



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
21 August 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Sonata in C: Allegro Arcangelo Corelli

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

***Call to Worship** Psalm 28

Leader: God calls us when we are young and God continues to call us throughout the days and seasons of our lives.

People: **God calls us when we are in dry deserts,
and when we are beside springs of water,**

Leader: when we feel strong and safe,
and when we feel afraid and abandoned.

People: **God calls each of us and gently unfolds our lives
into wholeness, offering to set us free
from whatever keeps us bound.**

Leader: Let us come, then, and offer worship with grateful hearts.

*** Hymn 611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymn to Joy*

***Litany of Confession**

**Healing God, when we carry burdens not ours to carry;
when we become overwhelmed with things around us,**

Lay your hands upon us and unfold us with your grace.

**Wise God, when we make unwise choices or ones that we
know are unfaithful to you; when we allow our doubts to
shut us down rather than open us up to new possibilities,**

Lay your hands upon us and unfold us with your grace.

**Forgiving God, when we clench our fists and our hearts with
hurt and anger and cannot reach beyond ourselves.**

Lay your hands upon us and unfold us with your grace.

***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

Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pew Bible, OT page 698

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10-17

Pew Bible, NT page 76

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Unfolding Lives

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: "When Jesus laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up and began praising God." Luke 13:13

Solo

Theme

Ennio Morricone

*Affirmation of Faith

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 gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives.**

The Church at Prayer

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

Chanson de Matin

Edward Elgar

Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

**Loving God, we rejoice that you call each of us. Let us
lift our voices in joy and gratitude as our lives unfold
before you. Accept the gift of ourselves and our labors
as we minister together in Christ's name. Amen.**

***Hymn 15**

All Creatures of Our God and King
Stanzas 1, 3, 4, 6

Lasst Uns Erereuen

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Concerto in B-minor: Allegro

Johann Walther

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeter:** Ann Collins
- **Ushers** Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Bud Green, Melanie Green, Richard Leary, Jim Rigney, Camille Massey, Mike Sundquist, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady
- **Music:** Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Kamen Petkov, violin, Dale Rogers, organ
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox, Bill Deemer

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 His Angry Tail.” *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 a.m. Worship BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - GOD’S GOT YOUR BACK!** During worship today our children and youth who bring their backpacks will receive a blessing as they 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.
- **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 Wealthy Man.” *Teacher: Sophia Choi*
- **2:00 – 4:00 p.m. SPLASH INTO THE NEW YEAR!** Today, 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.



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 WPC FOR DONATING 190 BACKPACKS to Contact Ministries for their Back to School Event and to Nancy and Rich Canady, Camille Degner, Georgina Hudspeth, Beth Kincaid, Glenna Kniss, Lynn McMenamin, Kathy Meriwether, Judi Mier, Kathy Moore, and Lynne O’Shea who attached a Bible verse to every bag. 160 backpacks were donated by members and the HEAL Fund purchased an additional 30 backpacks to meet our goal.

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

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. Thank you to the following teachers who will nurture our children's faith in 2022-2023: Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Sophia Choi, Adam and Chelsea Ekstedt, Kate Morthland, Linda Purves, and Julie Robbs.

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. Thank you to Michael Morthland who joins Susan Day and Mary Ray in mentoring senior high with Rev. Choi and Jim Kincaid who will teach Confirmation with Rev. Choi. Karen Sherrick will also join our Confirmation teacher team.

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL classes begin 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. Parent Orientation is Tuesday, August 30th, and a meet your teacher open house is Friday, September 2nd.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST resumes **Thursday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m.** Ky Ajayi of Straight Up Solar will give a presentation on solar projects in residential solar, the process, the costs, environmental impacts, and what to expect with a solar installation. Jay Kennerly will give the devotion and Rich Canady will provide breakfast. Men are encouraged to join this fellowship.

WESTMINSTER 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 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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. You may also sign up yourself on the church website www.wpcspi.org

WE WELCOME KATIE MOORE AS WESTMINSTER'S NEW DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN'S MUSIC. She will provide music ministry for children (Kindergarten through Grade 5) by directing the Children's Choir (K-Grade 2) and the Westminster Choristers (Grades 3-5), Katie is the Music Educator at Cantrall Elementary School, a position she has held since 2012, and graduated with honors from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Music Education –Instrumental Degree. She is proficient in piano and flute. Katie and her husband Pat have provided flute and euphonium music for our summer services and have three children, Ned, Charlotte, and Amelia. Katie will work under the supervision of Dale Rogers, Director of Music and the Arts.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (Grades 3-5) begins **Wednesday, October 5** from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (K – Grade 2) begins **Wednesday, October 5** from 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP for Grades 3-5 resumes **Wednesday, September 14**. 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Tower Classroom. This fellowship bridges friendships among our children and across generations.

DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY will resume **Thursday, September 15**, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. This year's curriculum *Disciple's Fast Track Study of the Old Testament and New Testament* provides 12 sessions studying the Old Testament and 12 sessions on the New Testament. The study includes daily scripture readings and a brief DVD presentation each week featuring a theologian. The curriculum is written by Susan Wilke Furquay and Richard Byrd Wilkey. Members and friends are welcome to sign up on Homecoming Sunday when the curriculum will be available for purchase.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Nominations are still being accepted for positions of leadership including Elder, Deacon, Nominating Committee and Strategic Planning Committee. You may direct your recommendations to Eleanor VanDeventer who serves as Chair.

2022-2023 ADULT ED FORUM begins with “Bread of Life” course **September 18, 25, and October 2**. Over three Sundays, Dr. Peter Kieffer will present the microbiology, history, and theology of bread in advance of forming a WPC Bread Guild whose bakers will lovingly supply bread for communion. Peter will bake the bread for communion on Homecoming Sunday, September 11.

REFUGEE PARTNERSHIP - Northminster Presbyterian Church in Evanston, IL welcomed a refugee family from Myanmar on August 11. They are a family of 7: 2 adults, 5 children (ages 7, 8, 14, 16, 18). Westminster is partnering in their support through Refugee One. We designated \$5,000 to Refugee One to sponsor the family and an additional \$2,000 for setting up their apartment of which \$1,500 has been sent.

COMPASS FOR KIDS – Westminster will host Compass for Kids site for students at Graham Elementary School again this year beginning **Tuesday, September 13, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Along with tutoring and providing life skills training, a hot, healthy dinner, and opportunities to take part in fun activities with their peers and adult mentors will be provided. The **Leadership Training meeting is Tuesday, August 30, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Additional mentors are welcome to join members Cathy Allen, Cathy and Emily Brower, Kris Gates, Mia Marcy and Bryce Pound

HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00 A.M. Woship and 11:15 a.m. Brunch Reception

Join your Westminster family for Homecoming Sunday on September 11 as we begin a new ministry year together. We will gather for worship at 10:00 a.m., welcome the return of the Westminster Choir (in the gallery) and commission the Education Leadership Team.

A brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include a slide presentation looking back on the 2021-2022 program year, ministry displays and children's activities as we begin the year together.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, August 22

Tuesday, August 23

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 12:00 PM Preschool and Staff Luncheon
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (Conference Room)
- 6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club

Wednesday, August 24

- 11:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 1:00 PM Cooling Center Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
- 3:30 PM Children of Abraham Leadership (Pastor's Study)
- 4:30 PM Property Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:00 PM Public Meeting for Lawrence, Walnut, MacArthur Intersections (Parish Hall)
- 5:30 PM Membership Meeting (Pastor's Study)

Thursday, August 25

- 11:30 AM Concordia Worship Service (Off site)
- 2:00 PM Early Stage Memory Loss (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM CROP Walk Material Pickup (West Narthex)
- 5:00 PM Congregational Fellowship (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 7:00 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Music Room)

Friday, August 26

Saturday, August 27

Sunday, August 28

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)
- 11:15 AM Sunday School Teacher/Ministry Partner Orientation (3rd Floor Classroom)

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