



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNION SUNDAY
07 August 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

***Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

***Call to Worship** Hebrews 11:1

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
People: **the conviction of things not seen.**
Leader: Happy are those who trust in the Lord,
People: **whose hope is in God's steadfast love.**
Leader: Let us worship the Holy One in our midst.

***Hymn 1** Holy, Holy, Holy *Nicara*

***Prayer of Confession** Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. You call us to hope in what we do not see, to wait and to watch for you, but we lose sight and become self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. 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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-17

Pew Bible, OT pages 630-631

Second Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-10, 13-16

Pew Bible, NT pages 225-226

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Hope in the Unseen

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Musical Reflection

Nocturne Op. 9 No. 2

Frederick Chopin

The Presentation and Dedication of Our Gifts

At this time all worshipers are asked to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders at the end of each pew.

Offertory

Prelude Op. 11 No. 22

Alexander Scriabin

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

The elements are served without interruption. Partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may symbolize our unity in Christ.

Music at the Communion

Etude No. 2

Philip Glass

***Prayer after Communion**

Since, dear God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us, grant that we may depart filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those we meet along the way and with whom we share life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn 694**

Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Postlude in E Minor

Johann C.H. Rinck

() The congregation is invited to stand.*

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given in loving memory of Heather Huitt and in honor of her birthday by Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Jeanne Pittman and Julie and Jim McDonough
- **Communion Prep Team:** Bill Deemer, Mary Ray, Carol Bloemer, Ann Collins, Krista Steller, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Mary Ray (Team Leader) Bryce Pound, Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Mal Hildebrand, Robyn Hovey, Jay Kennerly, Peter Kieffer, Christy Pound, Carolyn Swanson, Eleanor VanDeventer, Pete VanGieson, Sarah Zervas
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Bud Green, Melanie Green, Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Camille Massey, Jim Rigney, Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** John Stafford
- **Music:** Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Garry Frederickson, piano, Dr. Jamie Greenwald, 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: “God Made Feelings.” *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children Pre-K – Grade 2** begin in worship with their families & go to the Third Floor Chapel following the Children’s Sermon for Summer Sunday school. The story this week is: “The Generous Landowner.” *Teacher: Karen Sherrick*
- **11:15 – 1:00 p.m. Adult Education Forum (Off-site)** Following last week’s presentation about the Sherrick Farm prairie reconstruction, members and friends are visiting the Sherrick Farm to view the natural beauty of the flowers, grasses, and plants. *Leader: Dr. Andy 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.

H.E.A.L. FUND provides “helpful emergency assistance for living” to members of the Springfield community through Contact Ministries and within our church family as needed. Donations are welcome.

THANK YOU to those who picked corn at Grigsby Farms this past Wednesday, August 3. This corn is planted each year by Grigsby Farms (thanks to the Hale and Pound families), and we are grateful to the 23 ministry partners who came out to pick the corn.



STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK CONTINUES this week (August 8-10) as Coleman Moore, Keith Hamilton and Pete VanGieson complete the carpentry work at 637 W. Edwards. Pulliam Masonry donated \$2,500 in masonry work during the service week in June to stabilize this porch.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP Knitters are invited to Sue Cull's home for lunch and fellowship at noon on **Tuesday, August 9**. Knitters are encouraged to carpool to 111 Linden Lane and bring your knitting.³⁵

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 Next **Sunday, August 14** immediately after the Sunday worship service, Elizabeth Circle members will gather in WPC's second floor classroom to place a Bible verse backpack tag on each of the donated backpacks. We collect backpacks through next Sunday, August 14 to be distributed at Contact Ministries' "Ready For Success Back To School Event" on Wednesday, August 17, contact Jennie Alt if you have ordered online with delivery to the church office. As of Friday, we received 101 backpacks.



DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet **Friday, August 19** with a 6:30 p.m. potluck and a 7:15 p.m. program. Rev. Margaret Jessup will talk about the "Wooden It Be Lovely" program that offers hope and employment to women healing from lives of poverty, addiction, and abuse. Please bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP with our weekly email link, website, or by emailing or calling the church office.

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. Please bring a towel and snack to share! Friends are always welcome and encouraged.

THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet **Tuesday, August 23 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library. In August the group will discuss The Complete Maus by Art Spiegelman. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

WESTMINSTER GATHERINGS AT CONCORDIA RESUME **Thursday, August 25, at 11:30 a.m.** with the pastors and the director of music and the arts, for communion followed by lunch. This is the first time we will be together since November of 2019. Our gatherings were suspended because of the pandemic and we are excited to resume this meaningful time of worship and fellowship.

2022-2023 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS for Pre-K through Grade 5 will meet **Sunday, August 28, from 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** in the Third Floor Classroom for orientation.

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, August 8

Tuesday, August 9

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 12:00 PM Knitters Lunch (Sue Cull home)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (Sue Cull home)
- 5:30 PM Stewardship (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 6:30 PM WCP Board Meeting (Off Site)

Wednesday, August 10

- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 4:00 PM Personnel (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 4:45 PM Fiscal (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:30 PM Session Coordinating (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 6:00 PM Adult Ed (Pastor's Study)

Thursday, August 11

- 2:00 PM Early Stage Memory Loss Group
(2nd Floor Classroom)
- 7:30 PM Choir

Friday, August 12

Meal delivered to Helping Hands Shelter

Saturday, August 13

Sunday, August 14

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

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