WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mission Trip Presentation
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
20 July 2025 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Voluntary — We Are One in the Spirit — Wilber Held

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

***Call to Worship** — Braden Barton

Leader: Gathered as God's people, we come to worship together:
People: singing praises to the One who loves us,
opening our hearts to the One who calls us.
Leader: Called to be followers of Jesus,
we come to share our lives together:
People: to celebrate the joys of our hearts,
to mingle our tears with God's own.
Leader: Challenged to become partners with the Spirit,
we will seek peace and hope:
People: offering our food to our enemies,
giving water to those who have drained our souls.
We come to worship and drink of living water.

***Processional Hymn 301** — Let Us Build a House — *Two Oaks*

***Prayer of Confession** — Juliana Eastvold

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's hectic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. 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 — Aerwyna Eastvold, Gwen Bennet

Congregational Response Listen, Listen, God is Calling — Neno Lake Mungu

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

Children in grades Pre-K-Grade 5 will go to Summer Sunday School class following the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 51 — Sam Batterman
Pew Bible, OT page 520-521

Second Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-13 — Macklin Metzger
Pew Bible, NT page 161-162

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

Meditations Mutual Affection — Maria Lafrenz, William Affrunti and Rev. Sarah Bishop

Text: "Love one another with mutual affection, outdo one another in showing honor." Romans 12:10

Musical Response Come, Live In The Light — David Haas

Come, Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

***Affirmation of Faith** — Juliet Boutelle

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humanity in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than humans' schemes will finally prevail. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen. *The Confession of 1967*

The Church at Prayer — Taryn Barnett

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Leader: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer — Hymnal, page 11

The Presentation of Our Gifts

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

Offertory — Lead with Love — Melanie DeMore

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.

Don't give up hope You're not alone don't you give up, keep movin' on.

Lift up your eyes don't you despair look up ahead the path is there. I know you're scared and I'm scared too but here I am right next to you.

Offertory Response — Doxology — Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** James Maeda

May the gifts we offer, Loving God, feed those who are hungry, as you have fed us with your Word. May these gifts give those who thirst for hope a cup which is overflowing. May our gifts be used to welcome all those who are your children, our siblings in this life. Amen.

***Hymn 295** Go To the World! *Sine Nomine*

***Charge and Benediction** Liam Kiszely

***Voluntary** *Sine Nomine* Fantasia Michael Burkhardt

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgists:** Mission Trip Participants
- **Acolytes:** Mission Trip Participants
- **Greeters:** Melanie and Bud Green
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher), Julie Barton, Deb Fritsch, Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross, Julie McDonough, Kathy Kenyon, Debra Parker, Brad Steller
- **Safety Team:** Alan Schuermann
- **Music:** Youth Mission Team, Linda Andrews, organ
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox, Bill Deemer, 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 Takes Care of You and Your Family" (Noah) *Caregiver: Kara Milward*
- **10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Children** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
  - **Children in Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 5 (Third Floor Chapel)** The story is "Learn and Serve". (Luke 10:38-42) *Teachers: Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz, Julie Robbs*
- **11:15 a.m. Parish Nurse (Church Office)** Ellen Carpenter checks blood pressure
- **11:15 a.m. Youth Mission Team Reception (Parish Hall)**

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 Dr. Kieffer.

2025 YOUTH MISSION TEAM LEAD WORSHIP! Twelve youth and nine adult mentors participated in Renewing Creation with Asheville Youth Mission (AYM) at First Presbyterian Church. They provided Hurricane Helene recovery with rural NC PC(USA) churches, served meals to the hungry, maintained gardens and helped a woman move into permanent housing.

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:
William Affrunti
Braden Barton
Sam Batterman
Juliet Boutelle
Taryn Barnett
Gwen Bennett
Aerwyna Eastvold
Juliana Eastvold
Liam Kiszely
Maria Lafrenz
James Maeda
Macklin Metzger

ADULT PARTICIPANTS:
Tad Allen
Rev. Sarah Bishop
Greg Boutelle
Cathy Brower
Susan Day
Kyle Duffy
Dave Leonatti
Val Leonatti
Mary Ray

This year the youth raised $13,336 toward their mission trip in donations and proceeds from fundraisers: $2,870 at Eggtastic Breakfast, $7,026 at Trivia Night, and $3,440 for Car Wash/Bake Sale. Additionally, $845.20 was received from the Pentecost Offering.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JULY 13 ELECTS REV. DR. ANNE MARSHALL AS CO-PASTOR

The Congregation enthusiastically affirmed the PNC's choice to elect Dr. Marshall as Co-Pastor. She will officially begin work at Westminster at on Tuesday, September 2 and transition to Pastor/Head of Staff on October 1, 2025 at the time of Dr. Kieffer's retirement. Dr. Marshall comes to Westminster from the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming, OH near Cincinnati. She serves as co-pastor with her husband Gray. They have two children, Henry and Simon.

Thank you to those serving on the PNC: Dr. Todd Knox, Chair, M. Brownell Anderson, George Botanga, Dr. Scott Day, Christy Pound, Lucy Stafford, Greg Swanson, and Jess Weitzel.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE - TEXAS FLOOD VICTIMS

PDA is at work in Texas assisting the flood victims. If you would like to give towards PDA's response, donate by check designating for PDA-Texas Flood in the memo line, or click Give Now on our website Giving Page and choose the Presbyterian Disaster Relief fund from the drop-down menu. Scan this QR code with your phone to go to the webpage.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP gathers on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Knitters are encouraged to knit cold weather items such as warm hats, mittens or scarves for our fall and winter donations. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.

THE APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets Tuesday, July 22 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss The Growing Season by Sarah Frey. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

CORN PICKING AT GRIGSBY FARMS - The annual sweet corn harvest for area food pantries and homeless shelters will possibly be at the end of next week or early in the following week. Look for an email with details regarding the time.

SUMMER ADULT ED FORUM ON JULY 27 Westminster member, Roy Wehrle will discuss "Global Money and Trade, US Foreign Policy and How Elected Democracies Become Autocracies" on Sunday, July 27 at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. This is the second session in a three-week series entitled "Geopolitics of the World Today." The final session will be August 10.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERIES JULY 28 - AUGUST 1, 4, & 8 Each summer, Westminster partners with Senior Services of Central IL to deliver food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Daily Bread - Meals on Wheels program. This year's dates are July 28, Aug 1, 4, and 8! You can sign up for one day or the number of days that you are available to help. This service of kindness is best done in pairs, and the expected time commitment is about an hour-and-a-half, starting between 9:00 & 9:30 a.m. For more information and to sign up, use the QR code here.

WESTMINSTER'S LITTLE PANTRY - Thanks to those who continue stocking our neighborhood micro pantry on the grounds of Graham Elementary. Westminster members fill the pantry every day. You are welcome to fill the Pantry with food from Westminster's storage near the elevator in the lower level. There are dates available in August. Please sign up using the QR code.

CONTACT MINISTRIES BACKPACK COLLECTION through Sunday, August 3. Once again WPC will partner in ministry with Contact Ministries through a backpack collection. This year's backpacks will be filled with school supplies and distributed to the children served by Contact Ministries in August. We will collect backpacks through Sunday, August 10. Last year, we collected 192 backpacks! Please drop your donated backpacks in the basket located in the W est Narthex. We have already received 67 backpacks!

Let's Celebrate Dr. Kieffer's Ministry!

Friday, August 22, 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
212 North Sixth Street, Springfield, Illinois

Dinner, Drinks, Toasts, Dancing

$35 per person

Make checks payable to Westminster with "Retirement Party" in the memo line or on our website wpcspi.org. Choose Giving/Ways to Give/Special Meals.

RSVP to Jennie Alt by August 1, 2025

Gifts to the Westminster Endowment in honor of Blythe's ministry are welcome.

NOMINATIONS WELCOME

THE 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now receiving nominations for the following positions of leadership at Westminster.

DEACON (CLASS OF 2028)
ELDER (CLASS OF 2028)
NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2026)
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2028)

Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, emailed to the committee chair, Dr. Michael Nenaber, at m.nenaber@comcast.net 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 10, 2025. Nominees will be presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 12, 2025.

2025 Nominating Committee members: *Dr. Michael Nenaber (Chair), Sam Batterman, Mal Hildebrand, Brad Steller, Carolyn Swanson, Julie Sundquist, and Bernie Wiseman*

Name of Nominee_____

Recommended for (check choice)

____**Deacon** ____**Elder** ____**Nominating** ____**Strategic Planning**

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

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

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

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Your Name (optional) _____

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 22

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4
4:30 PM Support and Endowment Meeting (Pastor's Study)
5:30 PM Budget Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club (Library)

Wednesday, July 23

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
3:30 PM DBSA Group (Youth Room)
3:00 PM Helping Hands Meal Delivered
4:00 PM Property Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Mission & Community Service (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:30 PM Adult Ed Committee (Pastor's Study)

Thursday, July 24

5:30 PM Strategic Planning Committee (Pastor's Study)

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

11:00 AM Memorial Service for Ted Proud (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM Memorial Luncheon (Parish Hall)

Sunday, July 27

10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-5)
11:15 AM Summer Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)

THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE MINISTRIES OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ARE WELCOME TO SCAN HERE.

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Parish Nurse

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