

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
14 August 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

My Heart Abounds with Pleasure
in This Fair Summertime

Johannes Brahms

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 28

Leader:

Blessed be the Lord, for God has heard
the sound of our pleadings.

People:

**The Lord is our strength and our shield;
in God our hearts trust**

Leader:

so we are helped, and our hearts exult,
and with our songs we give thanks to God.

People:

Come, let us sing glory to God's name.

*** Hymn 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and loving God, whose strength is made perfect in our weakness, help us to believe that you receive us as we are. More than that, help us, imperfect though we are, to be carriers of the message of your love, like earthen vessels that carry treasures. Forgive us for overlooking the gifts we bring to the table. Too often we are overwhelmed by the obstacles in our lives and fail to recognize the unconventional power and wit that is ours to share in your name. 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.

*Children in grades Pre-K-2 will go to Summer Sunday School
class following the Congregational Response.*

First Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Pew Bible, OT pages 259-260

Second Scripture Reading John 6:1-13 Pew Bible, NT pages 97
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Little is Much (When God is in It)
The Rev. Gerald Boutelle

*Text: And Jesse said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is
keeping the sheep." 1 Samuel 16:11b*

Anthem O Lord, You are My God and King C.H.H. Parry
The text can be found on page 270 of the Hymnal.

*Affirmation of Faith

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. Amen.

The Church at Prayer

Response: 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: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

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	Clarinet Tune	Harrison Oxley
Offertory Response	Doxology	Hymnal, 606
*Prayer of Dedication	Living and creative God, we thank you for the stories of our faith that remind us of your amazing power and commitment to justice and equity. Use these gifts and the gift of our lives to remember that when you are involved, little is much. Amen.	
*Hymn 291	Spirit (Refrain, verses 1-4, refrain)	<i>Spirit</i>
*Charge and Benediction		
*Voluntary	Postludio Festivo	Sigfried Karg-Elert
	(*) The congregation is invited to stand.	

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Elder Sue Sawers
- **Greeters:** Linda and Bill Schlosser
- **Ushers** Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Bud Green, Melanie Green, Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Camille Massey, Jim Rigney, Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** Peter VanGieson
- **Music:** Westminster Choir, Adam Miller, tenor, 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: “Rufus and the Scary Storm.” *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 Parable of the Two Builders.” *Teacher: Cathy Brower and Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m.** **Contact Ministries Backpack Project** (Second Floor Classroom) Elizabeth Circle members will meet immediately following worship to add a monogrammed carabiner with a Bible verse to each backpack.

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.

THANK YOU to Eleanor VanDeventer, Brownie Anderson, Ann Collins, Glenna Kniss, and Mary Moore who prepared the August 12 Helping Hands meal.

THANK YOU to Coleman Moore, Keith Hamilton and Pete VanGieson who completed the carpentry work at 637w. Edwards this week which was a continuation of work begun during the Steadfast Neighbor Service Week. Pulliam Masonry donated \$2,500 in masonry work during SNSW to stabilize a porch.

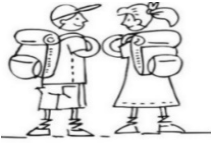
WESTMINSTER SUMMER CHOIR presents the ministry of music today, August 14. The regular season of the choir will begin on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. and hold its annual retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 10. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates for the choir.

CONTACT MINISTRY BACKPACK COLLECTION - Immediately after the Sunday worship service, Elizabeth Circle members (pictured above from last year) will gather in WPC’s second floor classroom to place a Bible verse backpack tag on each of the donated backpacks. Backpacks will be distributed at Contact Ministries’ “Ready for Success Back to School Event” on Wednesday, August 17, **AS OF FRIDAY, WE HAVE RECEIVED 156 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.

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE, CHOCOLATE AND TEA will be sold to support just, environmentally sound products, and small producers next **Sunday, August 21** following the 10:00 a.m. worship.



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY PARTNERS (Junior and Senior High) will meet **Sunday, August 28, from 11:15 – 12:00 noon** in the Third Floor Classroom for orientation. If you have a passion for youth ministry and a desire to share your faith with the young people as they explore their Christian identity centered in Christ, please contact Rev. Choi (cchoi@wpcspi.org).

COMPASS FOR KIDS welcomes mentors/tutors to work one-on-one with children and help them with the basics in reading and math. Thank you to Cathy Allen, Cathy and Emily Brower, Kris Gates, Mia Marcy, and Bryce Pound who will join the team again this year. The Orientation meeting is Tuesday, August 30 at 4:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Compass begins Tuesday, September 13.

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL looks forward to their first day of classes on September 6th. There are a couple of openings in each of our classes (Tuesday & Thursday mornings for 2 1/2 - 3-year-olds; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings for 3–4-year-olds; and Monday-Thursday afternoons for 4 years olds). If you know anyone looking for a play-based preschool with a wonderful cooperative family, please spread the word! An application is available on our website and in the church office. The year begins with a parent orientation on Tuesday, August 30th, and a meet your teacher open house on Friday, September 2nd.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - Join your Westminster family as we begin a new year of ministry together. We will gather for worship at 10:00 a.m., welcome the return of the Westminster Choir and commission the Education Leadership Team. A brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include ministry displays, children's activities, a PowerPoint Presentation of the 2021-2022 ministry year, and the opportunity to sign up for Education, Fellowship, Music, Mission, and Service. Do not miss this new beginning at Westminster!



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 15

Tuesday, August 16

- 8:30 AM Staff Meeting (Kitchen)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 1:00 PM Library Guild (Children's Library)
- 4:45 PM I.T. Committee (Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM Family Ministry (Conference Room)
- 6:00 PM Worship, Music and the Arts (Pastor's Study)
- 7:00 PM St. Andrews Sisters (Music Room)

Wednesday, August 17

- 5:30 PM Session (Parish Hall)

Thursday, August 18

Friday, August 19

- 6:30 PM DMA Potluck (Parish Hall)
- 6:30 PM DMA Program (Parish Hall)

Saturday, August 20

Sunday, August 21

- 10:00 AM Worship Service – Blessing of the Backpacks
- 10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)
- 11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)
- 2:00 PM Children and Youth Swim Party

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