

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Emily Brower Hymnal, page 35

**Anthem** River in Judea

Jack Feldman

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul

cries out to know. Hallelujah!

First Scripture Reading Genesis 18:1-10a

Bryce Pound

Pew Bible, OT pages 14

Second Scripture Reading

John 13:31-35

Carter Magalis Pew Bible, NT pages 108

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# **Sermon** Messenger of the Gospel

Jessica Borland Clayton Kurmann Samantha Magalis Rev. Christian K. Choi

Text: By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

# Musical Response

## Prince of Peace

Michael W. Smith

Former mission participants are invited to join the mission trip team on the chancel.

You are holy (You are holy) [Verse 1:] You are mighty (You are mighty) You are worthy (You are worthy) Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow) [Verse 2:]
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You)
All of my days (all of my days)

[Chorus (men):]
I will sing to, and worship
The King who is worthy
I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him

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[Chorus (women):] You are Lord of lords You are King of kings You are mighty God Lord of everything

You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am You're the Prince of Peace Who is the Lamb

You're the living God You're my saving grace You will reign forever You are ancient of days You are alpha, omega Beginning and end You're my Savior, Messiah Redeemer and friend

You are my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You

## \*Affirmation of Faith

Braden Barton

From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

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 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 Presentation of Our Gifts

At this time all worshipers are requested to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.

Offertory

Cantabile

Joseph Jongen

Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

J.T. First

Holy and Loving God, thank you for the invitation to be a messenger of the Gospel. Consecrate the gifts we offer as we seek to follow you. May they bring blessings to others and honor to your Holy name. Amen.

\*Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Voluntary Hymn of Thanksgiving

Colin Mawby

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

#### SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Lyle and Grace Cooley on the occasion of their anniversary by their family, the Cooleys, Bloemers, and Marcys
- West Narthex Flowers are given in loving memory of Lionel S. Stirrett by his family.
- Sunday Liturgists: Mission Trip Participants
- **Greeter:** Sue Sawers
- Ushers Jim Parker (Head Usher) Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Erin Ekstedt, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Mia Marcy, Jess Weitzel
- Safety Team: Todd Knox and Alan Schuermann
- Music: Westminster Choir, Youth Mission Team, 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, songs, and Bible stories. The story this week is: "Good Morning, World." *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- 10:00 11:00 a.m. Children Pre-K Grade 2 begin in worship with their families & go to Summer Sunday school in the Third Floor Chapel following the Children's Sermon for Summer Sunday school. The story this week is: "The Good Neighbor." *Teacher: Karen Sherrick*

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS.** Information about who we are can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.wpcspi.org">www.wpcspi.org</a>. 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 2022 YOUTH MISSION TRIP: JULY 10-16

Thirteen youth and their adult mentors Suzanne Borland, Cathy Brower, Bill Deemer, Amanda Kurmann, and Mary Ray led by Rev. Christian Choi returned yesterday from a mission trip to Madisonville, KY.

Braden Barton Jeffery Elms Carter Magalis
Jessica Borland Luke Elston Samantha Magalis
Emily Brower JT First Bryce Pound
Aerwyna Eastvold Clayton Kurmann Matthew Scott
Kristianna Eastvold

They worked with Hopkins County Emergency Management Agency and Long-Term Recovery Committee to assist in the rebuilding effort following devastation from the December 2021 tornado. The WPC youth are grateful for the congregation's continued support and prayers and invite members to a reception in Parish Hall following worship to view photos.

**LITTLE PANTRY NEEDS MINISTRY PARTNERS** - 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.

MAKEUP DIRECTORY PICTURES will be taken this Tuesday, July 19 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at no cost to members by Bob Leffler in the 2nd floor classroom. RSVP's are welcomed, but are not mandatory. We would like to get as many members in the directory as possible. You can call the church or email Jennie Alt to let us know what time you are coming.

**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.



WOODEN IT BE LOVELY SALE, 501 S. Douglas Ave on Saturday, July 30 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come out and support the women in the Wooden It Be Lovely program, which offers hope and employment to women healing from lives of poverty, addiction, and abuse. They will be selling refurbished furniture and home decor items at great prices. On Sunday,

July 31, they will discount items that are left at 11:30 am.

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.

**WESTMINSTER SUMMER CHOIR** - 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 will hold its annual retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 10. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates for the choir.



CONTACT MINISTRY BACKPACK COLLECTION - We will collect backpacks through Sunday, August 14 to be distributed at Contact Ministries' "Ready for Success Back to School Event" on Wednesday, August 17, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Please avoid mesh or clear plastic backpacks. AS OF FRIDAY, WE RECEIVED 11 BACKPACKS. Last year, we collected 195 backpacks! Please drop your donated backpacks in the basket located in the West Narthex. Contact Jennie Alt if you have ordered online with delivery to the church office.

# 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 <a href="mailto:ehuitt@yahoo.com">ehuitt@yahoo.com</a> 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 Nomin	ee		
Recommended for (check choice)			
Deacon	Elder	Nominating	Strategic Planning
1. Qualities that	would make this	person a good church	n officer
2. Past experien	ce/current interes	ts and activities in the	church
3. Helpful infor	mation: special sk	kills, training, employr	ment, community involvement, etc.
Your Name (opt	ional)		

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

## Monday, July 18

9:30 AM Meals on Wheels Delivery (Off-Site)

## Tuesday, July 19

9:00 AM Make Up Directory Photos (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

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

1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (Conference Room)

1:00 PM Library Guild

4:30 PM Support and Endowment (Pastor's Study)

4:30 PM IT Committee (Conference Room)

5:30 PM Budget Committee (3rd Floor Classroom)

# Wednesday, July 20

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

Thursday, July 21

Friday, July 22

Saturday, July 23

# Sunday, July 24

10:00 AM Worship Service

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

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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
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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