



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sacrament of Communion
Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
11 February 2024 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Souper Bowl of Caring

Voluntary Pour Light Upon Us from Above George Oldroyd

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

* Call to Worship

Leader: The glory of God transfigures the everyday.
People: **The light of God transfigures familiar faces.**
Leader: At the heights of our worship,
May God's presence shine through the commonplace.
People: **At the depths of our pain and struggle,
May God's presence give us courage and peace.**
Leader: May God's light, shining in the face of Christ,
Illumine all our days! Amen

*Hymn 190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory *Geneva*

*Prayer of Confession
God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you— to hide our faces, to hide our transgressions— yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you —in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops —yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end, Amen, Amen.

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Houston*

**I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Children (preschool – Grade 5) go to Sunday School following the
Congregational Response. Grades 6-7 remain for communion.*

First Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Pew Bible, NT pages 180

Second Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-9 Pew Bible, NT pages 44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation Light and Shadow Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: "Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there
came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"
Mark 9:7*

Anthem Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies Philip Ledger
The text for the anthem is 662 in the Hymnal.

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 Let the Bright Seraphim George Frederick Handel
Let the bright Seraphim in burning row,
their loud uplifted Angel-trumpets blow.

***Offertory Response** Doxology Hymnal, 606
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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.

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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

Communion Music

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

Timothy Strand

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

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the shadow of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

***Hymn 192** Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

***Charge and Benediction**

Closing Response Forth in Thy Name Orlando Gibbons

Voluntary Sonatina 4: Allegro Carson Cooman
(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Linda N. Dillard May 29, 1938 – February 8, 2024
United with Westminster 02/04/1979

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Acolytes:** Charlotte and William Affrunti
- **Bible & Cross Carriers:** Sam Batterman and Will Hovey
- **Greeters:** Dee Dee and Brooks Duffy
- **Worship Leader:** Carter Magalis
- **Today's Communion Bread** is whole wheat, honey and raisin and was lovingly baked by Priscilla Kluge.
- **Communion Prep Team:** Mary Ray, Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Leigh Milward, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Scott Day (Team Leader) Jim Dolan, Kristianna Eastvold, David Jenkins, Jay Kennerly, Tim Kluge, Amanda Kurmann, Vena Long, Christy Pound, Jeanne VanGieson, Brinton Wilkey, Sarah Zerfas
- **Home Communion Teams:** Mary Peura and Sara Eldridge, Mary and Coleman Moore, Valerie Leonatti and Mary Ray
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir; Diane Dietz, soprano, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Ushers:** Sabrina Holmes (Head Usher) Kyle Duffy, Chris Hickman, Jim Parker, Camille Massey, Coleman Moore, Joyce King, Erin Winn
- **Safety Team:** Marilyn Rigney
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery)** This week's Bible Story: "God's Family Grows Bigger and Bigger" *Caregivers: Millie McNutt, Maria Lafrenz, Leigh Milward*
- **10:15 – 11:00 a.m.**
 - **Sunday School Children in Kindergarten – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. The story is "A Little Quiet Time" (Mark 9:2-9). *Teachers: Meleah Berkowitz, Kate Morthland*
 - **Sunday School Children in Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Classroom)** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. The story is "A Little Quiet Time" (Mark 9:2-9). *Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz, Karen Sherrick*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**
 - **Adult Education Forum presents The Regulation of Guns in USA (Parish Hall)** The third and final session in this forum provides an overview of the regulatory oversight of guns and the PC(USA) position on gun control. Led by Kate and Michael Morthland

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 of books for checkout from both of our libraries in the West Narthex. Increase your understanding of refugees, world conflict and history, presidents, and spiritual topics. Please plan to stop and 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 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.

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING Sunday, February 11 Support the hungry in Springfield by placing your donation in the large soup pots held by our youth following worship on Sunday, February 11. This is a program organized by the youth of the PC(USA).

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet on **Monday February 12 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary Peura will lead Lesson 6 "A Person with a Physical Disability" from the 2023 Horizon's Bible Study Sacred Encounters. Contact Eleanor VanDeventer (217-341-4032).

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP monthly brown bag lunch will be held this Tuesday, **February 13 at noon** with drinks provided.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM: GOD'S GIFTS OF SEXUALITY AND GENDER meets **Sundays, February 18 and 25** at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. Join the Kieffers who will review faith-based sexuality curriculum, define the many facets of sexual and gender identity, and provide a brief history of PC(USA)'s evolving and enlightened understanding of sexuality. Blythe and Peter (who is a pediatrician) taught human sexuality courses at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church during her tenure as Associate Pastor.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR OPPORTUNITY begins the weeks of February 19, 26, March 4, 11 and 18. Join us in the renovation work of 518 S. Glenwood in preparation for its sale. We begin with removing wallpaper and painting. Dates and times available at [SignUpGenius](#).

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM GATHERING on **Wednesday, February 21 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** at Grace United Methodist Church (1612 E. Capitol Avenue). Children and youth (K- Grade 12) are invited as we gather with our friends from other faith communities to explore “Serving our Community.” Parents and children are welcome to drive directly there. If transportation is needed, please email Meleah at berkowitz@wpcspi.org.

FAMILY MATTERS GATHERING AT SPRINGFIELD GYMNASIAC on **Saturday, February 24** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Families with young children (ages birth through Grade 5) will be at the Springfield Gymnastics Center. RSVPs required. Please contact Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz (berkowitz@wpcspi.org) by February 17 to reserve a spot for you and your children.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS meets **Sundays, March 3 and 10** at 9:00 a.m. in the Pastor’s Study. Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited. New members will be recognized at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 17, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

NEW HARMONY SPRING RETREAT Thursday - Saturday, May 2-4, 2024
Members and friends are invited to join Dr. Kieffer and Dale Rogers on a journey to New Harmony, Indiana for a Spring Retreat Thursday–Saturday, May 2-4. The retreat will begin with dinner on Thursday evening in the Paul Tillich Dining Room of the Red Geranium Restaurant and concludes at 12 noon on Saturday. The cost of the two-day retreat is \$250 per person. This includes two nights of lodging and five meals. The Christian Education Endowment is subsidizing the retreat and scholarships are available. Reservations have been made for up to 40 participants. Applications are available in the West Narthex and on our website at www.wpcspi.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

THEME: THE DESERT OF COMPASSION

5:30 P.M. CHICKEN AND STEAK FAJITA DINNER IN PARISH HALL

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

We begin our Lenten Journey with dinner followed by a family centered worship service including:

- Liturgy and music presented by Bridges children and Children’s Choir
- Meditation by Rev. Choi
- The Imposition of Ashes
- Holy Communion by Intinction

Small stone hearts will be given to each worshipper as a tangible reminder for the need to change one’s heart as we journey with Christ during this Holy Season.

THE DESERT OF COMPASSION DEVOTIONALS FOR THE LENTEN JOURNEY,

Meditations from this devotional book, written by the Rev. Rachel M. Srubas, (Pastor of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Tucson, Arizona) will be emailed to members on Ash Wednesday, each Sunday during Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday with follow-up questions emailed during the week for reflection.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, February 12

8:30 AM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, February 13

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
12:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 Lunch
(2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM COMPASS for Kids
4:00 PM IT Committee (Conference Room)
4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (Pastor's Study)
5:30 PM Board of Deacons (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Session Coordinating (Pastor's Study)
5:30 PM Worship, Music, & the Arts (Music Room)

Wednesday, February 14

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

4:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support Group
(Conference Room)
5:00 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
5:30 PM Ash Wednesday Dinner (Parish Hall)
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 15

1:00 PM Library Guild (Children's Library)
4:30 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)
7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, February 16

1:00 PM Helping Hands bagged lunch prep (Kitchen)

Saturday, February 17

11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, February 18

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Confirmation Prep (Conference Room)
11:15 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
11:15 AM Confirmation Class (Conference Room)
12:30 PM Piano Festival (throughout building)
5:00 PM Youth Group (Parish Hall)

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