

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 10:00 A.M. WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Service of Worship

## Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment	40 <sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary	Christy Pound
Voluntary	Elegy	Harrison Oxley
*Ringing of the Bell	The congregation rises at the ringing of the 7	ower Bell.
*Call to Worship Leader: People: Leader: People: Leader: People: Leader:	If we ascend to heaven, you are there! If we take the wings of the morning and dwell in the outermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead us. How precious are your thoughts, O God, how vast is the sum of them! If we should count them, they are more th When we awake, we are still with you. Come. Let us worship God.	Psalm 139 an the sand.
*Processional 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, Have Mercy Upon Us	Hymnal, Back Cover
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### \*Declaration of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

Passing of the Peace Leader: People: Leader: People: Leader:	Friends, believe the good news In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven The peace of Christ be with you And also with you. Let us greet one another with t	• U.
*Response of Praise	Gloria Patri	Hymnal, Back Cover
Children's Sermon		
Congregational Response	God welcomes all, strangers an God's love is strong and it never Children in grades Pre-K-Grade & and Youth in Grades 6-7 will go following the Congregational Re	e <b>r ends.</b> 5 will go to Sunday school to Confirmation Prep
First Scripture Reading	Joshua 3:7-17	Pew Bible, OT page 195-196
Second Scripture Reading	l Thessalonians 2:9-13 Leader: This is the Word of th <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	Pew Bible, NT page 203 ne Lord.
Sermon	Crossing Over The Text: Then the people crosse	Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer ad over opposite Jericho. Joshua 3:16b
Solo	Vocalise	Sergei Rachmaninov

*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.
<b>The Church at Prayer</b> 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 our God is in this place.
Pastor: <b>People:</b>	The Lord be with you. 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	Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God T. Tertius Noble
	Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you. Amen.

## \*Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication

and Dedication		
Leader:	God of the Ages, we thank you for your cl who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of ever place, who have witnessed to your truth in	ry time and
People:	We give you thanks, Creator God.	
Leader:	For your children who have faithfully serv lived bravely, and died for justice, who still are shining lights to the world.	ed you,
People:	We give you thanks, Redeemer God.	
Leader:	For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful reverence and steadfa have shown the same mind that was in Ch	
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.)	
All:	May we, like them, be eager to follow in the Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them the legacy of the saints of light; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives any you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever Amen.	n to share nd reigns with
* Hymn 326	For All the Saints	Sine Nomine
*Charge and Benediction		
*Response	Day By Day	Harold Friedell
*Voluntary	Toccata on the Antiphon for All Saints	Marcel Dupré
	(*) The congregation is invited to stand.	

### IN MEMORIAM

Gale Jones Fixmer 09/20/1936 – 10/28/2023 United with Westminster 12/12/1999



All Saints' Remembrance Sunday – November 5, 2023

Members of the Westminster family who have died since Remembrance Sunday 2022 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.

Mary Anne Singleton	November 14, 2022
William A. Meriwether	December 18, 2022
Logan A. Schlipf	December 22, 2022
Jesse A. Werner	January 30, 2023
Donald H. Funk	March 2, 2023
Alice Joanne Roderick	March 10, 2023
Betty R. Cadwallader	March 23, 2023
David G. Coontz	March 28, 2023
Hazel June Flood	March 31, 2023
Carrol L. Stahlman	May 10, 2023
Dr. D. William Sherrick	June 26, 2023
Charlotte B. Brown	July 11, 2023
Emma M Shafer	July 11, 2023
Edith C. Irwin	August 4, 2023
Margery W. Dodds	August 13, 2023
Clifton R. Baxter	October 17, 2023
Gale Jones Fixmer	October 28, 2023

## SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- Sunday Liturgist: Rev. Christian K. Choi
- Worship Leader: Abigail Eldridge
- Acolytes: William Affrunti and Charlie Graham
- Greeter: Randy and Bernie Wiseman
- Ushers: Ushers: Sabrina Holmes (Head Usher), Melanie Green, Chris Hickman, Richard Leary, Coleman Moore, Jim Rigney, Susan Shaw, Erin Winn
- Music: Westminster Choir, Jacobsen Woolen, tenor and 'cellist, Adam Miller, tenor, and Dale Rogers, organist
- Safety Team: Rich Canady, Brad Steller
- Videographers: Bob Fox, Krista Steller

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- 9:00 12 noon Nursery (lower level) Infants and toddlers begin in the Nursery. Preschoolers begin in worship with their families and leave during the Congregational Response. Today's Bible Story: "Families Accept Each Other No Matter What!" *Caregivers: Sara Eldridge, Leigh Milward, Maria Lafrenz*
- 10:15 11:00 a.m.
  - Sunday School (Third Floor Chapel) Children Kindergarten Grade 5 begin in worship with their families & leave during the Congregational Response Today's Lesson: "Serving in Word and Deed" (Matt. 23:1-12). *Teachers: Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz*
  - Grades 6-7 Confirmation Prep (Conference Room) meet following the Children's Sermon for Lesson Six: "Joseph" of the Echo Curriculum. *Teachers: Mary Ray and Joe Fierstos*
- 11:15 a.m. 12 noon
  - Parish Nurse Ministry (Church Office) Blood Pressure Checks by Ellen Carpenter
  - Confirmation (Conference Room) Grade 8 meet for Lesson Six: "The Dark Ages" from Church History, *Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz and Mary Ray*
  - Dr. Kieffer's Fortieth Ordination Anniversary Reception (Parish Hall) Join us for a festive reception in following worship to mark the occasion.
- 5:00 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group Fellowship and Dinner (Parish Hall) will include fellowship, games, and Bible study. Dinner: Maria and Todd Lafrenz. *Ministry Partners: Cathy Brower, Susan Day, Kyle Duffy, Mary Ray, Dr. Kieffer*

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.

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, earing 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 at <u>www.wpcspi.org</u>. 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.



**REVEREND DR. BLYTHE DENHAM KIEFFER** celebrates her Fortieth Ordination Anniversary and will be recognized today during worship. Please join us for a reception in Parish Hall following the 10:00 a.m. worship.

Dr. Kieffer was ordained on November 6, 1983 by Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery at the First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, IL where she served as Associate Pastor from 1982-1994. Dr. Kieffer served as Associate Pastor at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church from 1994-2013 before joining Westminster's staff as Senior Pastor/Head of Staff in 2013.

Blythe is a graduate of Hope College, B.A. in Religion and Psychology (Dec. 1977), Fuller Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity degree (May, 1981) and Eden Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry degree in Pastoral Counseling (May, 1989).

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.

**2024 STEWARDSHIP THEME:** GROWING IN GENEROSITY – ROOTED IN FAITH Last Sunday Westminster celebrated Stewardship Dedication. 2024 pledges were presented in the in the Baptismal Font brass bowl as a symbol of our faithfulness to this covenant community. As of Wednesday, November 1, 2023 we have received 170 pledges for a total of \$719,038. This is 85% toward our dollar amount goal of \$850,000. Stewardship brochures and pledge cards are located in the pew pockets. You are also welcome to pledge online. If you have not yet pledged for 2024 and intend to, please do so asap.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** is **Thursday, November 9** at 8:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. Gregg Humphrey, Executive Director, will speak on the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District. Brad Swanson will provide breakfast and Jay Kennerly will present the devotions.

**ADOPT A FAMILY GIVING TREE** gift list will be available on the church website on **November 13.** Westminster will again sponsor nine families living in the Contact Ministries transitional shelter. We will add Westminster's anticipated refugee family as the tenth family whom we will help transition as we prepare a home for them. Please sign up for gifts on our website and return gifts to the church unwrapped by December 3. Please put a tag with the family and gift number on returned gifts.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** gathers **Monday, November 13**, 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary King will lead lessons 3 & 4 "A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ" and "Mary and Martha Encounter Jesus" from the 2023 Horizon's Bible Study <u>Sacred Encounters</u> by Olive Mahabir.

FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER on Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in Parish Hall. This event is free and attendees are invited to invest in their future work. Venessa Knox, Co-chair of the Transformational Justice Task Force of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good is the speaker.



**CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM** meet **Wednesday, November 15** at 4:30 p.m. Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to join us as we welcome our friends from other faith communities. The 2023-24 theme is "Serving our Community." Our gathering will highlight the importance of caring for all God's creatures and feature a staff member from the Animal Protection League. Our craft will be creating pet toys from recycled socks and T-shirts. Please join us for fun, songs, crafts, music, and a vegetarian meal.

**DMA (Don't Mention Age)** meets **Friday, November 17** at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck and program at 6:15 p.m. Yves Doumen, garden founder and master gardener, will present "A Visit to the Motherland Gardens." RSVP on the weekly email link, on the website, or by calling the church office.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM – REINHOLD NIEBUHR – Join us on Sundays, November 19 and 26 at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall to explore one of the great reformed theologians of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The two-session course will be led by Dr. Roy Wehrle.

**ST. JOHN'S BREADLESS BREADLINE FUNDRAISER** will be **Sunday, November 19 t**o benefit St. John's Breadline, which serves hot food 365 days a year to those who need it.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets Tuesday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler library. Carolyn Beatty will host and lead lesson 3 "A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ" from the 2023 Horizon's Bible Study <u>Sacred Encounters</u> by Olive Mahabir.

**ST, ANDREW'S SUNDAY** will be celebrated **Sunday, November 26**. Westminster will continue the rich tradition with a flourish of bagpipes and drums presenting traditional Scottish music.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** go up on **Monday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m.** in anticipation of the first Sunday in Advent, December 3. If you would like to help, please contact Dale Rogers.

**LEGACY OF FAITH PLANNED GIVING RECEPTION** on **Tuesday, November 28** from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. the Support and Endowment Committee, chaired by Todd Wise, will host a Legacy of Faith Planned Giving Reception at the home of Christy and Karl Pound (100 Pinehurst Drive, 62704). The purpose of the gathering is to thank those who have remembered Westminster in their will and to invite others to consider this opportunity. All are welcome. Please RSVP with Jennie Alt by November 26.



APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP on Tuesday, November 28 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss <u>Nine Black Robes: Inside the Supreme</u>

<u>Court's Drive to the Right and Historic Consequences</u> by Joan Biskupic. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

LYDIA CIRCLE HOSTS A CHRISTMAS GATHERING Friday, December 1 from 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. All women of Westminster and their guests are invited to the Village at 3301 Robbins Rd. We will enjoy an afternoon of tea sandwiches, salads, and desserts with a musical program by the St. Andrews Sisters, accompanied by Dale Rogers. The minimum number required is 50 attendees and the max is 80. Please reserve your spot on our website, the church office, or with Nancy Canady. The cost is \$16 and pre-paid reservations are required by November 20 (non-refundable) with checks payable to Nancy Canady.

**ADVENT CELEBRATION** on **Sunday, December 3.** During the Worship Service in the Sanctuary, Children's Choir will present Special Music. Following the service, members and friends gather in Parish Hall to create ornaments, sing carols, and enjoy festive refreshments.

### THE 2023 BAY WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 11-12

WELCOMES THE REV. DR. DEBORAH KRAUSE Professor of New Testament and President, Eden Theological Seminary Presentation: The Bible in The Public Square: Lifting Voices of Lament, Prophecy, and Praise in a Time of Christian Nationalism and Religious Extremism Saturday, November 11

### 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 12

Worship Service10:00 a.m. Dr. Krause will preach.Education Forum11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. PresentationAll Church Lunch12:30 p.M. The Westminster family will share in a community meal.



**Description:** While many imagine that faith is a matter of private belief, Christian faith and Biblical interpretation have long been at the center of North American public square debates about race, social diversity, struggles for human liberation, and other moral discourse. In these days of ascendant Christian nationalism and religious extremism, the Bible (and its authority) are often claimed as a tool for asserting dominance and control. This seminar explores how people of faith might engage the Bible not as a weapon, but as a resource for hearing and sharing voices of lament, prophecy, and praise that speak to God's presence and purpose in the public square. We will consider how to share a Biblical faith that resists domination and strengthens our capacity for joining God's redemptive work of justice, mercy, and love in the world.

**Biography:.** Dr. Krause joined Eden's teaching staff in 1992, served as Academic Dean from 2005-2018, and began as Eden Seminary's president in July 2020. She teaches courses in the gospels, early Jewish exegesis, the Deutero-Pauline and pastoral epistles, feminist-womanist, post-colonial, and postmodern biblical interpretation. An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. Dr. Krause serves the church through social justice advocacy work, teaching, preaching and scholarship. Her academic resume includes Amherst College, B.A., 1984, Eden Theological Seminary, M.Div., 1988, Emory University, Ph.D., 1996.

# Please RSVP at wpcspi.org by Thursday, November 9 for the Saturday Welcome Reception and/or the Sunday 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.
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:
1000	Peacemaking in the City of Peace
1988	Dr. James H Smylie, Professor of Union Theological Seminary:
1000	Presbyterian Faith and Life: 200 Years and Beyond
1990	Dr. Gordon Brubacher, Biblical Resource Center at Taintur, Jerusalem: <i>The Fragility of Life: The Biblical Response</i>
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: <i>Presbyterian Presence</i>
1995	Elder Marj Carpenter, Moderator of the 207th General Assembly <i>Mission! Mission! Mission!</i>
1996	Dr. Ken Lawrence: <i>Religious Interpretation of Art and Architecture</i>
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
0.017	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
2019	Mr. Hoover's humanitarian efforts in WW1 – Title: <i>Am I My Brother's Keeper?</i> The Reverend Dr. Clint McCann, Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Seminary
2019	The Psalms for Justice-Seekers and Peacemakers – I am for Peace (Psalm 120:7)
2021	Dr. Chad Schrock Associate Professor of English at Lee University
2021	Knowing God in Paradise: C.S. Lewis's Perelandra
2022	Dr. Rogers Smith, Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania
	Race and Religion in America: The 1960's and Today
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### THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, November 6 9:00 AM Garden Club (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, November 7

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
12:00 PM KDO – Willing Circle (Youth Room)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM Compass for Kids
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sister Rehearsal (Music Room)

#### Wednesday, November 8

- 10:30 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 4:00 PM Bridges (Tower Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Depression & Bi-Polar Support (Conference Room)
- 4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (Pastor's Study)
- 5:00 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
- 6:00 PM Session Coordinating (Pastor's Study)
- 6:00 PM Board of Deacons (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### <u>Thursday, November 9</u>

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
4:00 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)
5:30 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
7:00 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

Friday, November 10

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

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

Veteran's Day 11:00 AM Church Mice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom) 5:30 PM Bay Weekend Reception (Off-Site)

### Sunday, November 12

### Communion Sunday & 2023 Bay Weekend

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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

- 11:15 AM Bay Weekend Presentation (Parish Hall)
- 12:00 PM Bay Weekend Luncheon (Parish Hall)

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