



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Youth Sunday  
1 May 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

**Voluntary** Processional on *Lift High the Cross* Andrew Carter

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

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 30

**Leader:** Sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

**People:** For weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**Leader:** Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!

**People:** You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have clothed me with joy so that my soul may praise you.

**Leader:** Declare God's praise, O people!  
Let us give thanks to our Redeemer forever.

**\*Hymn 826** Lift High the Cross *Crucifer*

**\*Prayer of Confession** Risen Lord, in the light of your glory, we see how we have veered off the path you set before us, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Forgive us of our trespasses, wash us in your mercy, and clothe us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

<b>*Sung Response</b>	Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us	Hymnal, Back Cover
<b>*Declaration of Pardon</b>	<p>Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  <b>People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.</b>  Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  <b>People: And also with you.</b>  <b>All: Thanks be to God. Amen.</b></p>	
<b>*Response of Praise</b>	Gloria Patri	Hymnal, Back Cover
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	<i>Students in grades Pre-K – 5 will go to Sunday school class during the Congregational Response.</i>	
<b>Congregational Response</b>	Alleluia, Alleluia!	Donald Fishel
	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.</b>	
<b>First Scripture Reading</b>	Acts 9:1-6	Pew Bible, NT page 127
<b>Second Scripture Reading</b>	John 21:15-19	Pew Bible, NT page 116
	<b>Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.</b> <b>People: Thanks be to God.</b>	
<b>Sermon</b>	Follow Me	Jessica Borland Samantha Magalis Rev. Christian K. Choi <i>Text: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" ... And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep" ... After this he said to him, "Follow me."  John 21: 17, 19</i>
<b>Solo</b>	I Am His Lamb	Lloyd Larson
	The Lord is my shepherd, and I am his lamb, He leads me and keeps me wherever I am,	

Through valleys of darkness, to green meadowland:  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I am his lamb.  
His rod and his staff are wherever I am.  
Surrounded by enemies, I'm held in his hand.  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I am his lamb.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Phil. 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you  
that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death –  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**The Church at Prayer**

**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.*

<b>Offertory</b>	Amazing Grace	Traditional Anglo-American tune
<b>*Offertory Response</b>	Doxology	Hymnal, 606
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>	Living God, who alone are worthy of all praise, honor and glory. We thank you for meeting us in unexpected places and surprising us with the abundance of your love. May you receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise to feed all your people with your love and grace. Amen.	
<b>*Hymn 720</b>	Jesus Calls Us	<i>Galilee</i>
<b>*Charge and Benediction</b>		
<b>*Voluntary</b>	Toccatà	Christopher Steel

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgists:** Braden Barton, Emily Brower, Kristianna Eastvold, Charlie Eastvold, Louisa Eldridge, Mia Marcy, Bryce Pound, Matthew Scott
- **Acolytes:** Carter Magalis, Macklin Metzger
- **Bible and Cross Carrier:** Will Hovey, Braden Barton
- **Greeters:** Mary Gail and Steve Romack
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Bud Green, Richard Leary, Jim Rigney, Melanie Green, Rachael Hickman, Camille Massey, Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** Julie James and Alan Schuermann
- **Music:** Jessica Borland, Soprano, Will Hovey, Saxophone, Adam Miller, tenor, Dale Rogers, organ

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery) gather for play and Bible Story. This week: “The Great Commission” *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor, Sally Godbey, Julie Sundquist*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children in Pre-K – Grade 5 begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school (Third Floor Chapel) following the Congregational Response. This week’s lesson: “Mary Finds Her Friend” *Teachers: Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt*
- **11:15 a.m. – Noon** Adult Ed Forum (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom) Join Dr. Aaron Berkowitz on Sunday, May 1 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom to learn more about the suffrage movement and the history of the 19th Amendment in preparation for the play.

**WE WELCOME VISITORS!** Information about who we are can be found on our website at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org). Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, speak to Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi.

**PW SPONSORS BLANKETS+ DURING MAY** PW and Springfield’s Church Women United sponsor Blankets+ (formerly Blanket Sunday) during May. Church World Services collaborates with local communities to help identify people with critical needs and secure resources to help them build a more viable future. Items provided include blankets, tents, and food in the wake of a disaster; tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields; wells for families in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens; literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential. During May, checks payable to Westminster may be mailed to the church (memo: Blankets+) or donate online.



**RIISING UP ...OF THE SPRINGDALE LADIES AID SOCIETY**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 6 AND SATURDAY, MAY 7 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 8 AT 12 NOON**

History comes alive through the efforts of multiple generations of the tenacious women of Springdale. Their fight for personal freedom and justice will stir your soul and touch your funny bone. Their journey echoes the national scene of the struggle for Women’s Suffrage. Written by Carole Kennerly and directed by Kelly Robertson, the play will be presented MOTHER’S DAY WEEKEND and will be introduced with a brief musical presentation by Eleanor and Dale Rogers. Westminster members performing in the play include Lucy Bassett, Carolyn Beatty, Ann Collins, Jay Kennerly, Kate and Michael Morthland, and Bill Ward. Sabrina Holmes is assisting with props. Pat and Al Hymans are designing sets and costumes. A Tea Reception will be served on the West Terrace prior to Sunday’s performance. Attendees are asked to make a donation to the 2022 Youth Mission Trip.

**ADULT ED FORUM: WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE HISTORY ON SUNDAY, MAY 1** Join Dr. Aaron Berkowitz on Sunday, May 1 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom to learn more about the suffrage movement and the history of the 19th Amendment in preparation for the play.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE** The APNC is excited to welcome a well-qualified candidate to Springfield the first week of May as we explore the possibility of partnering in ministry together. The congregation is asked to remember the members of the committee and this perspective candidate in your prayers as we seek God's discerning spirit in the process of calling the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION & FELLOWSHIP** gathers **Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Please note our brown bag lunch has changed to the second Tuesday, and will take place at noon on Tuesday, May 10. Beverages and dessert will be furnished. Please contact Mary Jo Jenkins for more information.

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** meets **Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Jeanne VanGieson (3928 Rocky Falls Road 62711). We will discuss Lesson Seven "Mary 1 and 2". RSVP directly to Jeanne at 217-341-9255.

**PW LUNCHEON on Friday, May 6.** Join Presbyterian Women in Parish Hall at noon for lunch and Installation of Officers. RSVP to Jennie Alt at 217-522-4415 or online at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org).

**THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE PERSONALIZED BIBLES on Sunday, May 8** Children in the third grade will receive their personalized Bibles, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Our Ministry Partner Team of Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans, Sara Eldridge, and Linda Purves have been preparing the children for this milestone event on their faith journey Each child will receive a NRSV Spark Bible with their name engraved on the cover.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** meets **Monday, May 9 at 4:00 p.m.** for the annual spring dinner at Mariah's (3317 Robbins Rd). Please R.S.V.P to Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

**TEACH THE  
CHILDREN  
SO IT WILL  
NOT BE  
NECESSARY  
TO TEACH  
THE ADULTS**

**THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM** will meet **Thursday, May 11, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** at Springfield Arts Association (700 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street) for their final 2021-2022 gathering. Children and Youth grades K-12 will participate in a special art project as we culminate our year together with the theme "Be the Light." Sign up with Karen Sherrick at [ksherrick@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksherrick@wpcspi.org).

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** is **Thursday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. The speaker is Dave MacDonna, Executive Director for the Sangamon County Department of Community Resources, and he will speak on the administration of state funds provided to reduce poverty and revitalize low-income communities. R.S.V.P. with our weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office.

**DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)** will meet **Friday, May 13** with a 6:30 p.m. potluck and a 7:15 p.m. program. The program will be on "Asian Carp 101" given by Kevin Irons, Assistant Chief of Fisheries at Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Please bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP with our weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office by May 11.

**THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020, 2021 AND 2022** will be recognized and commissioned on **Sunday, May 15**, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a time of celebration and a milestone on the faith journeys of our youth. The Board of Deacons will host a reception honoring the Confirmands following worship.



**RAISING BUTTERFLIES ROUNDTABLE** will be hosted by the Earth Care Team on Sunday, May 15, 11:15 a.m. The discussion will be led by Susan Shaw. Come, join the conversation!

**LYDIA CIRCLE** meets **Tuesday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m.** in Ziegler Library. They will study lesson Eight "Mary 3 and 4." Springfield Contact Nancy Canady at 217-899-9890.

**FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD BREAKFAST** - All are invited to the Faith Coalition's Annual Breakfast Fundraiser on **Thursday, May 19, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**, hosted by Westminster again this year in our Parish Hall. The featured speaker will be Jamar Scott, Chief Equity and School Improvement Officer for District 186. Breakfast is complementary, however, those attending will be invited to invest in the organization. If you know ahead of time that you will be attending, pre-registering would be helpful for food planning purposes, email [fccg2208@gmail.com](mailto:fccg2208@gmail.com).

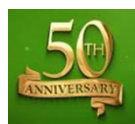
**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GARDEN PARTY** will be **Saturday, May 21** at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Kathy Germeraad (1800 Illini Road, Springfield). Come, enjoy a brunch and fellowship. RSVP to Jennie Alt at [jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org) and let us know if you need transportation. The members of the PW Ruth and Naomi Circle will serve as hostesses for this year's brunch.

### **HEROES OF THE FAITH MUSICAL**

On Founders' Sunday, May 22, the Westminster Choristers will present "Heroes of the Faith." The musical is a field trip through the Heroes of the Faith Museum where we encounter Moses, Deborah, Elijah, and 6



**WCP CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY on Founders' Sunday, May 22, 2022.** All WCP alums are invited to join us as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool, recognize the vision of those who created our preschool, and honor the teachers and parents who have served through the years.



### **2022 FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 22**

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Westminster Cooperative Preschool Dedication of Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Plaque**

Westminster will celebrate Founders' Sunday May 22 as we give thanks for the vision and fortitude of the thirty charter members who gathered on May 26, 1835 to begin our journey together. This year we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool and Dedicate the Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Plaque. Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. and a picnic reception following in Parish Hall.

Each year on Founders' Sunday, the Endowment Committee thanks those who have given and invites others to join the Albert Hale Circle. Those who make a gift by Sunday, May 15, will be included in the Albert Hale Circle that will be published in the bulletin on May 22 and in the June Reporter.



**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY is June 5.** All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 5 bulletin and the June Reporter. Please contact Jennie Alt ([jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org)) with information.

**2022 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE WEEK** - As of April 15, we have received 27 applications for Matching Grants and 18 applications for the Service Week. We are beginning to recruit for this year's neighborhood outreach the week of June 27 – July 1. Please consider joining us for one or more days during the fourth week of June. Sign-ups begin this month.

**PHOTO SESSIONS FOR WESTMINSTER'S NEW DIRECTORY** will be offered again on May 17, 18, 24, and 25. Sign-ups are still being taken on Sundays after worship and online using the link found on the website. Members are encouraged to complete the information insert found in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, May 2

- 9:00 AM Garden Club (Parish Hall)  
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, May 3

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)  
3:00 PM Compass for Kids (Parish Hall)  
4:00 PM Support and Endowment (Pastor's Study)  
5:00 PM Steadfast Neighbor Task Force (Pastor's Study)  
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)  
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (off site)

### Wednesday, May 4

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel  
10:00 AM WCP Mother's Day Tea (Parish Hall)  
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)  
4:00 PM Choristers (Music Room)  
4:00 PM Property Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
5:30 PM Mission & Community Service (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM Ruth and Naomi Circle (off site)

### Thursday, May 5

- 10:00 AM WCP Mother's Day Tea (Parish Hall)  
6:00 PM Play Rehearsal (Parish Hall)  
7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Choir Room)

### Friday, May 6

- 11:00 AM PW Board Meeting (Conference Room)  
12:00 PM PW Luncheon (Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM Rising Up of the Springdale Ladies Aid Society

### Saturday, May 7

- 7:00 PM Rising Up of the Springdale Ladies Aid Society

### Sunday, May 8

#### Mother's Day

- 10:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 5)  
11:15 AM Mother's Day Tea Reception (West Terrace)  
12:00 PM Rising Up of the Springdale Ladies Aid Society

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