WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
World Communion Sunday
5 October 2025 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment 2026 Stewardship Campaign - *Found Faithful* Sarah Zerfas

Voluntary My Faith's Got Shoes *Mark Burrows*

I'm on the move with God. My faith's got shoes.
I'm in the groove with God. My faith's got shoes.
My faith is more than the words I say,
It's how I walk in love each day. I'm living out God's good news. My faith's got shoes.

I'm reaching out with God. My faith's got shoes.
I'll sing and shout for God. My faith's got shoes.
I will speak up for a friend. I will help our planet mend.
I will stand for what is right. I will be a guiding light.
I will be the first to share. I will offer love and care.
I will lend a helping hand. I will follow God's command.
Shoe, shoe, shoe-bee-doo-bee-doo. My faith's got shoes.

Procession of Bridges Children with breads of the world.

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.
People: We gather with them in heart and mind.
Leader: Around the world the broken body is made whole.
People: As a part of the body, we join in its unity.
Leader: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.
People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.
Leader: Let us worship together, let us share God's gifts.

***Processional Hymn 318** In Christ There Is No East or West *St. Peter*

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that in our own lives, and in the church, we rely on our own power rather than yours. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table.

***Silent Confession**

During this silence, worshipers are asked to offer individual 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 the name of 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

God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends
God's love is strong and it never ends. (sung three times)

Following the response, children in Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 5 will go to their Sunday school classes and youth in Grades 6-7 remain in worship to participate in Communion.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 17:5-10 Pew Bible, NT pages 80

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation Wholehearted Trust Rev. Sarah Bishop

Anthem All Over the World Michael Barrett

All over the world, O people
Lift up your voice
Give praise and rejoice,
Let Jesus shine all over the world.

The Presentation and Dedication of Our Gifts *At this time all worshipers are asked to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders at the end of each pew.*

Offertory Siyahamba *Zulu Folk Song*

We are walking in the light of God.

***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.

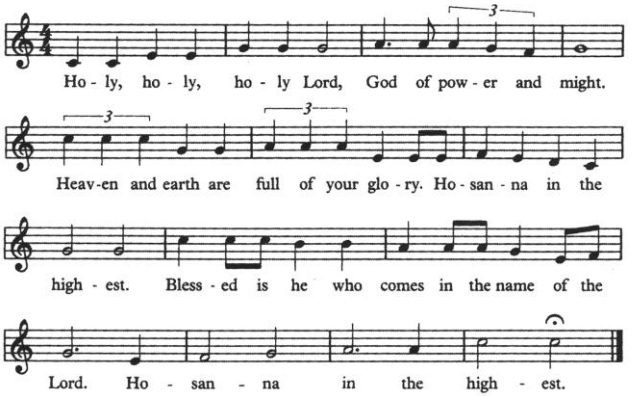
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 lift our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing:



Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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

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.

Music at the Communion Meditation for Peruvian Flute

***Prayer after Communion** **God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

***Processional Hymn 295** Go to the World! *Sine Nomine*

***Charge and Benediction**

Closing Response The Lord Bless You and Keep You Anonymous

The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you,
may God's love ever always surround you,
protect you and guide you in all that you do;
our prayer for you. Amen.

***Voluntary** Libertango Astor Piazzolla

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Roger L. Fenstermaker
07/24/1932 – 10/02/2025
United with Westminster 12/02/2018

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald Boutelle
- **Cross and Bible Carriers:** Maria Lafrenz & Maria DeJong **Acolytes:** Connor Hill & August Ekstedt
- **Worship Leaders:** Bridges Children – Roscoe Ekstedt, Paisely Reich, Juniper & Sam Berkowitz
- **Greeters:** Cheryl and Dr. Neville White
- **Today's Communion Bread** is Rev. Mark Merrill's recipe for buttermilk bread lovingly prepared by Priscilla Kluge.
- **Elders Serving Communion**: Scott Day, Team Leader, Brownie Anderson, Tara Fritsch, Rachael Hickman, Greg Humphrey, David Jenkins, Judy Knox, Vena Long, Lyle VanDeventer, Jeanne Van Gieson, Brinton Wilkey, Sarah Zerfas
- **Communion Prep:** Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray, Krista Steller
- **Home Communion Delivery:** Rev. Sarah Bisho
- p, Melanie and Bud Green, Marilyn and Jim Rigney, Krista Steller, Julie and Mike Sundquist
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher), Julie Barton, Deb Fritsch, Melanie Humphrey, Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross, Christian Kennerly, Maria Lafrenz, Debra Parker
- **Music:** Dave Tell, Peruvian Flute, The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, Organist
- **Safety Team:** Todd Knox **Videographers:** Bill Deemer, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week's story: "God Calls Us All to Follow Him" (Jesus Calls Disciples) *Caregivers: Kara Milward, Linda Caupert*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5 and youth in Grades 6 - 7** begin in worship & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
  - **Preschool - Ages 3-5 (Preschool Classroom lower level)** Story: "Jesus is God's Son" (Young Jesus in the Temple) *Teachers: Sara Eldridge, Abigail Eldridge*
  - **Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** This week's story: "Timothy's Nurturing Family" (2 Timothy 1:1-14) *Teacher: Meleah Berkowitz, Sophia Choi*
  - **Grades 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom)** This week's story: "Treasured Faith" (2 Timothy 1:1-14) *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz, Chelsea Ekstedt*
- **11:15 a.m. Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)** welcomes Jim Parker as he leads discussion of the book titled "When Jesus became God" by Richard Rubenstein. Learn the history of the controversy around Arianism in the early church.
- **1:00 p.m. CROP Hunger Walk** Participants check in at Third Presbyterian Church. Walk begins at 1:30 and supports local and global hunger-fighting agencies. Donations are still welcome.

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REFLECTION

Linda Andrews' Stewardship Reflection appeared in this week's Friday email. She is a member of Westminster's 2026 Stewardship Committee.

As a church organist for over 50 years, I have been involved with numerous congregations of various denominations. My music ministry has allowed me to see how those churches were sharing the love of Christ throughout their congregation and into the community. Upon my retirement and subsequent move to Springfield, I knew I would be searching for a new church home. Westminster Presbyterian Church was known to me because of the fine music program. This was the perfect starting point. After attending several services, I found the members to be friendly, kind and welcoming people. I joined the church last year, and it didn't take long to get involved with ministries that helped others, such as the Steadfast Neighborhood program, the Little Food Pantry, buying Christmas gifts for Contact Ministries and helping with meals in the church kitchen. I have observed the Christian education and youth programs, attended Adult Education Forums and Presbyterian Women's events and have been a substitute organist for Dale Rogers. There are many opportunities for involvement and commitment at WPC that impact the entire Springfield community. God has blessed this church and its members, which is supported each year by your generous gifts. As we look ahead with our new pastor and leadership, know that we can all be faithful stewards by pledging to the lasting life of this church.

As of Thursday, October 2, we have received **46 pledges** for a total of **$285,572** which is **33%** of our **$871,000 goal.** Please complete the pledge card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate by Stewardship Dedication Sunday, October 26, 2025. Pledges can also be made online at www.wpcspi.org.

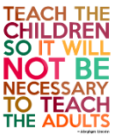
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 with a pastor.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS TODAY Bridges Children (Grades 3-5) will process during the choral voluntary "My Faith's Got Shoes" with the breads of the world as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and lead the Call to Worship. The Communion table will be adorned with African textiles, a gift of the late Andrea Butler.

CROP HUNGER WALK TODAY. Walkers meet at 1:00 at Third Presbyterian Church. Donations may be made to Westminster with CROP Walk in the memo line or support Westminster Walkers online using the QR code.

WESTMINSTER NAMETAGS The Membership Committee, chaired by Dr. Judy Knox, is encouraging members to wear their nametags as we welcome Dr. Marshall. If you have misplaced your nametag or just want a new one, there will be a sign up this Sunday in the West Narthex. In addition to the clip, members will receive a magnetic back for attaching nametags more easily. Thank you for helping Anne get to know us better by identifying a name with a face.



CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM GATHERS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to the first gathering of Children of Abraham on Wednesday, October 8, 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield (3000 Stanton Street). This year's theme is "Strength in Diversity."

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR THE REV. DR. ANNE C.S. MARSHALL On **Sunday, October 12, at 4:00 p.m.** the Presbytery of Great Rivers will install the Reverend Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall as Westminster's 19th Pastor and Head of Staff. The Westminster Choir and Dale Rogers will provide music leadership for the service. The congregation is invited to the service as well as a reception hosted by Hospitality Coordinator Pat Hymans and her team.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT CHURCH OFFICERS On **Sunday, October 12**, the congregation meeting will begin immediately following worship. The following church officers will be elected.

Elders Class of 2028: Sandy Bellatti, George Botanga, Nathaniel Brower, Deborah Coontz, Cress Maddox, Sr., Lucy Stafford, Brad Swanson, Jess Weitzel, **Youth Elder:** Sam Batterman was elected for 2025 and will continue to serve.

Board of Deacons Class of 2028: John Abbo-Yobo, Maude Essel Addo-Yobo, Andrew Affrunti, Chelsea Ekstedt, Cameron Hudgins, Joyce Matthews, Lisa Metzger, Pete Sherman, **Youth Deacon:** Macklin Metzger

Strategic Planning Committee Class of 2028: Bud Green, Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross

2026 Nominating Committee: Brad Steller, Julie Sundquist, Carolyn Swanson, Peter Van Gieson

CHURCH OFFICER ORIENTATION for newly elected elders and deacons will be **Sunday, October 19, at 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Lunch will be Spuds in support of our Youth Fundraiser.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, October 6
9:00 AM Garden Club of Springfield (Parish Hall)
4:00 PM Symphony Guild (2nd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, October 7
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Off site)

Wednesday, October 8
10:00 AM Pastors pray in the Chancel
10:00 AM Sing by Heart Choir (Parish Hall)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
3:30 PM DBSA Group (3rd Floor Classroom))
4:30 PM Children of Abraham (Off site)
5:30 PM Session Coordinating (Pastor's Study)
6:00 PM Board of Deacons (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, October 9
8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Off site)
2:30 PM Memory Loss Group (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:30 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)
5:45 PM Thursday Night Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, October 10
8:00 AM Senior Services Annual Meeting (Parish Hall)
1:00 PM Helping Hands Lunch Prep (Kitchen)

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

Sunday, October 12
10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 5)
10:15 AM Confirmation Prep (Conference Room)
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
11:15 AM Confirmation (Conference Room)
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
4:00 PM Rev. Dr. Marshall Installation (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM Rev. Dr. Marshall Reception (Parish Hall)
5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Room)

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