WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

20 September 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Andante — Francesco Turini

***Ringing of the Bell**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Which commandment is the greatest?
People: **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**
Leader: And the second is like it.
People: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**
Leader: What does it look like to love our neighbor?
People: **By trusting there is enough for all.**
All: **Let us love God and neighbor as we learn to share what we have.**

***Processional Hymn 20** All Things Bright and Beautiful — *Royal Oak*

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

We fill our lives with the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love. We turn away when a stranger asks for nourishment, claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves. Forgive us when we doubt your abundance and ignore the possibilities in what we have been given.

Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us. Remind us of your love and your provision. Help us trust you even when we are fearful. Amen

***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**

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

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

Following the response, children in Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 5 will go to their Sunday school classes and youth in Grades 6-7 go to Confirmation Prep class.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Exodus 16:13-21 — Pew Bible, OT page 63

Second Scripture Reading Acts 4:32-37 — Pew Bible, NT page 122

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

Sermon Overcoming Scarcity: Trusting God's Abundance

Rev. Dr. Anne C. S. Marshall

Reflection Prompt

On your leaf, please write a word or phrase:
What is one way God has blessed you or one thing you are thankful for?

Leaves will be collected during the offering. Please place your leaf in the offering plate as it is passed.

Anthem The Lord's My Shepherd — James Leith MacBeth Bain

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own name's sake. Yeah, though I pas through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup over flows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from hence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of our God is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.

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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, page 35

The Presentation 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 Allegro — Percy Whitlock

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication** **Holy God, as we give our offerings, remind us of all the ways you bless us and provide for us. May our gifts be used so to bless the world so that each has enough. Amen.**

***Hymn 36**	For the Fruit of All Creation	*Ar Hyd y Nos*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**	Sortie in G	Théodore Solomé

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

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SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Pat and Al Hymans.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
- **Worship Leader:** Maria DeJong
- **Acolytes:** Rose DeJong and Charlotte Moore
- **Greeters:** Claudia Nash and Linda Andrews
- **Safety Team:** Todd Knox
- **Ushers:** Greg Boutelle (Head Usher), Cameron Hudgins, Todd Lafrenz, Joyce Matthews, Claudia Nash, Bernie Wiseman, Randy Wiseman, Cathy Yokley.
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir and Dale Rogers, Organist
- **Videographers and Sound**: Bill Deemer, Krista Steller, William Affrunti

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. *Caregivers: Kara Milward and Michella Arnold*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5**
  - **PreK – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** *Teacher: Meleah Berkowitz*
  - **Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Room)** *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz*
- **10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Confirmation begins today.**
  - **Grades 6 & 7** meet from 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room during worship (except) Communion Sundays.
  - **Grade 8** meets from 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Conference Room following worship.
- **11:15 AM – Adult Ed Forum** where Dr. Marshall will introduce Love Your Neighbor.
- **12:00 PM – Small Group Facilitator Training** in Parish Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about us is 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.

DELAY ON NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY APP -- We have encountered a major technology speedbump and will not be ready to roll out our new church directory app this Sunday. Trust that we are just as disappointed as you might be. We are hard at work to continue to find a solution to an updated and supported church directory app that will work on all smart phones. We will keep you posted when we have a new timeline for when will be able to make the switch, but it won't be immediate. In the meantime, the Church Life App still works on some phones depending on their operating system and you can continue to use it if your phone allows you.

WI-FI HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM is available in our Sanctuary. A basket is located at each Sanctuary entrance with hearing amplifier packets on lanyards for those without hearing aids. Please return the lanyards and amplifier packets at the end of worship. Members may also download an app to their smart phone and connect via Bluetooth to listen through their hearing aids to the church's sound system in the Sanctuary and Parish Hall. both For assistance, ask an usher or Krista Steller.

ALL-CHURCH BOOK READ – Small Groups for Love Your Neighbor start next week! If you have not yet signed up for a small group, you can do so by using this QR code. Extended care will be available in the nursery after worship and there will be activities for school-aged children so that parents can participate in a small group.

If you still need a book you can order a copy directly from the publisher using our discount code (Code: WPC40) to receive 40% off "Love Your Neighbor". *Active through: September 30*

https://www.eerdmans.com/9780802885234/love-your-neighbor/

SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR TRAINING will be held today, September 20 at noon in Parish Hall. Please plan to stay after the adult forum to talk about logistics, facilitation guidance and any remaining questions you may have about leading a small group.

COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY Please help us as we assess our communications to become more effective and efficient. Ministry Architects is helping us create a holistic communications plan and your input is important. Please take this brief survey to help us know which communications are most helpful to you.

THE WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING, received during "A Season of Preparation" leading up to World Communion Sunday on October 4, is a new way for Presbyterians to "love kindness" expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment. Racial justice, gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement are the important causes supported by this Offering. Donate with a check noting World Communion on the memo or to donate online, use the QR code in this bulletin and choose the "World Communion" fund.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP gathers **every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The group is knitting colder weather items for children and adults. We will collect knitted hats, scarves and mittens in late fall and for the Mitten Tree later. Knitters of any skill level are welcome. Please contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 218-622-8657 for more information.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP Begins Wednesday, September 23 from 5:30-7:00 P.M. in the Youth Room. Junior High (6-8 grades) youth will gather once a month for dinner, fellowship, games, and Bible study.

ALL WOMEN'S SALAD SUPPER Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. Please join the women of Westminster and friends of the congregation for a salad supper in Parish Hall. Bring a salad to share with those attending. We look forward to fun, fellowship, and a chance to meet someone new. RSVP's on our website or by calling the church are welcomed, but they are not required if should find yourself available on this day.

JULIUS ROSENWALD DOCUMENTARY SCREENING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL -- Celebrate the upcoming Julius Rosenwald Festival & Concert with the Springfield Choral Society for a free movie night here at WPC in Parish Hall featuring popcorn, snacks, and drinks. Feel free to bring friends & family. Many thanks to Meg & Jim Kontio and Springfield Choral Society for sponsoring this amazing night. RSVP to churchoffice@wpcspi.org.

POKEMON CLUB – The Pokémon Club meets with Aaron Berkowitz on **Sunday, September 27, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m**. in the Second Floor Classroom. All children and the young at heart are welcome. No experience necessary and all supplies will be on hand.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP – The next Senior High youth meeting will be **Sunday, September 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m**. in Parish Hall.

MILESTONE MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY & RECEPTION On **Sunday, September 27** we will honor members who joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1976, 1971, 1966, 1961, 1956, 1955, 1954, 1953 during worship. We are deeply grateful for the many ways these members have enriched the life of our congregation over the years. The congregation is invited to a reception in the West Narthex following worship as we celebrate them and express our congratulations and appreciation.

APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP -- The Apostles' Read Library Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of **September 29th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library to discuss Jesus and the Powers by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM will have its first gathering on **Wednesday, September 30 at Compass for Kids (1201 S. 4th St) from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** hosted by the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield. The theme for this year is "Rooted in Faith." Mark your calendar with the remaining dates: Wednesdays, November 11 at Westminster; February 17, 2027 at Grace United Methodist; April 14, 2027 at First Presbyterian Church and May 5, 2027 at Temple B'rith Sholom.

LEGACY OF FAITH PLANNED GIVING RECEPTION – On Wednesday, September 30 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., the Support and Endowment Committee, chaired by Jeff Wilday, will host a Legacy of Faith Planned Giving Reception at the home of Christy and Karl Pound (100 Pinehurst Dr., Springfield).

The purpose of the gathering is to thank those who have remembered Westminster in their will and to invite others to consider this opportunity. All are welcome. Please RSVP with Jennie Alt by Monday, September 21 at noon.

JOHN W. W. SHERER, ORGANIST will play a program of English organ music called **The British are Coming! on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m**. John was the organist at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago for 28 years before moving to Rochester, New York, where he is the organist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. John has been hailed by critics as a "terrific musician, a pronounced virtuoso who plays with assurance, authority, and superb energy."

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, September 21

Tuesday, September 22

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM Compass for Kids
7:00 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (off site)

Wednesday, September 23

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Cancel (Chancel)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
3:30 PM DBSA Group (3rd Floor Classroom)
4:00 PM Property Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:00 PM Bridges (Tower Classroom)
5:00 PM Deliver Meal to Helping Hands
5:15 PM Membership Committee (Library)
5:30 PM Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Room)
6:00 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
6:00 PM Women's Salad Supper (Parish Hall)

Thursday, September 24

2:30 PM Early Stage Memory Loss Group (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:00 PM WPC Pastor at IL Presb Home (Off-site)
5:45 PM Thursday Night Bible Study (2nd Floor Class)
7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, September 25

6:00 PM Julius Rosenwald Documentary – Free Viewing (Parish Hall)

Saturday, September 26

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

Sunday, September 27

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM Worship Service-Milestone Membership
10:15 AM Confirmation Prep (Conference Room)
10:15 AM Sunday School Pre K-5 (Chapel)
11:15 AM Confirmation (Conference Room)
11:15 AM Milestone Member Reception (West Narthex)
11:15 AM Small Groups
12:30 PM Halloween Costume Exchange (WCP Classrooms)
12:30 PM Pokémon Club (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Parish Hall)

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