



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
24 July 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Adagio in E

Frank Bridge

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 138

Leader:

We will praise you, Lord with all our hearts;

People:

for your unfailing love and your faithfulness.

Leader:

All the kings of the earth praise you, Lord

People:

for the glory of the Lord is great.

Leader:

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

People:

you stretch out your right hand to save us.

Leader:

Your love, Lord, endures forever.

People

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

***Hymn 327**

From All That Dwells Below the Skies

Psalm 117

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and gracious God, many times we feel frail and fragile, getting anxious and swayed by the latest turbulence in our lives. You call us to stand firm on your cornerstone and hold fast to what is good, yet often we stumble. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to grow more into Christ's likeness each day that we may bear his love and truth to the world. 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

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.
Students in grades Pre-K – 2 will go to Sunday school class during the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading Genesis 18:20-33 Pew Bible, OT page 14

Second Scripture Reading Colossians 2:6-15 Pew Bible, NT page 200-201
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Dare to Live Spirit-FULL Rev. Christian K. Choi
Text: "continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in Christ, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7

Solo Hallelujah Leonard Cohen

***Affirmation of Faith**

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death –
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

All Creatures of our God and King *Draper (Moore, arr.)*

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** Generous God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to serve you by sharing your blessings to do your will with joy and delight. Amen.

***Hymn 39** Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Runyon*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Postlude in 18th Century Style Eric Thiman

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald Boutelle
- **Greeter:** Maribeth Norton and Sarah Zerfas
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher), Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Erin Ekstedt, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Mia Marcy, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Marilyn Rigney
- **Music:** Arlene Cooney, alto, Diane Dietz, piano, Katie Moore, flute, Pat Moore, euphonium, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Tim Smith, 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: "I Can Help" *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: "Something Big From Something Small" *Teacher: Karen Sherrick*

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.

SERMON BOOKLETS for 2022 sermons are available in the bookshelf in the West Narthex near the office. Sermons in PDF format and videos of past services may be viewed on the [church website](#).

DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN'S MUSIC – A new position has been approved by the Personnel Committee. Westminster is seeking a gifted musician who will implement an effective music ministry for children (Kindergarten through Grade 5) by directing the Children's Choir (K-Grade 2) and the Westminster Choristers (Grades 3-5). This is a part-time position September – June with varying weekly hours depending on the church schedule. The Director for Children's Music shall work in collaboration under the supervision of Dale Rogers, Director of Music and the Arts. Applications are available on the church website.

DAILY BREAD MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERIES ON JULY 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. Thanks to Westminster members helping with this hunger ministry: Mary Caroline Mitchell, David Mitchell, Sam Simonson, Alan Stutz, Bud Green, Anne and David Haaker, Julie and Mike Sundquist, Sandy Bellatti, Kathy Kenyon.

THE HUNGER ACTION TEAM will prepare a monthly meal **Wednesday, July 27** for the Springfield Cooling Center on. Please contact Krista Steller ksteller@wpcspi.org to participate.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION meets each **Tuesday** at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for knitting and fellowship.

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.



THE HISTORIC WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION will host the 2022 National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 2, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** at Westminster. Our neighborhood police officer, Tamara Plug and the Springfield Fire Department will have a fire engine onsite. Please RSVP by leaving a voicemail to Carrie Becker at 217-725-7719.

DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY will gather for a potluck and communion **Thursday, August 4, 6:00 p.m.**, at the Kieffer Home (26 Island Bay Lane, 62712). Please bring a salad, side or dessert. RSVP to Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) and let her know what you will bring. We will also review and select our 2022-2023 curriculum as we begin the eighth year of our journey studying scripture together. Spouses are welcome! New members are always welcome.

ANNUAL MISSION TRIP REUNION SWIM PARTY AND POTLUCK - On **Saturday, August 6**, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., participants of the 2022 Mission Trip will gather at the Home of Susan and Scott Day (47 Fairview Lane 62711). Remember to bring a towel and a dish to share. Freshman and sophomores are invited to bring dessert, juniors and seniors to bring a salad or side dish, and adult leaders to bring chips and a drink. We will serve hot dogs and brats.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION in August has been moved to the first **Sunday, August 7**.

WESTMINSTER SUMMER CHOIR In August, the Westminster 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.

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. for Kindergarten to High School children. Please avoid mesh or clear plastic 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. AS OF FRIDAY, WE RECEIVED 51 BACKPACKS.**

THE WORSHIP, MUSIC AND ARTS COMMITTEE will meet **Tuesday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m.** to begin planning a Congregational Exhibit of member's hobbies and collections called **On My Own Time to be held on Sunday October 9**. Start thinking of the things that you do as a hobby and are willing to share with the congregation – from Precious Moments, Barbie Dolls, to Woodcarving and your collection of arrowheads.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - GOD'S GOT YOUR BACK! On Sunday, August 21, the children and youth of Westminster are invited to bring their backpack to the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the blessing of backpacks as our children and youth begin a new school year. Along with a blessing, each will receive a monogrammed carabiner with a Bible verse for their backpack as a reminder of God's loving presence on their journey throughout this school year.

SPLASH INTO THE NEW YEAR! On Sunday, August 21, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., families (parents and children ages birth through grade twelve) are invited to a swim party at the Kieffer home (26 Island Bay Lane) as we splash into a new year together. This year we are combining the children and youth and adding boat rides for families. Please bring a towel and snack to share! Friends are always welcome and encouraged.

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

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, July 25

9:30 AM Meal on Wheels (Off Site)

Tuesday, July 26

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Group

Wednesday, July 27

9:30 AM Meal on Wheels (Off Site)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Cooling Center Meal (Kitchen)
5:00 PM Property Committee (Off Site)

Thursday, July 28

9:30 AM Meal on Wheels (Off Site)

Friday, July 29

Saturday, July 30

9:00 AM Rotary Youth Exchange Meeting (Parish Hall)

Sunday, July 31

10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)

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The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
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The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle
Parish Associate

Dale T. Rogers
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Deb Watts Elliott
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Financial Administrator

Jennie Alt
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Krista Steller
Communications Coordinator

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Building and Property Manager

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Eddie Hubbard, Steve Stapleton**
Part-time Custodians