

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sacrament of Communion
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
13 August 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Church Sonata in E-flat

W. A. Mozart

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 105

Leader:

O give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name;
make known God's deeds among the peoples

People:

**Sing to God, sing praises to God;
tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Leader:

Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People:

**Seek the Lord and God's strength;
Seek God's presence continually.**

Leader:

Remember the wonderful works God has done.

People:

**Let us worship together by joining our voices to praise the
Lord!**

***Processional Hymn 8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, author of life and source of all hope, at times we feel frail and fragile, blinded by the latest personal crisis, obstacles in our life's journey, and by our own shortcomings and failings. Rather than loving our neighbors as ourselves, we are fixated in ourselves. Forgive us and help us once again to see you as our center, the solid rock where we are called to stand, and cling onto you to grow more into Christ's likeness by bearing the marks of Christ's love and truth to the world. Hear now, our silent prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us Hymnal, Back Cover

***Declaration of Pardon
and Passing of the Peace**

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.**
Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace. Amen.

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

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.
*Children in grades Pre-K-3 will go to Summer Sunday School
class following the Congregational Response.*

First Scripture Reading Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Pew Bible, OT page 34

Second Scripture Reading Romans 10:5-15 Pew Bible, NT page 160
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation New Lease on Life Rev. Christian K. Choi
*Text: How are they to call on one in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never
heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim
God?... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!
Romans 10:14 & 15*

Solo All Good Gifts Stephen Schwartz
We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.

**The Presentation
and Dedication of our Gifts**

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

Offertory

Bouree

Craig Penfield

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Pastor:

Lift up your hearts.

People:

We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor:

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

The elements are served without interruption. Partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may symbolize our unity in Christ.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the plate.

*Prayer after Communion

Holy and loving God, thank you for the spiritual nourishment through this sacrament, and giving us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to share the love of Christ boldly and courageously. Amen.

*Hymn 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*Charge and Benediction

*Voluntary

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Colin Mawby

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle
- **Worship Leader:** Matthew Scott
- **Bible & Cross Carriers:** Sidney Miller and Will Hovey
- **Acolytes:** Kate Bryans and Taryn Barnett
- **Greeter:** Kathy Kenyon
- **Today's Communion Bread** is focaccia bread and was lovingly baked by Pat Hymans.
- **Communion Prep Team:** Mary Ray, Ann Collins, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Mary Ray (Team Leader), Jim Dolan, Scott Day, Mal Hildebrand, Robyn Hovey, Will Hovey, Jay Kennerly, Judy Knox, Amanda Kurmann, Christy Pound, Jeanne VanGieson, Sarah Zerfas
- **Home Communion Teams:** Mary Puera and Aaron Berkowitz, Dee Dee Duff and Bruce Strom, Melanie and Bud Green, Judy and Todd Knox, Marilyn and Jim Rigney, Mary and Coleman Moore
- **Music:** Kelly Robertson, Mezzo Soprano, Dale Rogers, Organist
- **Ushers:** Sabrina Holmes (Head Usher), Melanie Green, Chris Hickman, Richard Leary, Coleman Moore, Jim Parker, Jim Rigney, Erin Winn
- **Safety Team:** Todd Knox, Alan Schuermann
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week's lesson: "Pray to God" *Caregivers: Millie McNutt, Julie Sundquist*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 3** begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school (Third Floor Chapel) following the Congregational Response. This week's lesson: "Parable of the Great Banquet" *Teachers: Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon Adult Education Summer Forum (Parish Hall) Big Developments in China.** Dr. Roy Wehrle will look at contemporary Chinese policies to give members a view of several paths forward into the future based on current China policies and a taste of some of the ramifications for us and the rest of the world related to China's policies.
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon Prepare Backpacks (2nd Floor Classroom)** Members are welcome to join Presbyterian Women as they attach tags with Bible verses for Contact Ministries distribution to collected backpacks.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE has prepared a cart in the West Narthex including books on refugees, immigrant people and children in other lands, and back-to-school books from our Adult and Children's libraries which are available for checkout. Please plan to stop by to peruse the books and resources.

WI-FI HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM is available in our Sanctuary. A basket is located at each Sanctuary entrance with instructions to install the app for those with Bluetooth enabled hearing aids, lanyards, and hearing amplifier packets for those with regular hearing aids, hearing amplifier packets and disposable earbuds for those without hearing aids. Please return the lanyards and hearing amplifier packets at the end of worship. For assistance, ask an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining, please speak to a pastor.

ADULT EDUCATION SUMMER FORUM – Join Dr. Roy Wehrle today at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall for a forum on **Big Developments in China**. Looking at contemporary Chinese policies will give members a view of several paths forward into the future based on current China policies and a taste of some of the ramifications for us and the rest of the world related to China's policies.

CONTACT MINISTRY BACKPACK COLLECTION - This year's backpacks will be filled with school supplies and distributed to the children served by Contact Ministries in late August. We will collect backpacks through today. We have currently received 180 and hope to meet our goal of 190 today. Thank you for your contributions to this ministry.

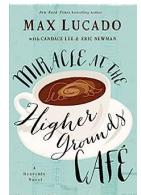
DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet Friday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck and program at 6:15 p.m. Raymond Bruzan, will speak on his book Have Violin Will Travel, which is about life of American violinist Louise Persinger. Books are available for purchase and include a children's book. RSVP using the weekly email link, on the website, or by calling the church office.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – On Sunday, August 20, the children and youth of Westminster are invited to bring their backpacks to the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the blessing of backpacks as our children and youth 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.

SPLASH INTO THE NEW YEAR! On Sunday, August 20, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., incoming Junior and Senior High Youth are invited to a swim party at the Batterman Home (1620 Outer Park Dr.) as we kick off a new year together. Friends are always welcome and encouraged. Please bring a towel!

APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP The Apostles' Read Library Book Group meets Tuesday, August 22 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Miracle at the Higher Grounds Cafe by Max Lucado. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz



PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER COOKOUT Men of the congregation and their spouses/partners are invited to a summer cookout at the Grigsby/Hale Farm (15594 Rogge St, Tallula 62688) on Saturday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Jennie Alt and let her know whether you will bring a side dish, dessert, or drink. Those who want to come early to fish are welcome.

YOUNG FAMILY GATHERING On Sunday, August 27, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., young families (parents and children ages birth through grade five) are invited to a swim party at the Kieffer home (26 Island Bay Lane) as we splash into a new year together, celebrate the ministry of Karen Sherrick and welcome the ministry of Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz. Please bring a towel and snack to share! Friends are always welcome and encouraged.

HOMECOMING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 Join your Westminster family for Homecoming Sunday on September 10! We will gather for worship at 10:00 a.m., share the Sacrament of Communion, welcome the Westminster Choir and commission the Education Leadership Team. A brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include ministry displays, children's activities, a PowerPoint Presentation of the 2022-2023 ministry year, and the opportunity to sign up for Education, Fellowship, Music, Mission, and Service.

NOMINATIONS WELCOME

THE 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now receiving nominations for the following positions of leadership at Westminster.

DEACON (CLASS OF 2026)

ELDER (CLASS OF 2026)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2024)

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2026)

Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, emailed to the committee chair, Eleanor VanDeventer, at ehuitt@yahoo.com or placed in the Nominating Committee's mailbox on the wall in the West Narthex by the Edwards Street doors. Please complete it by August 13, 2023. Nominees will be presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2023.

2023 Nominating Committee members: *Eleanor VanDeventer (Chair), Mary King, Michael Nenaber Brad Steller, Alan Stutz, Carolyn Swanson, and Julie Sundquist*

Name of Nominee _____

Recommended for (check choice)

Deacon Elder Nominating Strategic Planning

1. Qualities that would make this person a good church officer

2. Past experience/current interests and activities in the church

3. Helpful information: special skills, training, employment, community involvement, etc.

Your Name (optional) _____

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, August 14

Tuesday, August 15

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 6:00 PM Play Practice (Youth Room)

Wednesday, August 16

- 10:30 AM Worship Planning
- 4:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support
(Conference Room)
- 6:00 PM Play Practice (Youth Room)

Thursday, August 17

- 6:00 PM Play Practice (Youth Room)

Friday, August 18

- 5:30 PM DMA Potluck (Parish Hall)
- 6:15 PM DMA Program (Parish Hall)

Saturday, August 19

Sunday, August 20

Blessing of the Backpacks

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K – 2)
- 11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)
- 11:15 AM Session Coordinating (Pastor's Study)
- 5:00 PM Youth Kick off Swim Party (Off site)

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