



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Communion Sunday & Third Grade
Bible Presentation
Sixth Sunday of Easter
10 May 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Overture

George Frederick Handell

***Ringing of the Bell**

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
People: **and you have healed me.**
Leader: You restored me to life.
People: **Sing praises to the LORD!**
Leader: Give thanks to God's holy name
People: **God turns our mourning into dancing.**
All: **Let us give thanks to God forever!**

***Processional Hymn 14**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

***Call to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

Silent Confession

During this silence, worshipers are asked to offer individual prayers of confession.

***Sung Response** Lord Have Mercy 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

Anthems Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air
Hymn of Promise
A Mother's Love is Really Wonderful

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Congregational Response Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. *(repeat twice)*

*Following the response, children in Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 5
will go to their Sunday school classes.*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading John 21:15-19 Pew Bible, NT page 116

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

Meditation A Second Chance Rev. Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

Anthem/Solo Joyful Day George Frederick Handel
Joyful Day! What a joy I feel this gladsome day.

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

Offertory

Sheep May Safely Graze

Johann Sebastian Bach

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
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: Holy God, creator of the universe,
With joy we praise you and give you thanks,
You brought light from darkness
and drew land from the sea...

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:

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.

Leader: We praise you, most holy God, for the gift of your Son, Jesus... Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we break bread and share one cup, giving thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ and offering ourselves to live for him in joy and grateful praise. 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 Communion

*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.

*Hymn 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Canonbury

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response

Day by Day

Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love you more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly day by day.

*Voluntary

Allegro Maestoso

George Frederick Handel

(*) The congregation is invited to stand

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SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

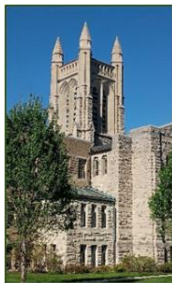
- **Flowers:** Flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Laurie Maddox from her husband, Cress L. Maddox, and their children, Jennifer Wagner, Amanda Maddox-Wenthe, Sarah Graham, Jessica Hemmenway, and Cress B. Maddox.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
- **Worship Leader:** Ben Bassett
- **Acolytes:** Connor and Lily Hill
- **Bible and Cross Carriers:** James Maeda and Sam Batterman
- **Today's Communion Bread** was lovingly prepared by Susan Day
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Rachael Hickman (Team Leader), Sandy Bellatti, Nathaniel Brower, Deb Coontz, John Cross, Joe Fierstos, Cress Maddox, Julie McDonough, Pat Moore, Greg Swanson, Julie Robbs, Marilyn Rigney
- **Communion Prep:** Ann Collins, Tim and Pricilla Kluge, Elisabeth Luttrell, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray and Krista Steller
- **Home Communion Delivery:** Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer, Marilyn Rigney, Mary Ray, Sue Sawers, Judy & Todd Knox
- **Greeters:** Darren and Meredith Volle
- **Ushers:** Joyce King (Head Usher), Kyle Duffy, Linda Caupert, Ben Arnold, Michella Arnold, Chelsea Ekstedt, Andrew Affrunti, Pete Sherman
- **Safety Team:** John Stafford
- **Music:** The Westminster Children's Choir, The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, Organist
- **Videographers:** Bill Deemer, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Ministry** partners and members of the Nursery Guild will meet in Parish Hall to reflect on the year and sign up for the summer. Summer Sunday School starts Sunday, May 24.
- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. *Caregiver: Erin Winn*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5** begin in worship & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
 - **Preschool – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** *Teacher: Meleah Berkowitz*
 - **Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Room)** *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m. – Adult Education Forum (Parish Hall)** The Theology of Disability will explore how traditional Christian thought and attitudes around disability are challenged by viewing disability as an ordinary aspect of life and a source of faith insight. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.
- **12:00 p.m. Louis Arnold Birthday Party (Nursery)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about us 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 at the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, speak with one of the pastors.



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF DALE ROGERS ON FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 17!

Join us for **worship at 10:00 a.m.** followed by a light reception in Parish Hall as we celebrate Dale Rogers as the Director of Music and the Arts. We are taking the opportunity to highlight his devotion, leadership, and care of all things Westminster. The service will feature special music, words of appreciation, and a presentation from the congregation in honor of this meaningful anniversary.

Each year on Founders' Sunday, we give thanks for those who have contributed to the church's endowment. Those who donate or communicate their plans to make a testamentary gift by **Wednesday, May 13 will be included in the Albert Hale Circle** published in the bulletin on May 17 and in the June Reporter. Use the QR code in this bulletin and choose Endowment Fund to make an online donation.

Support and Endowment Committee: Chair, Jeff Wilday, Secretary, Jim Bryans, Joe Fierstos, Christie Hovey, Randy Germeraad, Lucy Preckwinkle Stafford, Advisory Member: Christy Pound, Treasurer, Todd Wise.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER Westminster Cooperative Preschool (WCP) is hosting a Krispy Kreme digital dozens donut fundraiser **now through May 16**. A dozen costs \$15 and WCP will receive \$7. You are required at the time of purchase to show the QR code to donate and support our preschool ministry!



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BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY On **Sunday, June 7** during the **10:00 a.m. service**, all graduating High School Seniors and College graduates (bachelor's and graduate degrees) are invited to a part of this special Sunday as we recognize your accomplishments. Our High School Seniors will be presented special gifts from your church family in worship.

Please let our church office know by **FRIDAY, May 22** if you plan on attending, and return the form updating us on your future plans. High School families: we would love pictures of your Senior for a church-wide slideshow.

Then come Sunday, **JUNE 7** with your cap and gown for recognition at the beginning of the **10:00 a.m.** worship service. A reception in your honor follows worship in Parish Hall. Families with any questions, please contact Rev. Sarah or Jennie Alt in the church office. Photos and completed forms can be emailed to jalt@wpcspi.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Just Like Me June 8-12 from 9:15 a.m. to noon. VBS Volunteer sign-up is live! If you are able to assist us with our Vacation Bible School- Just Like Me, we will need helpers in crafts, music, outdoor play, snacks, and moving room to room with each group. Youth going into 6th grade and older are welcome to assist, as well as adults! Please contact Meleah Berkowitz with any questions. Gardners in training (children ages 4 - 11) and Master Gardners (adults and youth ministry partners) can register on the Westminster website.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets on **Monday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m.** at Bella Milano (4525 Wabash Ave.) for a spring luncheon. Elizabeth Circle will not meet for regular meetings June, July and August. They will resume in September.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST Men of WPC and friends will meet on **Thursday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Graham Peck will speak on the period in time prior to the Civil War.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY will meet for their final night on **Thursday, May 14 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.** with dinner together at Papa Franks.

DMA (Don't Mention Age) meets on **Friday, May 15**, with a potluck at **5:30 p.m.**, then a program that starts at **6:15 p.m.** Bring a side to share with others.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER GARDEN PARTY – On Saturday, May 16, the Women of Westminster are invited to a garden party that will be held in Parish Hall from **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** It will be hosted by the Ruth and Naomi Circle. RSVP at wpcspi.org or email Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS A group of intrepid adventurers will meet again with Dungeon Master Aaron Berkowitz on **May 20 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library to explore the 1st century AD ancient Near East.



STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK: JUNE 22-26 We invite you to join us for one or more days during the fourth week of June as we spread goodwill throughout the neighborhood by signing up online.

Steadfast Neighbor Team Meeting will be Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, May 11

- 11:15 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:30 PM Personnel (Pastor's Study)
- 5:30 PM Strategic Planning (Conference Room)

Tuesday, May 12

- 1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM COMPASS for Kids
- 7:30 PM St. Andrews Sisters (Off-Site 1)

Wednesday, May 13

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel (Chancel)
- 10:00 AM PEO LR Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 3:30 PM DBSA Group (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Bridges (Tower Classroom)
- 4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (Conference Room)
- 5:00 PM Children's Choir Pig Out (Kitchen)
- 5:15 PM Family Ministry (Conference Room)
- 5:30 PM Congregational Care (Library)
- 5:30 PM Congregational Fellowship (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 PM Board of Deacons (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, May 14

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
- 5:45 PM Thursday Night Bible Study (Off-Site 1)
- 7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, May 15

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

Saturday, May 16

- 10:00 AM Women's Garden Party (Parish Hall)

Sunday, May 17

Founders' Sunday

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 5) (Chapel)
- 11:15 AM Founders' Sunday/Dale Rogers' Anniversary Reception (Parish Hall)

WESTMINSTER STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Anne Marshall
Pastor and Head of Staff

The Reverend Sarah A. Bishop
Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle
Parish Associate

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