



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Stewardship Sunday
25 September 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Love in Truth and Action Robyn Hovey

Voluntary Intrada Greyston Ives

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

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 145

Leader: One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

People: **The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and we will declare your greatness.**

Leader: Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever.

People: **Come, let us lift our voices and worship the God
who calls us to love in truth and action.**

***Processional Hymn 757** Today We all are Called to Be Disciples *Kingsfold*

***Prayer of Confession** Generous and loving God, thank you for calling us to love in truth and action. Forgive us when those in need become invisible to us and we do not invite them to our tables. Forgive us when we fall short of our responsibility to reach beyond ourselves, to invest in the future, and share a portion of what we have received with those who have less. 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-5 go to Sunday School class following the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Pew Bible, OT pages 736

Second Scripture Reading Luke 16:19-31 Pew Bible, NT page 79-80

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Love in Truth and Action Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: "For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."
Jeremiah 32:15*

Anthem

Draw the Circle Wide

Mark Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle wide, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle side, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone standing side by side.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of our God 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 our God is in this place.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and 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 **God Gave Us Music** Dale Wood

All praise to God for song God gives!
For music and a hope that lives!
God's sacred word is so profound,
We sing, and let the truth resound.
God gave us music, gave us voice;
Sing alleluia and rejoice!
We lift in faith secure and strong
Th sacred word through sacred song.

Offertory Response **Doxology** Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** **Holy God, who loves in truth and action,
who draws the circle wide, and who gave us music, make
us rich in good works, generous and ready to share.
Accept these gifts given in gratitude for who you are and
who you call us to become. Amen.**

***Hymn 301** **Let Us Build a House** *Two Oaks*
(Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response** **Forth in Thy Name** Orlando Gibbons

*** Voluntary** **Nachspiel** T. Tertius Noble

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

In the Reformed Tradition, the Exchange of Peace follows the Declaration of Pardon and is a response to God's forgiveness. This exchange of signs and words of unity and of Christ's peace is an ancient greeting. This is a time when we extend to one another what we ourselves have received from God in Christ.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Flowers in the Chancel** are given in loving memory of Elder Grady M. Chronister by his family.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Worship Leader:** Will Hovey
- **Acolytes:** Juliet Boutelle, James Maeda
- **Greeters:** Linda and Tom Purves
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher) Mervice Alah Abung, Rich Canady, Terry Haynor, Julie McDonough, Jim Rigney, Bruce Strom, Brinton Wilkey
- **Music:** Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Safety Team:** Alan Schuermann
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Flu Vaccines Clinic (Church Office)** provided by Tamika Hill, RPh
- **9:00 a.m. Stewardship Mailing (Parish Hall)** Members of the Stewardship Campaign gather to collate letters which will be mailed Monday, September 26.
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week: “Jesus Teaches and Heals.” *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 “Be Warned Now” Luke 16:19-31 Teachers: *Linda Purves and Julie Robbs*
- **11:15 a.m. Confirmation (Second Floor Classroom)** will meet in 2nd Floor Classroom. Today’s lesson is session 20 from *Echo the Story*, “Baptism & Temptation.” Teachers: *Rev. Choi, Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Karen Sherrick*
- **11:15 a.m. Adult Education Forum (Parish Hall) “The Bread of Life.”** Join Dr. Peter Kieffer for a presentation of the history of bread based on the book *Sourdough and Culture: A History of Bread Making from Ancient to Modern Bakers* by Eric Pallant.
- **5:00 p.m. Youth Group (Parish Hall/Youth Room)** will meet in Parish Hall for dinner & fellowship, then moving to Youth Room for discussion on *Justice* from Faith Questions. Ministry Partners: *Susan Day, Michael Morthland, Mary Ray, Rev. Choi*

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.

TODAY’S OPENING VOLUNTARY was written for the Jubilee service for Queen Elizabeth II.

FLU VACCINES CLINIC Tamika Hill, RPh will administer flu vaccines in the Church Office before and following worship today.

**STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY PRESENTS THE 2023 THEME:
"LOVE IN TRUTH AND ACTION: TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE**



This year's Stewardship theme is based on 1 John 3:18 - *Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.* Sharing our time, talent, and treasure in support of Christ's ministry at Westminster expresses our love in truth and action. Our church family is made resilient when we work together. We are grateful for the time and talent shared by so many and want to acknowledge these generous gifts as well as the gifts of "treasure" we invite at this time. We value every gift given in truth and action. Each gift enriches our life together and each gift is an expression of one's love for Christ. Please consider showing your Love in Truth and Action by generously supporting this year's stewardship campaign.

The stewardship letter, brochure, and pledge card will be mailed this week. The brochure includes the 2023 Operating Budget approved by Session which is a %6% increase from the 2022 budget. It includes compensation for the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry as the APNC continues their search. Please complete the pledge card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate by Stewardship Dedication Sunday, October 30, 2022. Pledges can also be made online at www.wpcspi.org.

The 2022 Stewardship Committee: Robyn Hovey, Chair; Brownie Anderson, Becky Huston, Jay Kennerly, Kate Morthland, Julie McDonough, Gregg Swanson, Brinton Wilkey, and Bob Zerfas.

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.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP gathers **every Tuesday** at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom.

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 Naheisi-Coates. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

**TEACH THE
CHILDREN
SO IT WILL
NOT BE
NECESSARY
TO TEACH
THE ADULTS**
-Abraham Lincoln

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."

CHURCH MICE (infants through age 4) meet **every Saturday** at 11:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom with Mr. Rogers. Follow the cheese.

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.



ELIZABETH CIRCLE is on **Monday, October 3** at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary King will lead Lesson 2 “Sabbath and Celebration” and Norma Adams-Johnson will provide the devotional. Call Eleanor VanDeventer (217-341-4032).

CHILDREN’S CHOIRS begin **Wednesday, October 5** under the direction of our new Director for Children’s Music, Katie Moore. **The Westminster Children’s Choir** (Kindergarten - Grade 2) will meet from 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. **The Westminster Choristers** (Grades 3-5) will meet from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. following Bridges in the Choir Room.

RUTH AND NAOMI will resume on **Wednesday, October 5**, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pat Wheat (11 Pickering Lane, 62712). Call Christy Pound (217-971-3082) if you are interested in joining.

PW LUNCHEON is on **Friday, October 7**, 12 noon in Parish Hall. The Ruth & Naomi circle will provide the program. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office.

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.

WESTMINSTER ON MY OWN TIME EXHIBIT will be **Sunday, October 9** at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. The Worship, Music and Arts Committee will host this event and invites all members to consider participating. Start thinking of the things that you do as a hobby and are willing to share with the congregation. We have 15 members who have signed up. If you would like to participate, complete today’s bulletin insert and put it in the basket in the main office, give it to Dale Rogers or contact him with your questions at(drogers@wpcspi.org).

PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S BREAKFAST is on **Thursday, October 13** at 8:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. Nikki Monari, Marketing Director of Scheels. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office

ADULT ED FORUM presents “Christian Devotional Traditions” **Sundays, October 16, 23, November 6**, 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. Join us for an exploration of devotional traditions and their history including the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, and Presbyterian Heritage. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, The Rev. Gerald Boutelle, Jay Kennerly, Lyle VanDeventer

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, October 18** at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Sharon Turner will lead Lesson 2 “Sabbath and Creation” and Betsy Ruklick will host. Call Nancy Canady (217-899-9890).

**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.

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

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, September 26

9:30 AM King's Daughter's Meeting (3rd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, September 27

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Second Floor Classroom)

1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)

4:00 PM Property Meeting (Pastor's Study)

5:00 PM Hunger Action Team (2nd Floor Classroom)

6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club (Library)

7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters

Wednesday, September 28

10:00 AM Pastor's Pray in the Chancel

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

12:30 PM Reporter Folding (2nd Floor Classroom)

1:00 PM Warming/Cooling Center Meal (Kitchen)

4:30 PM Children of Abraham (Off Site)

6:00 PM PW Salad Supper (Parish Hall)

Thursday, September 29

9:00 AM Senior Services of CI Emp. Retreat (Parish Hall)

4:00 PM IL Presbyterian Home Service (IPH)

5:00 PM Membership Meeting (Pastor's Study)

6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)

7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, September 30

5:30 PM Copp/Stefancic Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, October 1

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

2:30 PM Copp/Stefancic Wedding (Sanctuary)

Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Day

9:30 AM Parish Nurse Ministries

10:00 AM Worship Service – World Communion Sunday

10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-5)

11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)

1:00 PM CROP Walk (Third Presbyterian Church)

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