

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday After Epiphany
22 January 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Come, O Almighty King Healey Willan

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

***Call to Worship** Isaiah 9:1; Psalm 27:1

Leader: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

People: those who lived in a land of deep darkness
on them light has shined.

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation;
the stronghold of our lives.

People: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn 8** Eternal Father, Strong to Save *Melita*

***Prayer of Confession** God of unity and author of mercy and peace, we confess that we have not always preserved unity, shown mercy, or promoted peace. We have exaggerated our differences and underestimated our points of unity. We have confused personal preferences with theological principles. We have been quick to see the faults in others and reticent to examine ourselves. Hear now our silent 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.**

***Passing of the Peace**

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

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

**I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.**

Students in preschool – Grade 5 will go to their Sunday school class and Grades 6-7 will go to Confirmation during the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

Pew Bible, OT page 638

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Pew Bible, NT page 3-4

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

Sermon

Casting a Wide Net

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

The text: "Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:20"

Anthem

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Frederick Candlyn

The text for the anthem is found at 662 in the hymnal.

*Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in God's temple.
For God will hide me in God's shelter
in the day of trouble;
God will conceal me under the cover of God's tent;
God will set me high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in God's tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me. 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

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 Majesty Georg Philipp Telemann

*Offertory Response Doxology Hymnal, 606

*Prayer of Dedication God, our light and salvation,
Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom
and called his disciples to cast a wide net.
Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus,
That our lives may bear witness to the good news.
Receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of
your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy *In Babilone*

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Response Day by Day Harold Friedell

*Voluntary Postlude in D George Dyson

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

8:30 – 9:45 A.M. EGG-TASTIC BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Members are invited to an egg-tastic breakfast that will be served by youth attending the 2023 Youth Mission Trip. Sausage for the breakfast is donated by Mary Jo and David Jenkins. Come support the Mission and be well-nourished for the work of the church at the annual meeting following worship!

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

11:00 – 11:30 A.M. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgists:** Coleman Moore
- **Worship Leader:** Mia Marcy
- **Acolytes:** Charlotte Affrunti and William Affrunti
- **Greeters:** Julie and Mike Sundquist
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher) Braden Barton, Erin Ekstedt, Julie McDonough, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Mia Marcy, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Brad Steller
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **8:45 – 9:45 a.m. 2023 Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Orientation and Training (Parish Hall)** Those planning to participate in the Habitat Build will learn expectations, guidelines, and safety precautions in place for a successful experience. Led by Colleen Stone, Executive Director.
- **9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Nursery (lower level)** Infants and toddlers begin in the Nursery. Preschoolers begin in worship with their families and leave during the Congregational Response. This week's Bible Story: "Young Jesus in the Temple" (Luke 2:41-52). Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children Kindergarten – Grade 7** begin in worship with their families & leave during the Congregational Response for:
 - **Sunday School (Third Floor Chapel)** Kindergarten – Grade 5 The story is "Working Together" (1 Cor. 1:10-18). Teachers: Kate Morthland and Julie Robbs
 - **6th & 7th Grade Confirmation (Third Floor Tower Room)** The lesson is "Parables" of the *Echo the Story* curriculum. Teachers: Joe Fierstos and Mary Ray
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**
 - **8th Grade Confirmation (Conference Room)** will go over "What Does it Mean to be a Disciple of Jesus?" from PCUSA's *Big God Big Questions* Confirmation Curriculum. Led by Dr. Peter and Rev. Dr. Blythe Kieffer
 - **Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)** presents "Springfield 1908 Race Riot" This forum will discuss the history of the riot, the way it was perceived at the time, research into the causes and motivations of the rioters and the long-term effects of the riot, which included the founding of the NAACP. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.
 - **Fair Trade Sale (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.
- **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Youth Group (Parish Hall/Youth Room)** will explore Micah 6 as we gather to discuss dates for the 2023 mission trip and review the fundraisers in preparation for our summer adventure "doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God." Dinner provided by Cathy Brower. Led by Susan Day, and Mary Ray

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 a pastor.

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 including books on Black History from both our Adult and Children's libraries in the West Narthex which are available for checkout. Please plan to stop by to peruse the books and resources.

REV CHOI and his family are attending a family gathering in California this weekend.

INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH MINISTRY - The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Mary Ray has agreed to serve as Interim Director for Youth (5-10 hours per week) until the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry is installed. We are grateful for Mary's experience and dedication to Westminster's youth for over 20 years and her willingness to serve and tend to the details of ministry.

Mary is a 50-year member of Westminster. She has served the church in many capacities including Elder, Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and youth leader. Mary graduated from Illinois College with majors in Spanish and Sociology. She has worked at Illinois Secretary of State for over 40 years and is currently Manager of Court Liaison Section. She loves Illinois sports and serving with Westminster youth on mission trips.



DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KAREN SHERRICK will represent Westminster as she attends the ACPE (Association of Partners in Christian Education) Annual Conference this week (January 25-28) in Birmingham, AL. Karen's fifth anniversary as Westminster's Director for Children's Ministry will be recognized on Sunday, February 12.

THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets **Tuesday, January 24** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Sonorous Desert: What Deep Listening Taught Early Christian Monks - and What it Can Teach Us by Kim Haines-Eitzen. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

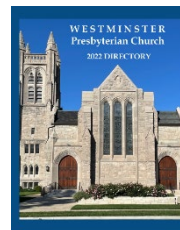
DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY meets Thursday, January 26, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom This year's curriculum is Disciple Fast Track Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study.

SYMPOSIUM: WHAT ABOUT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE? Join Dr. Roy Wehrle on **Thursdays, February 2 and 9**, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. in Parish Hall for a two-week symposium on artificial Intelligence.



EGGTASTIC BREAKFAST MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER - All youth attending the 2023 Mission Trip are expected to work the annual Mission Trip Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, January 29. **Plan to arrive by 8:00 a.m. and work through the morning!** The Mission participants will serve a delicious Egg-tastic Breakfast prepared by Pat Hymans and team before worship. Come support the Mission and be well nourished for the work of the church at the Annual Meeting following worship!

2022 PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 – Those members who had their photo taken or submitted a photo may pick up their free copy of the Pictorial Director on Sunday, January 29 at the designated table in the West Narthex. The cost of submitting a photo is \$15 for those who have not yet paid. Those who are not photographed may purchase a directory for \$15.



RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Meg Kontio (3508 Briana Drive, 62711.) Meg will lead Lesson Five: Sabbath and Servitude.

HUNGER ACTION TEAM will prepare a Springfield Warming Center meal on Friday, February 3.

ADULT ED FORUM: UNRAVELING ROE: A COMPLICATED RISE AND FALL - This adult forum meets **Sundays, February 5, 12 and 19, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon** in Parish Hall and will explain the legal, political, and societal foundations of the rise and fall of Roe vs. Wade, along with its branching implications on other seemingly protected rights. Led by attorneys Kate and Michael Morthland.

WESTMINSTER'S LITTLE PANTRY - Thank you to all who stock Westminster's Little Pantry at Graham School. Please check SignUpGenius (<https://bit.ly/3C4s0v5>) for open dates in January.

THE 2023 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT BUILD is an exciting new endeavor in 2023 and plans are in place for the Blitz Week tentatively scheduled for **March 27–April 1**. The Kick Off will be Tuesday, March 21, 5:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Those who would like to participate as ministry partners must register at habitatsangamon.volunteerhub.com and need to complete **one session** of Orientation and Training. Those dates are:

Westminster Presbyterian Church (533 S. Walnut Street)
Sunday, February 19 – 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. (Parish Hall)

Habitat for Humanity Office Entrance (2744 S. 6th Street)

Tuesday, February 7 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21 – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ARE INVITED TO
NEW BEGINNINGS BRUNCH
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
10:30 A.M. – 12 NOON IN PARISH HALL**

**PROGRAM
WOODEN IT BE LOVELY**
Presented by Rev. Margaret Ann Jessup

The free-will offering will support
WPC's 2023 Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build.

RSVP to Jennie Alt 217-522-4415 or jalt@wpcspi.org.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, January 23

- 9:30 AM King's Daughters Board Meeting (3rd Floor Classroom)
4:00 PM Symphony Guild (2nd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, January 24

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM COMPASS for Kids
4:30 PM Support & Endowment (Pastor's Study)
6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club (Library)

Wednesday, January 25

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
4:00 PM Bridges (Kitchen)
4:00 PM Property Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:15 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
5:00 PM Choristers (Music Room)
5:00 PM Membership Meeting (Pastor's Study)

Thursday, January 26

- 4:00 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)
6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

- 10:00 AM Presbytery Assembly on Zoom
11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, January 29

- 8:30 AM Egg-tastic Breakfast Fundraiser (Parish Hall)
10:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Third Floor Chapel)
Confirmation (Grade 6-7) (Third Floor Tower)
11:00 AM Annual Meeting (Sanctuary)

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