

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after Pentecost
9 June 2024 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Youth Mission Trip Commissioning

Voluntary

Aria

Georg Philip Telemann

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 130

Leader:

With God there is forgiveness,

People:

steadfast love,

Leader:

great power to redeem.

People:

We wait for the Lord, who is our hope.

Leader:

Through the long night, we watch for God

People:

more passionately than for the sun's first light.

Leader:

With the rising of the sun, let us worship God.

* Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Sky

Laudes Domini

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, forgive our tendency toward self-centeredness and self-righteousness. Forgive us for too often looking to others to take the lead and for our lack of self-initiative and self-discipline. We pray for mercy, because you are merciful, and for transformation, because you make all things new. 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

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.

VBS Presentation

Congregational Response

Listen, Listen, God is Calling

Neno Lake Mungu

**Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.**

*Students in Pre-K– Grade 5 will go to their Summer Sunday school
class following the Congregational Response.*

First Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 8:4-13.19-22

Pew Bible, OT page 251

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 3:20-35

Pew Bible, NT page 37-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Faith and Controversy

Rev. Gerald Boutelle

*Text: "But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a
king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord.*

1 Samuel 8:6

Solo Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.
Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
Who girds them with courage and leads them his aid;
He pours out his Spirit on vessels so weak,
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.
Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
To never be sick, and never to die.
Praise God, O praise God, all ye who yet live,
Who've been given so much and can so little give,
Our frail, lispng praise God will never despise:
God sees all dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith (Part I)

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

The Church at Prayer

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

Gigue

Georg Philip Telemann

*Offertory Response

Doxology

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy and loving God, may we delight in the work that is ours, take responsibility for the lives we have been given, and reflect your loving and generous presence in these gifts which we dedication in Christ's name. Amen

*Hymn 620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

*Charge and Benediction

*Voluntary

Postlude in D-flat

David N. Johnson

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

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 Ruth Nuess Irwin by her son, Richard Irwin and family.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Mary Ray
- **Worship Leader:** Will Hovey
- **Acolytes:** Lucy Bassett and Lily Swanson
- **Greeters:** Ted and Camille Proud
- **Music:**, Dale Rogers, organist, Amelia Tungett, Soprano, Michael Tungett, Trumpet
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher), Mervice Alah Abung, Julie Barton, Deb Fritsch, Melanie Humphrey, Kathy Kenyon. Julie McDonough, John McNutt
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady, Todd Knox
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Youth Mission Trip Car Wash and Bake Sale (Parking Lot and West Narthex)** *Led by Dave Leonatti, Nichole Magalis and Mary Ray*
- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery)** This week's Bible Story: "We Are Disciples Who Follow Jesus" (Jesus Calls Disciples) *Caregivers: Maria Lafrenz, Sally Godbey, Judy Knox*
- **10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Sunday School** Children begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
 - **Kindergarten – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** The story is "Parable of the Lost Sheep". *Teachers: Meleah Berkow* We Are Disciples Who Follow Jesus
 - **Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Classroom)** The story is "I Believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth". *Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz, Aaron Ekstedt*
- **11:15 a.m. Fair Trade (West Narthex)** Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts and other items will be sold to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers. Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson oversee this ministry.

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 from our Adult and Children's libraries which are available for checkout. Please plan to stop by to peruse the books and resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Rev. Boutelle. New Member Classes will be held Sundays, July 14 and 21.

DR. KIEFFER is away this weekend officiating at the wedding of their son's friend, Will Shao, at Audrey's Farmhouse outside New York City.

TODAY we welcome the Rev. Boutelle to our pulpit. Jerry joined the staff as Parish Associate in October 2013. He has served Illinois churches in South Holland, St. Ann, Peoria, Springfield, Carrollton, White Hall, and Petersburg until his retirement in 2009. Jerry earned a Master of Divinity and a Master of Sacred Theology from McCormick Theological Seminary.

VBS PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION TODAY, JUNE 9. Camp Firelight was a time to "bask in the glow" of our children and be warmed by the spark of sacred trust God has placed in each of us. We welcomed 47 children served by 32 ministry partners working together to share the good news of Christ through Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and snacks.



THANK YOU to the following ministry partners who made this week possible along with staff: Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz, Katie Moore, Pat Hymans and Dr. Kieffer. **Registrar:** Pat Roller and Carole Kennerly; **Bible Story Drama Team:** Charlotte Affrunti, Aerwyna Eastvold, Abigail Eldridge, Sophia Llosa, Ned Moore; **Art/Crafts:** Pat McNutt; **Games:** Isaac and Ethan Alt, Emily Brower; **Snacks:** Kelly Robertson; **Decorations:** Al Hymans; **Camp Counselors:** Kathy Bacon, Ann Collins, Juliana and Kristianna Eastvold, Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross, Jay Kennerly, Maria Lafrenz, Susan Shaw, Karen Sherrick, Julie Sundquist, and Eleanor VanDeventer.

THIS YEAR'S MISSION was providing school supplies for Camp Compass.

Crayons **Markers** **Scissors** **Pencils** **Sanitizer** **Colored Pencils**
Book Bags **Glue Sticks** **Kleenex** **Sticky notes** **Sharpener** **Healthy Snacks**
Clorox Wipes **Index Cards** **Erasers** **Pens** **Spiral Notebooks**

2024 YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO NOLA: JUNE 15-22

THEME: JUMPING IN WITH BOTH FEET – LOVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR

Today, thirteen youth and eleven adult mentors will be commissioned to be a part of Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO) at the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. The team will also visit the World War II Museum in NOLA and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, MS.

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

William Affrunti
Braden Barton
Juliet Boutelle
Aerwyna Eastvold
Juliana Eastvold
Kristianna Eastvold
Abigail Eldridge
Liam Kiszely

Maria Lafrenz
James Maeda
Sidney Miller
Matthew Scott
Sam Simonson

ADULT PARTICIPANTS:

Mary Ray (Leader)
Andrew Affrunti

Beth Allen
Tad Allen
Lindsay Boutelle
Cathy Brower
Susan Day
Bill Deemer
Kyle Duffy
Dave Leonatti
Kevin Simonson

The WPC youth are grateful for the congregation's continued support and prayers and look forward to **leading worship on Sunday, June 23.**

MISSION TRIP CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER are today, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. We hope members will support the Youth Mission Team for their final two fundraisers before they depart for New Orleans. Give the youth permission to clean your car (or pay them not to clean it) and stop by the table of delicious baked goods prepared by members of the youth mission team and their parents. Thanks to **Dave Leonatti** for organizing the Car Wash and to **Nichole Magalis** for organizing

the Bake Sale.

THANK YOU FOR “WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT from the following members who are writing a note for each day of the mission trip to one of the participants: Brownie Anderson, Meleah Berkowitz, Meridith Bryans, Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Ellen Carpenter, Deb Coontz, Sue Cull, Dee Dee Duffy, Joe Fierstos, Mary Jo Jenkins, Carole Kennerly, Todd Knox, Val Leonatti, Becky Martin, Lynne McMenamin, Leigh Milward, Christy Pound, Marilyn Rigney, Julie Robbs, Brad Steller, Krista Steller, Jeannie VanGieson, Sarah Zerfas. This is a cherished Westminster tradition. Notes are due to Jennie Alt by this **Wednesday, June 12.**

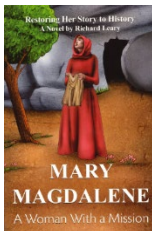


1908 SPRINGFIELD RACE RIOT NATIONAL MONUMENT - The U.S. Department of the Interior will hold a community meeting on Monday, June 10 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at Union Baptist Church, 1405 E Monroe St., Springfield, IL. This is an opportunity for the Biden-Harris administration representatives, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, Brenda Mallory, and Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Shannon Estenoz, to discuss the commemoration of the Springfield Race Riot of 1908 and

the role it played in the nation’s history, including the formation of the NAACP. The site is eligible for inclusion in the National Park System. There is also bipartisan legislation introduced in the U.S. Congress to designate the site as a national monument. All community members are invited.

FIFTH ANNUAL STEADFAST NEIGHBOR TEAM MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 11 SERVICE WEEK – JUNE 17-21 The steadfast crew of ministry partners will gather for a team building meeting on **Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m.** in Parish Hall. The team leaders and projects will be presented in preparation for our service week.

During the service week beginning June 17, the team will gather each morning at 8:30 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Lunches will be prepared by Pat Hymans’ Hospitality Team and served at noon in Parish Hall. The congregation will hear a report on Sunday, June 23. Sign up at wpcspi.org. and let us know which days you are able to serve.



THE APOSTLES’ READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets **Tuesday, June 25** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Mary Magdalene, A Woman with a Mission by Dr. Richard Leary. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

As curator of geology at the Illinois State Museum, Richard has published many scientific articles. Richard is an active Westminster member and credits the adult education ministry at Westminster for inspiring his interest in Christian history and Mary Magdalene. His book is available for purchase in the church office for \$15.

WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, June 10

9:00 AM Garden Club (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, June 11

10:30 PM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
12:00 PM Knitters' Lunch (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Steadfast Neighbor Team Meeting
(Parish Hall)

Wednesday, June 12

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
4:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support Group
(Conference Room)

Thursday, June 13

9:30 AM Yearly Staff Calendar Meeting (Off Site)

Friday, June 14

12:00 PM Refugee Subcommittee Meeting
(Second Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Helping Hands Bagged Lunch Prep (Kitchen)

Saturday, June 15

8:00 AM Youth Mission Trip Departure to
New Orleans
12:00 PM Flynn-Johnson Baby Shower (Parish Hall)

Sunday, June 16

Holy Communion

Father's Day

Youth Mission Trip – New Orleans

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Third Floor Chapel)

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