

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022 10:00 A.M.

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 

## **Service of Worship**

### Welcome and Announcements

**Voluntary** Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

\*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 139

Leader: If we ascend to heaven, you are there!

People: If we take the wings of the morning and

dwell in the outermost parts of the sea,

Leader: even there your hand shall lead us.

People: How precious are your thoughts, O God,

how vast is the sum of them!

Leader: If we should count them, they are more than the sand.

People: When we awake, we are still with you.

Leader: Come. Let us worship God.

\*Hymn 822 When We are Living

Somos Del Senor

\*Prayer of Confession

Holy and Loving God, before your splendor and glory we fall silent, aware of our human frailty and need for forgiveness. Who are we to speak your word of love or spread your gospel of truth? Yet only speak your word of forgiveness, only touch us with your healing hand, and humbly we will respond to your call, through the grace of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

\*Sung Response Lord, Hav

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 Haggai 2:1-9

Pew Bible, OT page 878

Second Scripture Reading Luke 20:27-40 Pew Bible, NT page 84

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** The Melody of One's Life Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: "Now God is God not of the dead, but of the living..."

Luke 20: 38a

**Anthem** I Never Saw a Moor

Victor C. Johnson

I never saw a moor. I never saw the sea:

Yet know I how the heather looks, and what a wave must be.

I never spoke with God; Nor visited in heaven: Yet certain am I of the spot as if the chart were given.

Text: Emily Dickinson

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## The Church at Prayer

Choir: 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.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of our Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

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

Offertory Pie Jesu Andrew Lloyd Webber

Blessed Jesus, grant them eternal rest.

\*Offertory Response Doxology Hymnal, 606

# \*Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Leader: God of the Ages, we thank you for your children,

who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.

For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who have witnessed to your truth in life and death.

People: We give you thanks, Creator God.

Leader: For your children who have faithfully served you,

witnessed bravely, and died for faith, who still are shining lights to the world.

People: We give you thanks, Redeemer God.
Leader: For those we have known and loved,

who by their faithful reverence and steadfast hope, have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

People: We give you thanks, Sustainer God.

Leader: Keep us grateful for the witness of those members

of the Westminster family who have died this past year:

(Pause while names are spoken.)

May we, like them, be eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share

the inheritance of the saints of light;

through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

\* Hymn 326 For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Response Day By Day

Harold Friedell

\*Voluntary Grand Choeur

Théodore Salomé

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.



## All Saints' Remembrance Sunday - November 6, 2022

Members of the Westminster family who have died since Remembrance Sunday 2021 will be remembered in prayer during our 10:00 a.m. service of worship. The loving support of the church is extended to all members and friends who have experienced the death of a loved one this past year. Family members are invited to the Chancel following worship to receive a white rose.

| Judy A. Ridinger                 | November 6, 2021  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Kyle G. Schultz                  | November 29, 2021 |  |  |
| Don F. Harmon                    | December 2, 2021  |  |  |
| Gordon E. Cozadd                 | December 9, 2021  |  |  |
| William A. Irvine                | December 10, 2021 |  |  |
| Dr. Charles Kenney, Jr. December |                   |  |  |
| Jon R. Hockenyos                 | December 18, 2021 |  |  |
| Frank Wells Langbehn             | January 30, 2022  |  |  |
| Linda Lee Janus                  | May 1, 2022       |  |  |
| Roberta Diane Ross               | May 26, 2022      |  |  |
| John R. Dunn                     | May 30, 2022      |  |  |
| Lionel S. Stirrett               | June 21, 2022     |  |  |
| Agnes L. Harmon                  | August 26, 2022   |  |  |
| June S. Baker                    | September 4, 2022 |  |  |
| Robert T. Lawley                 | October 7, 2022   |  |  |
| Jo Ann Schmidt                   | October 17, 2022  |  |  |
| Margie L. Dobson                 | October 21, 2022  |  |  |

## IN MEMORIAM

Jo Ann Schmidt 03/31/1934 – 10/17/22 United with Westminster 02/09/1975

#### SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

• Sunday Liturgist: Rev. Christian K. Choi

• Worship Leader: Matthew Scott

• Acolytes: Macklin Metzger and James Maeda

• Greeter: Camille and Ted Proud

• Ushers: Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Sophia Choi Bud Green, Melanie Green, Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Jim Rigney, Mike Sundquist

• Music: Westminster Choir, The St. Andrew's Sisters, Dale Rogers, organist

• Safety Team: Julie James, Brad Steller

• Videographers and Sound: Bob Fox, Bill Deemer, Bob Leffler

#### EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education Committee (Pastor's Study)
- 9:30 a.m. 12 noon Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery) This week's Bible Story: "Jesus, the Good Shepherd." Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor, Sara Eldridge
- 10:00 11:00 a.m. Children Kindergarten Grade 5 will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. The story is "Hold On!" 2 Thessalonians Teachers: Linda Purves, Julie Robbs
- 11:15 a.m. 12 noon
  - Confirmation Jr. High Youth (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom) will explore "Jesus' Followers" from Echo: The Story, Led by Rev. Choi. Teachers: Jim Kincaid, Karen Sherrick
  - Adult Education Forum (Parish Hall) presents "Christian Devotional Traditions" of our Presbyterian Heritage. Led by Jay Kennerly and Lyle VanDeventer.
- 4:00 p.m. CÉSAR FRANCK 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT (Sanctuary) by Dale Rogers.
   César Franck was a pivotal figure in French music as a symphonist, composer of chamber music and of a symphonic style of composition for the organ.
- 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Senior High Dinner and Youth Group Fellowship (Parish Hall, Youth Room) Theme: Reformed Theology: How Do We Know God is Trying to Tell Us Something? Led by Rev. Choi, Susan Day, Mike Morthland Mary Ray

**The Library Committee** has prepared a cart of books for checkout from both of our libraries in the West Narthex. Please plan to stop to peruse the books and resources.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website at <a href="https://www.wpcspi.org">www.wpcspi.org</a>. 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.

**WESTMINSTER'S MEMORIAL GARDEN** is a place of peace and repose for the ashes of those interred within its walls. The cost of an individual inurnment in the South wall is \$1,000 for a member or their immediate family and \$2,000 for friends of Westminster. Persons desiring to reserve space may complete an application form located in the West Narthex and on our website. The Church website includes the full obituaries of those inurned in the garden.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM gather this Wednesday, November 9 Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to join us as we welcome our friends from other faith communities. The 2022-23 theme is "Caring for the Earth."

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST is Thursday, November 10 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. Nikki Monari, Marketing Director of Scheels, will speak on "Scheels in the Community." RSVP to the church office or at <a href="https://www.wpcspi.org">www.wpcspi.org</a>.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** meets **Monday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m**. in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary Peura will lead Lesson 3 "Sabbath and Sunday." Carrol Stahlman will bring devotionals.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets Tuesday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Carolyn Beatty will lead Lesson 3 "Sabbath and Sunday" and Nancy Canady will host.

CONCORDIA COMMUNION AND LUNCH is Thursday, November 17, 11:30 a.m.

**DMA** hosts a Potluck and Hobby Night on **Friday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Attendees are encouraged to share a picture of a hobby or bring a small sample of your hobby.

**ADULT EDUCATION FORUM – No Room at the Inn: Homeless Ministries – Join us on November** 20 and 27, December 11 and 18 in Parish Hall

**ST, ANDREW'S SUNDAY** will be held on **Sunday, November 20** at the 10:00 a.m. service. Westminster will continue the rich tradition of celebrating St. Andrew's Sunday with a flourish of bagpipes and drums presenting traditional Scottish music.

**ADOPT A FAMILY GIVING TREE** goes up **November 20.** Westminster will again sponsor families through Contact Ministries. Please sign up for gifts on our website and return gifts to the church unwrapped. Please put a tag with the family and gift number on returned gifts.

**ST. JOHN'S BREADLESS BREADLINE FUNDRAISER** will be **Sunday, November 20.** St. John's Breadline, which serves hot food 365 days a year to those who need it.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS GO UP on Monday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Dale Rogers.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE HOSTS A CHRISTMAS GATHERING** on **Friday, December 2 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** All women of Westminster and their guests are invited to the Village at 3301 Robbins Rd for tea sandwiches, salads, and desserts with a musical program by the St. Andrews Sisters, accompanied by Dale Rogers. Cost is \$15.00. **RSVP and Prepay by November 16** to Eleanor VanDeventer.

**NEW WI-FI HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM** - The Worship, Music and Arts Committee approved the purchase of a WIFI Hearing Assistance System and 5 lanyards using Worship, Music, and the Arts Endowment Funds. Once the system is installed, there will be three options for those needing hearing assistance. A Hearing Assistance Orientation will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m. in Parish Hall to introduce the new system and the following hearing options:

(1) Those with Bluetooth enabled hearing aids will need to install an app. Please come prepared with your Apple Store password for iPhones or Play Store password for Android phones. (2) Those with regular hearing aids can use the lanyards which will be attached to our current hearing amplifier packets. (3) Those without hearing aids can utilize our current hearing amplifier packets which will have disposable earbuds.

Lanyards, hearing amplifier packets, and disposable earbuds will be located at each of the three entrances to the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, November 20.



## THE 2021 BAY WEEKEND

## NOVEMBER 12-13

WELCOMES DR. ROGERS SMITH

Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania

#### Presentation:

Race and Religion in America: The 1960s and Today

Saturday, November 12

Welcome Reception 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Members are invited to a welcome reception at the home

of Drs. Todd and Judy Knox hosted by the Adult Education Committee.

Sunday, November 13

Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Dr. Smith will introduce the theme.

Education Forum 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Presentation

**Description:** In his high school years, Rogers Smith attended an Illinois Synod summer institute in Decatur with his mom and brother Dale where black and white church leaders and members from around the state had discussions on civil rights. The following summer Rogers participated in the Westminster Youth Mission Trip to Mt. Morris Presbyterian Church on 125<sup>th</sup> Street in Harlem. These experiences set him on the road to becoming a political scientist who has studied struggles over equal citizenship in America for over 45 years. He will share thoughts on the significance of race and religion in American life, then and now.

All Church Lunch

12:30 P.M. The Westminster family will share in a meal featuring one of Betty Smith's recipes from the Second Helpings Cookbook.

**Biography:** Dr. Rogers Smith is the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. He is an author noted for his research and writing on American constitutional and political development and political thought, with a focus on issues of citizenship and racial, gender, and class inequalities. He earned degrees from James Madison College, Michigan State University and Harvard University. Dr. Smith was the president of the American Political Science Association (APSA) from 2018–2019.

Please RSVP at wpcspi.org by Thursday, November 10 for the Sat. Welcome Reception and/or the Sun. All Church Lunch.

The Bay Weekend was established in 1974 by the family of Frances and Ed Bay with the formation of the Frances M. Bay Lay Education Fund. This fund has provided the Westminster congregation and community with educational weekends for over 40 years. We are grateful to the Bay Family whose generosity and legacy have nourished our faith for more than four decades, and for the Westminster Endowment Fund which has also contributed to these endeavors.

## The Bay Weekend History

| 1974 | The Frances M. Bay Fund for Lay Education established.   |
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| 1976 | Dr. William Eichelberger, Professor of Louisville Seminary:  A New and Re-newing Quest for Human Dignity |
| 1977 | Dr. James Sanders  |
| 1979 | Father Henri Nouwen: Compassion in Medicine and Ministry   |
| 1982 | Rev. Dr. Howard Rice, Professor of San Francisco Seminary  |
| 1983 | Dr. Gordon Ingram: Thinking Theologically in the Future Tense  |
| 1987 | Rev. Shehadah N. Shehadeh of St. Goerge's Cathedral, Jerusalem:  |
|      | Peacemaking in the City of Peace   |
| 1988 | Dr. James H Smylie, Professor of Union Theological Seminary:   |
|      | Presbyterian Faith and Life: 200 Years and Beyond  |
| 1990 | Dr. Gordon Brubacher, Biblical Resource Center at Taintur, Jerusalem:                                    |
|      | The Fragility of Life: The Biblical Response   |
| 1991 | Rev. Dr. William Hudnut, Mayor of Indianapolis:  |
|      | Faith, Ethics, and Politics  |
| 1993 | Dr. Peggy Way, Professor at Eden Theological Seminary  |
|      | Faith is my Compass  |
| 1994 | Rev. Dr. John Mulder, President of Louisville Theological Seminary:                                      |
|      | Presbyterian Presence  |
| 1995 | Elder Marj Carpenter, Moderator of the 207th General Assembly  |
|      | Mission! Mission!  |
| 1996 | Dr. Ken Lawrence: Religious Interpretation of Art and Architecture                                       |
| 1997 | Dr. Jack Stotts, President of Austin Seminary: Human Sexuality   |
| 1998 | Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell, President of McCormick Seminary:  |
|      | Theological Challenges in the Modern World   |
| 1999 | Dr. George Hunsinger, Professor at Princeton Seminary: The New Catechism                                 |
| 2000 | Dr. Robert Wuthnow, Director of the Center for the Study of Religion                                     |
|      | at Princeton University: Spirituality and Church Vitality  |
| 2001 | Rev. Dr. Michael K. Kinnamon, Professor at Eden Theological Seminary:                                    |
|      | What is the Vision and Future of Christian Ecumenism?  |
| 2003 | Ann Weems, author and poet.  |
| 2004 | Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell, Professor at McCormick Seminary:  |
|      | Making a Home for Faith & A Backpack of Belonging  |
| 2006 | Ethan Anthony, Architectural Firm of Ralph Adams Cram:   |
|      | 100th Anniversary of Laying the Cornerstone of Walnut and Edwards  |
| 2011 | Dr. Doug White with Rev. William Keagle and Attorney Fred Prillaman                                      |
|      | Critical Medical Decisions: Clinical, Ethical and Spiritual Perspectives                                 |
| 2016 | Mark Yaconelli, Author and Storyteller - Storytelling: Remembering What Matters                          |
| 2017 | The Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana, Presbyterian Pastor and author -Sabbath Keeping & Holy Time              |
| 2018 | Dr. Tom Schwartz, Director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum highlighted               |
|      | Mr. Hoover's humanitarian efforts in WW1 – Title: Am I My Brother's Keeper?                              |
| 2019 | The Reverend Dr. Clint McCann, Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Seminary                     |
|      | The Psalms for Justice-Seekers and Peacemakers — I am for Peace (Psalm 120:7)                            |
| 2021 | Dr. Chad Schrock Associate Pastor of English at Lee University   |
|      | Knowing God in Paradise: C.S. Lewis's Perelandra   |

#### WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

#### Monday, November 7

9:00 AM Garden Club (Parish Hall)

#### Tuesday, November 8

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Election Day Voting

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)

12:00 PM Knitters Lunch (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

4:00 PM Confirmation Meeting (Conference Room)

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

6:45 PM WCP Board Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sister Rehearsal (Music Room)

#### Wednesday, November 9

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)

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

4:30 PM Children of Abraham (Parish Hall)

4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

6:00 PM Session Coordinating (Pastor's Study)

6:00 PM Board of Deacons (3rd Floor Classroom)

6:30 PM WCP Long Range Planning (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

#### Thursday, November 10

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)

1:00 PM PEO Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)

4:00 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)

5:00 PM Property Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

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

7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

#### Friday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)

5:00 PM Helping Hands Meal Delivered (Off-Site)

#### Saturday, November 12

11:00 AM Church Mice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

5:30 PM Bay Weekend Reception (Off-Site)

#### Sunday, November 13

## Communion Sunday & 2022 Bay Weekend

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-2)

11:15 AM Bay Weekend Presentation (Parish Hall)

12:00 PM Bay Weekend Luncheon (Parish Hall)

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