

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Milestone Membership Recognition
18 September 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Presbyterian Women

Brownie Anderson

Voluntary

Solemn Melody

Walford Davies

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Numbers 11:16-29

Leader:

Upon this gathering of your people,

People:

pour out your Spirit, O Lord.

Leader:

Be near to us and speak the truth to us,

People:

that we may find wholeness and proclaim your glory,

Leader:

from all that dwell below the skies.

*Processional Hymn 327

From All that Dwells Below the Skies

Lasst uns Erfreuen

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, sometimes we forget who you are and who you call us to be. Forgive us for being unable to hear the difficult truths about ourselves and our communities which lead to change and redemption. Forgive us for lacking honesty in our lives and in our relationships. Make us more perceptive and discerning in the ways we live our faith and share your love. 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.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

Children in grades Pre-K-Grade 5 will go to Sunday school class following the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Pew Bible, OT page 709

Second Scripture Reading I Timothy 2:1-7 Pew Bible, NT page 208

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Presentation of Our Gifts

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

Offertory

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered God's people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of the name of God,
making his praise to be glorious. Alleluia.

Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

*Prayer of Dedication

God of truth and grace, we give you thanks for the goodness and love that you have shown to us in Christ and pray your blessings upon these gifts: may they build your love in the world, to the honor of your name. Amen.

Recognition of Milestone Members

*Hymn 587

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

*Charge and Benediction

*Response

Forth in Thy Name

Orlando Gibbons

*Voluntary

Fugue in G

Johann Sebastian Bach

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

MILESTONE MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS:

Dr. Carman Pfeiffer Timothy Schweitzer
Dr. Alan Stutz Marty Stutz

FIFTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERS:

Jan Baxter Mark Cochran
Kathy Germeraad Sandy Hockenyos

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS:

Betty Dawkins Kenneth Hollis
Nancy Huston Al Manson
Susan Manson Mary Ann Nation
Ruth Robert-Roland Elsie Unglaub

SIXTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBER:

Patricia Roller

SEVENTY-TWO YEAR MEMBER:

Margie Dobson

We are grateful for all the ways these members have enriched the life of our congregation over the years. The congregation is invited to a reception in the West Narthex following worship to express our congratulations and appreciation.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given by Pat and Alan Hymans in thanksgiving for 53 years of marriage.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Worship Leader:** Mia Marcy
- **Acolytes:** Abigail Eldridge, James Maeda
- **Greeters:** Marilyn and Jim Rigney
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher) Mervice Alah Abung, Rich Canady, Terry Haynor, Mary King, Julie McDonough, Bruce Strom, Brinton Wilkey
- **Music:** Westminster Choir, Jay Kennerly, tenor, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Safety Team:** Julie James, Marilyn Rigney
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **9:00 a.m. Safety Team Meeting (Second Floor Classroom)** The Safety Team regroups as we begin our regular Sunday morning schedule.
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week: “Jesus Blesses Children.” *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children Pre-K – Grade 2** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. The story is “The Shrewd Manager” Luke 16:1-13 Teachers: *Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt*
- **11:15 a.m. Fair Trade Ministry (West Narthex)** Provided by Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson
- **11:15 a.m. Confirmation (Second Floor Classroom)** Confirmands (grades 6-8) will meet on Sundays following worship, beginning today. Teachers: *Rev. Choi, Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Karen Sherrick*
- **11:15 a.m. Adult Education Forum (Parish Hall) “The Bread of Life.”** Join us for the first of a three-week presentation of the microbiology, history, and theology of bread based on the book Sourdough and Culture: A History of Bread Making from Ancient to Modern Bakers by Eric Pallant. Led by Dr. Peter Kieffer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and 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, please speak to one of the pastors. Our next New Member Classes will be Sundays, November 20 and 27.

FAIR TRADE SALE is today, following worship, Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts and other items will be sold in the West Narthex to support just, environmentally sound products, and small producers.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING - Each September and October WPC receives the Peace & Global Witness Offering which enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

CONFIRMATION (Grades 6 - 8) begins **today** at 11:15 a.m.– 12:00 noon 2nd Floor Classroom. Confirmation is the process through which youth affirm the vows made at their Baptism and become active members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Three-year Confirmation class provides a comprehensive review of our faith based on the Scripture. We will integrate two curriculums, “Big God, Big Questions” and “Echo, The Story” to connect our confessional faith statements and the Scripture. Teachers: Rev. Choi, Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Karen Sherrick



ADULT ED FORUM begins the “Bread of Life” course **today** at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. Join Dr. Peter Kieffer for a three-week presentation of the microbiology, history, and theology of bread based on the book Sourdough and Culture: A History of Bread Making from Ancient to Modern Bakers by Eric Pallant. Thank you to those who signed up for the WPC Bread Guild whose bakers will lovingly provide bread for the Sacrament of Communion. Members are still welcome.

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN INTRODUCED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

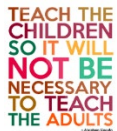
“let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” ~ 1 John 3:18

Love in Truth and Action: Time, Talent, Treasure is the 2023 Stewardship theme. The campaign will be introduced in worship next Sunday, September 25. The stewardship letter will be mailed the week of September 26 following the Session’s approval of the 2023 budget and Stewardship Dedication will be Sunday, October 30. **Serving on the 2022 Stewardship Committee:** Robyn Hovey, Chair, Brownie Anderson, Becky Huston, Jay Kennerly, Kate Morthland, Julie McDonough, Gregg Swanson, Brinton Wilkey, Bob Zerfas.



FLU VACCINES CLINIC - On Sunday, September 25, Tamika Hill, RPh will administer flu vaccines in the Church Office before and following worship. Members must reserve their shots with Ellen Carpenter prior to that day. Contact her at ranell@comcast.net or phone 217-793-3412 and be prepared to provide your insurance information.

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, September 27 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. In September, the group will discuss Between the World and Me by Ta Naehsi-Coates. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.



CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM will meet Wednesday, September 28 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the Islamic Society of Springfield (3000 Stanton St.). Children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 and Youth in Grade 6 through Grade 12 are invited to join children and youth from other faith communities to build friendships, learn about one another, and share a vegetarian meal. 2022-2023 theme is: “Caring for the Earth.”

SPRINGFIELD IL CROP HUNGER WALK will be World Communion Sunday, October 2. Members of Westminster are invited to join other Springfield congregations as they walk together to raise money to fight hunger in Springfield and throughout the world. The 2.5 mile Walk passes several of the supported food pantries at Grace Lutheran, Kumler, and Fifth Street Renaissance. The Walk begins and finishes at Third Presbyterian Church. See Becky Martin or Krista Steller for more details.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - On Sunday, October 9, the congregation will gather immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to elect members to server as Elders, Deacons, as well as members for the Strategic Planning Committee and Nominating Committee.

THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ARE INVITED TO
THE EIGHTH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER WOMEN’S SALAD SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL

PROGRAM :

A HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN GLOBALLY

Presented by Brownie Anderson, Co-Moderator of Presbyterian Women

Enjoy an evening with your Westminster sisters and bring your favorite salad.

Sign up on Homecoming Sunday or

RSVP to Jennie Alt 217-522-4415 or jalt@wpcspi.org.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, September 19

Tuesday, September 20

- 9:30 AM Lydia Circle (Library)
- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 1:00 PM Library Guild (Children's Library)
- 3:00 PM Compass for Kids (Parish Hall)
- 4:45 PM I.T. Committee (Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM Family Ministry (Conference Room)
- 7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Music Room)

Wednesday, September 21

- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 4:00 PM Bridges grades 3-5 (Kitchen)
- 5:30 PM Session (Parish Hall)

Thursday, September 22

- 2:00 PM Early Stage Memory Loss Group (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 4:00 PM IL Pres Home Service (Off site)
- 5:00 PM WCP Macaroni Fest Fundraiser (Parish Hall)
- 5:30 PM Mission Committee tours IPH (Off site)
- 6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

Friday, September 23

Saturday, September 24

- 11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, September 25

- 9:00 AM Stewardship Mailing (Parish Hall)
- 9:45 AM Flu Vaccines given (Church Office)
- 10:00 AM Worship Service – Stewardship Campaign Introduced
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K to Grade 5 (Chapel)
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation Class (2nd Floor Classroom)

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