



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Pentecost Sunday  
28 May 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

**Ministry Moment**

Memorial Garden

Marci Irvine

Recognition of Leigh Milward

**Voluntary**

Veni Creator Spiritus

Maurice Duruflé

**\*Ringing of the Bell**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Based on Acts 2:1-4

Leader:

They were all together in one place,

People:

**and from heaven, they heard a sound  
like the rush of a violent wind.**

Leader:

It filled the entire house. Divided tongues, as of fire,

People:

**and appeared and rested on each of them.**

Leader:

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

People:

**Let us worship in spirit and in truth.**

**\*Processional Hymn 280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

*Ebenezer*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Holy and loving God, you poured out your love and Spirit so that it may rest on your kin. You have empowered us with the ability to speak with boldness and confidence in you as the body of Christ, yet we have failed to open our hearts to the power of your Spirit. We do not speak the good news of your love or share the grace you have lavished upon us. Forgive us, O Lord, and transform our lives by reigniting the passion to follow after you, creating in us a flame to serve others in the name of Christ. 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.

**\*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-2 will go to Summer Sunday School  
class following the Congregational Response.*

**First Scripture Reading** Numbers 11:16-17, 24-30 Pew Bible, OT page 129-130

**Second Scripture Reading** Acts 2:1-8, 12-17 Pew Bible, NT page 119  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** When the Spirit Rests Upon Us Rev. Christian K. Choi  
*Text: The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took  
some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and  
when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. Numbers 11:25*

**Anthem** One Faith, One Hope, One Lord Craig Courtney  
One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,  
One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is  
and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were  
called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and  
father of all, above all, and through all, who is in you.  
Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,  
we are given to each other for the unity of faith, to grow in  
knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.  
Based on Ephesians 4:4-6 and 13

## \*Affirmation of Faith

*From A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and  
to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,

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 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

### 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

Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit

Dietrich Buxtehude

### \*Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

### **\*Litany of Dedication**

Leader: Holy and loving God, as your Spirit rests upon us, inspire us to live kind, just, and humble lives as the Body of Christ.

People: **Open our eyes to see you present among us; open our hearts to emulate your love to serve all your creation.**

Leader: We dedicate the Pentecost Offering in the power and strength of your Holy Spirit.

People: **May these gifts bring good news to all those places where children and others are in need.**

Leader: May your generosity to us inspire our generosity to those you have called us to serve:

People: **the vulnerable, the lost, the forgotten, and the hungry.**

Leader: We pray that these gifts become gifts of hope.

People: **God of the Ages and every nation, as we remember those that gave their life on this Memorial Day Weekend, let us be stirred to action in their memory.**

Leader: We are grateful for their service and sacrifice, and we pray for all people who live in places of violence and war around the world. Amen.

**\*Hymn 331** God of the Ages. Whose Almighty Hand *National Hymn*

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Voluntary** Come, Holy Spirit, Our Own God J. S. Bach

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

**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.

**The Library Committee** has prepared a cart in the West Narthex including books on ecology and family from our Adult and Children's libraries which are available for checkout. Please plan to stop by to peruse the books and resources.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Wind and Fire Pentecost Banner:** Jim Kontio
- **Acolytes:** Juliana Eastvold and Maria DeJong
- **Worship Leader:** Aerwyna Eastvold
- **Pentecost Readers:** Kristianna Eastvold (German), Sophia Choi (Korean), Mervice Adah Abung (French), Bud Green (Spanish)
- **Greeters:** Melissa and Erik Hostetter
- **Ushers:** Sabrina Holmes (Head Usher), Melanie Green, Chris Hickman, Richard Leary, Camille Massey, Coleman Moore, Jim Rigney, Erin Winn
- **Safety Team:** Julie James
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organ
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2- & 3 year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play, and Bible stories. This week's lesson: "Share God's Love Everywhere" (Matthew 28:16-20) *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Cathy Brower, and Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 3 begin in worship with their families & go to Summer Sunday school (Third Floor Chapel)** following the Congregational Response. This week's lesson: "The Spirit Comes" (Acts2:1-21) *Teachers: Cathy Brower and Sophia Choi*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS.** Information about who we are can be found on our website at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org). Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, you are invited to speak to one of our pastors.



**PENTECOST OFFERING** will be dedicated today. This is the fourth year Westminster will participate in the Pentecost denominational offering which unites the church by helping youth begin their life with a solid foundation of faith. *Forty percent of all gifts stay within Westminster and our portion will support the 2023 Youth Mission Trip.*

**MILITARY PLAQUE** - In honor of Memorial Day the Military Plaque has been updated. Please stop by the East Narthex where it is located. We are grateful for the sacrifices and years of service to our country. If you or a family member have served in the military and are not included, please contact Jennie Alt at [jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org) with name, rank, branch and years of service.

**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLAQUE** highlighting the site of the first Session of the House of Representatives in 1839-1840 after the Illinois Capital was moved from Vandalia to Springfield at our second building. The plaque is on exhibit in the West Narthex. Thank you to Jerry Smith for making this gift possible.

## WESTMINSTER MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our Memorial Garden was dedicated on September 23, 2001 and is a place of peace and repose for the ashes of those interred within its wall. Paved paths and benches offer opportunity for private meditation. A traditional Celtic cross depicts the post resurrection appearances of Christ when he appeared in the garden and was a gift of Mary Alice Davis in loving memory of her husband.

Each Memorial Sunday, Westminster's Memorial Garden is highlighted. Recent additions include a south wall in 2018, a brick trim to complement the southside landscape designed by the late Bill Donels. We are grateful to the Memorial Team of the Landscape Guild, led by Dr. Scott Day, who lovingly tend to the garden.

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. In 2016, a page was added to the Church website with biographical information about those inurned in the garden. The Memorial Garden Committee: *David Mitchell, Chair, Scott Day, Sue Donels, Marci Irvine, Jim McDonough, and Jeanne Pittman.*



**NURSERY COORDINATOR LEIGH MILWARD** will be recognized today as she completes her service to our youngest children. Leigh has served since September of 2021 and is retiring to spend her weekends visiting her daughters and grandson who live in Detroit and Denver. The Nursery Guild will serve during the summer months. We hope to fill the position by September. If you are interested, contact Karen Sherrick, Director for Children's Ministry.

**PW SPONSORS BLANKETS+** PW and Springfield's Church Women United sponsor Blankets+ (formerly Blanket Sunday) during May. The drive has currently raised \$1,340. During May, make checks payable to Westminster (memo: Blankets+) or donate online.



**CHILDRENS BOOKS** (K-Grade 5) are being collected to be placed in the Book Nook at Graham Elementary School next to our Little Pantry. The box is in the West Narthex. Thank you to Will Hovey who is building the Book Nook for his Eagle Scout Project.

**WESTMINSTER GATHERING AT CONCORDIA** - Members of Westminster will gather at Concordia Thursday, June 1 with the Pastors and the Director of Music and the Arts. Communion is at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 noon.

**DMA \*DATE CHANGE\*** will meet the **FIRST** Friday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck and Program at 6:15 p.m. The Osprey Rescue Program will present a program on the history of the organization and what they do. RSVP with weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office.

**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY** is June 4. All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 4 bulletin and the June Reporter. Please contact Jennie Alt as soon as possible via email ([jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org)) with information or fill out the web form on the church website.

**EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION** will be next Sunday, June 4 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR** - The end of the choir season will again be crowned with a festive brunch next Sunday, June 4, at the home and garden of Meg and Jim Kontio.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOOD TRUCK PARTY JUNE 5-9 FROM 9:15 A.M. TO NOON**



Children age 4 to age 11 are invited to get on a roll with god as a parade of food trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! The following persons are providing leadership at the street party: Director and Assembly Leader: Karen Sherrick, Bible Story: Dr. Kieffer, Art/Crafts: Pat McNutt, Games: Jack Sherrick, Music: Katie Moore, Snacks: Pat Hymans. This street party helps children

build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs - and also to serve as the hands of God for ensuring that the needs of others are met. Register by scanning the qr code.



**RUTH AND NAOMI** will meet Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Folse (2 Virginia Lane, 62712). Anne Haaker will lead Lesson Nine: Sabbath and Community.

**SOUND CELEBRATION CHORUS** performs Saturday, June 10, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Hoogland Center for "70 Years of Celebrating the Sound," Members include Sue Baker and Mary Gail Romack.

**ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT FRIDAY, JUNE 16 AT 6:00 PM** Consider Yourself Part of the Family! The Ninth Annual All-Church Cookout to welcome new members and recognize milestone members will be Friday, June 16, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers' (26 Island Bay Lane, 62712). Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee. The congregation is invited! Please RSVP (online or Sunday mornings) and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. New members and milestone members will be our guests. The evening will include a sing-along and boat rides.



**SERVICE WEEK JUNE 19-23.** The team will meet **Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 p.m. to review projects.** This year's focus will be repairing and painting front porches. Additionally, a team is creating flower pots for neighbors front porches. Please consider joining us for one or more days as we spread goodwill in the neighborhood! You may sign-up at [wpcspi.org](http://wpcspi.org), and let us know which days you are able to serve. We began the service week the summer of 2020.

**MISSION TRIP CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** will be Sunday, June 18. All Mission participants will arrive at church at 9:30 a.m. in this year's mission T-shirts. Bring baked goods for the Bake Sale! Julie Sunquist will organize the bake sale. Dave Leonatti will organize the car wash. Those going on the mission trip will be commissioned on June 18.



**2023 YOUTH MISSION TRIP** - The entire team will meet Sunday, June 11 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. The trip is June 24 – JULY 1. The destination is Selma, AL as we rebuild following the January 2023 tornados and visit civil rights museums and monuments. Participants are reading the book Just Mercy by attorney Bryan Stevenson in preparation for their journey. This year's shirt is being designed by Emily Brower. There are 20 youth and 8 adults going on this year's trip. Youth will report to the congregation during worship on Sunday, July 2.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, May 29

Church Office closed for Memorial Day

### Tuesday, May 30

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4
- 5:00 PM APNC Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 5:30 PM Family Ministries (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Wednesday, May 31

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 12:30 PM Reporter (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Property Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 5:00 PM Membership Committee (Pastor's Study)
- 5:30 PM Mission & Community Service  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee (Pastor's Study)

### Thursday, June 1

- 11:30 AM Concordia Worship Service (Off site)
- 3:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support  
(Conference Room)
- 7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, June 2

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

### Saturday, June 3

### Sunday, June 4

Parish Nurse Ministries

- 8:45 AM Youth Mission Leadership Team  
(Library)
- 10:00 AM Worship Service Baccalaureate &  
Education Leadership Recognition  
(Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 2)
- 11:15 AM Baccalaureate Reception (Parish Hall)

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**The Reverend Christian K. Choi**  
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