

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Youth Sunday
23 April 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Kieffer

Ministry Moment

Mary Ray

Voluntary

Allemande

Thomas Morley

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Braden Barton

Leader: We gather in the presence of the Risen Christ,
People: **who made himself known to the disciples,**
Leader: as they traveled on the road to Emmaus.
People: **Open the eyes of our faith on the paths we journey.**
Leader: Come, let us worship God.

***Hymn 826**

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

***Prayer of Confession**

Kristianna Eastvold

Hear us, O God, when we cry out to you. Look upon us with your mercy and loving kindness. We seek to turn away from our past and turn our lives toward you. Forgive us when we have failed or denied you. Forgive us when you are right in front of us and we do not see you. Walk with us and lead us where you would have us go. 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		Will Hovey <i>Students in grades Pre-K – 5 will go to Sunday school class during the Congregational Response.</i>
Congregational Response	Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to God's name.	Donald Fishel
Scripture Skit	Luke 24:13-29	Kristianna Eastvold, Matthew Scott Sam Simonson
Scripture Reading	Luke 24:30-35 Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	Will Hovey
Reflections	Road to Emmaus	Mia Marcy, Bryce Pound, Aerwynna Eastvold Louisa Eldridge, Emily Brower <i>Text: "Then they told what had happened on the road, and how Christ had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread." Luke 24:35</i>

Solo Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish Ballad

The text for the solo is 450 in the Hymnal

***Affirmation of Faith**

Mary Ray

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of
Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good
news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

A Brief Statement of Faith (Part I)

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of our God is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and his 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.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People
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

He is the Rock

Michael Barrett

He is the Rock, He is the Rock of Ages. He is the Rock, and
the chief cornerstone. He is the Rock, He is the sure foundation.
I will put my trust in the strength of the Lord. My hope is built on
nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust
the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Carter Magalis

Risen Christ, you delight us by your nearness. You astonish
us through the ordinary ways you make yourself known.
May joy enrich our worship and may these gifts, which are
given in gratitude, carry us forward onto roads of grace,
goodness, and compassion. Amen.

***Hymn 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Collin Mawby

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

In the Reformed Tradition, the Exchange of Peace follows the Declaration of Pardon and is a response to God's forgiveness. This exchange of signs and words of unity and of Christ's peace is an ancient greeting. This is a time when we extend to one another what we ourselves have received from God in Christ. You may shake hands and say "The peace of Christ be with you" or simply "Peace be with you," the greeting of Jesus Christ to his disciples after his resurrection. By exchanging the Peace of Christ to one another, we witness to God's reconciling love.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgists:** Westminster Senior High Youth
- **Acolytes:** Maria DeJong and Ned Moore
- **Bible & Cross Carriers:** Sam Batterman and James Maeda
- **Greeters:** Julie and Mike Sundquist
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir; Aerwyna Eastvold, clarinet; Amelia Tungett, soprano; Dale Rogers, organist
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher), Sophia Choi, Kathy Kenyon, Erin Ekstedt, Keith Hamilton, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Marilyn Rigney
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**
 - **Confirmands Class of 2023 (Dr. Kieffer’s Study)** final meeting to review memory work in preparation for Session this Wednesday.
 - **Senior High Worship Leaders (Sanctuary)** meet with Mary Rah and Rev. Choi for final sound check.
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon 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: “Share God’s Love Everywhere!” Caregivers: Leigh Milward and Caroline Haynor
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (Third Floor Chapel)** Children Kindergarten – Grade 5 begin in worship with their families & leave during the Congregational Response for The story is “On the Road” (Luke 24:13-35). Teachers: Kate Morthland and Karen Sherrick
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**
 - **Youth Mission Trip Informational Meeting (Second Floor Classroom)** All mission trip participants and their parents are invited to review responsibilities for Trivia Night and the details of this year’s mission trip to Selma, AL where we will rebuild following the devastating tornadoes in January and visit historic Civil Rights Museums. Emergency Information Forms, Covenants, and deposit are due. Led by Mary Ray and Dr. Kieffer.
 - **Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)** presents “**Solutions to Climate Change: An Interactive Presentation**” Participants will reflect on the interactive simulation from last week. Discussion will be led by Dr. Roy Wehrle.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE has prepared a cart in the West Narthex including books on ecology and family from our Adult and Children’s libraries which are available for checkout. Please plan to stop by to peruse the books and resources.

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.

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.



MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING on Sunday, April 23 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. We will review responsibilities for Trivia Night and details of the mission trip to Selma, AL where we will rebuild following the devastating tornadoes in January and visit historic Civil Rights Museums. The Liability and Emergency Contact, team covenant and payment are due. Any questions, text or call Mary at 217-494-3810. The Mission Trip dates are **SATURDAY, JUNE 24 – JULY 1, 2023.**

THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You; by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds. The group moved their March book to April. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

The Confirmation Class of 2023 will be recognized and commissioned next Sunday, April 30 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a time of celebration and a milestone on the faith journeys of our youth: *Samuel Robert Batterman, Maria Grace DeJong, Abigail Elizabeth Eldridge, Maria Elizabeth Lafrenz, James Jaewon Maeda, Macklin Donelan Metzger*



Each youth will receive a NRSV Student Bible, which is a gift from Westminster. The Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons will host a reception honoring the Confirmands following worship. Thank you to those who served as mentors to our confirmands: Brad Steller, Dr. Judy Knox, Jeanne Van Gieson, Jen DeJong, Dr. Peter Kieffer, and Marilyn Rigney.

TRIVIA NIGHT NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M. Sign up online by scanning the QR code.



Childcare is available in the nursery. Questions begin at 5:30 p.m. We welcome Aaron Berkowitz and Mark Luttrell who will create and present the questions.



DINNER IS \$5.00 and available for purchase at 5:00 p.m. thanks to Pat Hymans and her kitchen team. Participants are welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

TICKETS ARE \$20.00 and can be purchased on our website or sign up this Sunday at a table in the West Narthex.

SEVEN ROUNDS OF SEVEN QUESTIONS with a bonus question each round. Tables who purchase a helium balloon for \$20 are invited to participate in the bonus question. The winning table will receive half of the funds raised through the purchase of the balloons.

RAFFLE TICKETS will be sold at the door. One for \$5 or three for \$10. Gift certificates to Springfield restaurants will be presented to winning ticket between rounds.

RED AND GREEN PADDLES can be purchased at the door for \$10. Between round four and five, those who purchased paddles will participate in a yes (green) – no (red) special trivia. The winner will receive half of the funds raised through the purchase of the paddles.

SPONSORSHIP IS \$100 - This year you or your business can sponsor a round. Your business will be featured on the screen between rounds. Contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org for details.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT BUILD PROGRESS –The inspection by the City of Springfield was completed this past week, however, the timing did not allow the house insulation to be completed in time to hang dry wall this weekend. The next scheduled work opportunity dates for ministry partners are April 28-29, and May 5-6. Ministry partners will hang drywall on-site and paint exterior doors and baseboards at Habitat. Sign up on the Habitat website.

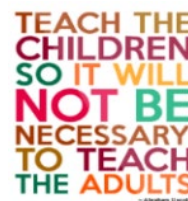


RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet not meet in April. Their next meeting is Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Haaker (313 Thames River Dr, 62711). Christy Pound will lead Lesson Seven: Sabbath and Self-Care and Linda Folse will lead Lesson Eight: Sabbath and Justice. The circle will also discuss details of the Garden Party on Saturday, May 20, which the circle will host.

BLESS THIS HOUSE BENEFIT CONCERT Sunday, May 7 At 4:00 P.M. Members and friends are invited to this benefit concert presented by Dale Rogers, St. Andrews Sisters, and the Westminster Choir in the Sanctuary. All proceeds will support Westminster's Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES SUNDAY Children in the third grade will receive their personalized Bibles on Sunday, May 7, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Each child will receive a NRSV Spark Bible with an engraved name plate on the cover. It is our hope and prayer that these scriptures will become a guiding light for our children.

THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM will meet Wednesday, May 10, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Temple Israel (1140 W. Governor St.) for their final 2022-2023 gathering. Join us for our last gathering in the 2022-2023 program year as we participate in a project honoring our theme "Caring for the Earth." Participants are asked to bring used crayons for the Crayon Initiative which prevents a waxy mess in landfills by melting them down and creating new crayons for donations to children's hospitals. Sign up with Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.



BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY We recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:00 a.m. service on June 4. A reception in their honor will be held in Parish Hall following worship. All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 6 bulletin and the June Newsletter. **Please contact Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) with information by Friday, May 26.**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Food Truck Party June 5-9 from 9:15 a.m. to noon, children age 4 to age 11 are invited to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! This street party helps children build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs - and also to serve as the hands of God for ensuring that the needs of others are met. Register by scanning the QR Code or use the link <https://westminster.mycokesburyvbs.com>



MISSION TRIP CAR WASH/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISERS Sunday, June 19 - 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. All Mission participants will arrive at church at 9:30 a.m. in previous years' mission T-shirts. Bring a bucket for the Car Wash and baked goods for the Bake Sale! Cars will be washed in our parking lot, so bring all the family cars along! Thanks to **Dave Leonatti** and **Mary Ray** for organizing the Car Wash and to **Julie Sundquist** for organizing the Bake Sale.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, April 24

9:30 AM King's Daughters Board (3rd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, April 25

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM COMPASS for Kids
4:30 PM Support & Endowment (Pastor's Study)
5:30 PM Family Ministry (Conference Room)
7:00 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Music Room)

Wednesday, April 26

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
10:30 AM WCP Spring Fun Fair on the Lawn
4:00 PM Bridges (Kitchen)
4:00 PM Property Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Session (Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Confirmation Dinner (Parish Hall)

Thursday, April 27

4:00 PM WPC Pastor at IL Presbyterian Home
6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, April 28

8:00 AM Garden Club Plant Delivery (Parking Lot)

Saturday, April 29

10:00 AM Great Rivers Presbytery Meeting (Parish Hall)

Sunday, April 30

9:15 AM Confirmands and Families meet in Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship Service – Confirmation (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Sanctuary)
11:00 AM Confirmation Reception (Parish Hall)
5:00 PM Youth Mission Trivia Night (Parish Hall)

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