

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH St. Andrew's and Christ the King Sunday 20 November 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

## Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Helping Hands Laura Davis

**Voluntary** Highland Cathedral Korb and Roever

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

\*The Little Entry The Green Hills of Tyrol Traditional

\*Call to Worship Psalm 90:1, 2

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

People: you have been our home throughout all the ages.

Leader: You were there before the world was made

and will be there forever.

**People:** From everlasting to everlasting you are God. Leader: Come, let us worship with reverence and joy.

\*Processional Hymn 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Lauda Anima

\*Prayer of Confession God of grace, too often we trust in the promises of earthly

rulers instead of the power of your love within our lives. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for

the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come.

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 Scottish Dance: The Highland Reel Traditional

Children in grades Pre-K-5 go to Sunday School class following

the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6 Pew Bible, OT page 725

Second Scripture Reading Luke 23:33-43 Pew Bible, NT page 89

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** Executing Righteousness Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and sall execute justice and righteousness in the

land. Jeremiah 23:5

Special Music Amazing Grace Anglo-American Tune

## \*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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** Deep Peace

Elaine Hagenberg

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

\*Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, you call us from every tribe, language, people, and nation to share in your everlasting kingdom. Bless these gifts which we offer that we may extend your blessing to others, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

\* Hymn 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

Llanfair

\*Charge and Benediction

\*March and Retreat

Scotland the Brave

Traditional

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

### IN MEMORIAM

Mary Anne Singleton 03/21/1928–11/14/2022 United with Westminster 10/01/1961

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. You may shake hands and say "The peace of Christ be with you" or simply "Peace be with you," the greeting of Jesus Christ to his disciples after his resurrection. By exchanging the Peace of Christ to one another, we witness to God's reconciling love.

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Scott Hoff by his mother, Elaine Hoff.
- West Narthex Flowers are given in loving memory of Roxie and David Reid by their daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Norm Hoback.
- Sunday Liturgists: Rev. Gerald Boutelle, Rev. Christian K. Choi
- Worship Leader: Bryce Pound
- Acolytes: Taryn Barnett and Kate Bryans
- Cross and Bible Carriers: Carter Magalis and Braden Barton
- Greeters: Cathy and Sam Brower
- Ushers: Ushers: Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Bud Green, Melanie Green, Richard Leary, Jim Rigney, Camille Massey, Mike Sundquist, Jess Weitzel
- Safety Team: Marilyn Rigney
- Music: The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist, St. Andrew's Pipes and Drums
- Dance: Lisa Runkle, Augusta Harris-Patel, Olivia Hawley

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- 9:00 a.m. (Parish Hall) Hearing Assistance Orientation to introduce the new system and options. Hearing amplifier packets and disposable earbuds are located at each of the three entrances beginning today. Lanyards will be located at the West Narthex door.
- 9:30 a.m. 12 noon Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery) This week's Bible Story: "The Prodigal Son." *Caregivers: Sara Eldridge, Caroline Haynor*
- 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 "Shepherd-Leaders" Jeremiah 23:1-6 Teachers: Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt
- 11:15 a.m. 12 noon
  - Confirmation Jr. High Youth (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom) will explore "Miracles" from Echo: The Story. Led by *Rev. Choi. Teachers: Jim Kincaid, Karen Sherrick*
  - Adult Education Forum (Parish Hall) presents "No Room at the Inn: Homeless Ministries.
     In the first session of this series, we welcome Laura Davis, the new Executive Director for Helping Hands. WPC was instrumental in founding Helping Hands, provided financial support of \$8,000 in 2022, and prepares a monthly meal for 50 in their homeless shelter.
  - New Member Class (Pastor's Study) led by Dr. Kieffer
  - Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex) Equal Exchange items will be sold to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers.
- 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Senior High Dinner and Youth Group Fellowship (Parish Hall, Youth Room) Theme: Reformed Theology: Is Everything Predestined, or Do I have Free Will?? 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.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** - As of Thursday, November 17 we have received **203** pledges for a total of **\$766,584**. This is **90%** toward our \$848,800 goal. Thank you to all who pledged. If you have not made a pledge, please do so soon. Pledges can also be made online at www.wpcspi.org.



ST. JOHN'S BREADLESS BREADLINE FUNDRAISER is today. for St. John's Breadline, which serves hot food 365 days a year to those who need it. This year, we will once again host the "Breadless Breadline Sunday." WPC members are encouraged to provide additional donations marked for St. John's Breadline.

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY GIVING TREE** goes up today. Westminster will again sponsor families in the transitional housing of Contact Ministries. Families and their wish lists are posted on our website. Please sign up for gifts and return to the church and place under the Giving Tree unwrapped by Sunday, December 4. Please put a tag with the family and gift number on returned gifts.

MITTEN GIVING TREE goes up today. Thirty mittens/gloves were delivered to Kumler Outreach Ministries last week by Sue Cull on behalf of K2P4. Members are invited to bring mittens/gloves and place on the tree during Advent.

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.

WESTMINSTER PARTNERS WITH SENATOR MCCLURE & MERIDIAN HEALTH - On Monday, November 21 at 4:00 p.m. Westminster will host the distribution of 200 turkeys and hams in our parking lot drive-thru. Contact Ministries will receive 100 hams and turkeys and the rest will be distributed to community members.

**SALVATION ARMY WARMING CENTER** meal will be prepared and delivered this Wednesday, November 23. Please contact Krista Steller <a href="mailto:Ksteller@wpcspi.org">Ksteller@wpcspi.org</a> to participate.

**WESTMINSTER'S LITTLE PANTRY** Thank you to all who stock Westminster's Little Pantry at Graham School. Please check SignUpGenius (<a href="https://bit.ly/3C4s0v5">https://bit.ly/3C4s0v5</a>) for open dates in November.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE HOSTS A CHRISTMAS GATHERING** on **Friday, December 2 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** at the Village (3301 Robbins Rd) for tea sandwiches, salads, and desserts with a musical program by the St. Andrews Sisters, accompanied by Dale Rogers.

2023 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT BUILD - Calling all members and friends to join in the 2023 Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build. On Sunday, December 18 at 11:15 a.m. Susan Carrigan of Habitat and Todd Knox will lead the Adult Education Forum in Parish Hall. We will meet the Capler Family who will make 626 S. Glenwood their home, and welcome others in the community with whom are partnering. The tentative BLITZ WEEK dates are March 27-April 1. Mark your calendar and plan to be flexible as all is weather dependent. Thank you to Coleman



Moore and Tom Owen who will co-supervise the build. The Steering Committee: Todd Knox, Chair, Susan Day, Tim Kluge, Diane Rutledge, Pete VanGieson, and Susan Shea are coordinating ministry partners and seeking in-kind contributions, grants, and donations.

# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT WESTMINSTER

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: NOVEMBER 27

10:00 A.M. IN SANCTUARY

**THE ADVENT WREATH** - We begin the season of Advent, the time of waiting and preparing with the lighting of the Advent Wreath by new members. Elizabeth and Mark Luttrell will participate today.

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 4

10:00 A.M. IN SANCTUARY

#### ADVENT CELEBRATION - 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary and 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall

The morning includes a special musical presentation of the "Hanging of the Greens" by Westminster Choristers (Grades 3-5) and the Children's Choir (Grades K-2) during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. A reception in Parish Hall will follow and includes a festive brunch, the singing of Christmas Carols, creating of ornaments and the decorating of Christmas cookies.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 11

10:00 A.M. IN SANCTUARY

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION will be celebrated as we continue our Advent journey.

## WESTMINSTER AT FOUR: CHRISTMAS VESPERS - 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Music for this service will be presented by The Westminster Choir, St. Andrew's Sisters, with Dale Rogers, Organist. Seasonal music of Willan, Lloyd Webber, Forrest, Thiman, Walmisley, Chilcott, and choral settings of Christmas Carols.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 18

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY PAGEANT -** The Sunday school classes will come together leadership to experience the Christmas Story and Nativity. The children will process through the Sanctuary during the final hymn in costume and conclude in the Chancel with the pastors for the benediction.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24**

#### 5:00 P.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This is a short service filled with spontaneity and delight! The children will act out the Christmas story as it is read by the Confirmation Class of 2023. e will sing many favorite Christmas hymns.

#### 6:00 P.M. FESTIVE CHRISTMAS DINNER IN PARISH HALL

Enjoy a delicious meal of roast turkey, baked ham, cheese potatoes, gravy, vegetables, garden salad, rolls, and fresh fruit pies. Adults are \$21.50, children 6-12 are \$12.50 and children ages 5 and under are at no charge. RSVP and make payment online at <a href="https://www.wpcspi.org">www.wpcspi.org</a> on the front page no later than Tuesday, December 20. Reservation forms will be in December 4, 11, and 18 bulletins

#### 7:30 P.M. WESTMINSTER'S 100TH CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The Westminster Choir will provide music and our high school seniors will read the Christmas Story in the Annual Service of Lessons and Carols. Dr. Kieffer will give the meditation. Bring your bells to ring in the Festival of Christmas.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

#### 10:00 A.M. CHRISTMAS DAY CAROL SERVICE

The Westminster family will gather for a joyful celebration of Christmas Day. Worship will include a brief meditation, the singing of favorite Christmas carols, and special music.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

### 10:00 A.M. NEW YEAR'S DAY COMMUNION SERVICE

On New Year's Day, we will gather for one service of worship at 10:00 a.m. and partake in the Sacrament of Communion.

## WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

## Monday, November 21

9:30 AM Decorate for Christmas

4:00 PM Turkey/Ham Distribution (Parking Lot Drive-thru)

## Tuesday, November 22

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

11:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

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

3:00 PM COMPASS

## Wednesday, November 23

10:00 AM Pastor Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)

1:00 PM Warming Center Meal (Kitchen)

# Thursday, November 24

#### THANKSGIVING DAY

Church Office Closed

## Friday, November 25

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Church Office Closed

## Saturday, November 26

## Sunday, November 27

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM Sunday School Prek-5 (Sanctuary)

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

11:15 AM New Member Class (Pastor's Study)

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