



W E S T M I N S T E R
P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Memorial Day Weekend

29 May 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Sarabande

Seth Bingham

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise

People: For God reigns over all the earth!

Leader: God has gone up with a shout!

People: Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise.

Leader: Let us lift our voices with grateful hearts.

***Hymn 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

***Prayer of Confession**

O God of glory, sovereign of all nations, the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your message of life to all people. Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we witness always to the good news of the gospel even when it means facing unexpected consequences. Loving God, who opens our prison doors and releases us from our faults, forgive us for the ways we fall short of your expectations and hopes. 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.**
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

Children's Sermon

**Congregational
Response**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

*Children Pre-K – Grade 2 go to summer Sunday school in the
3rd Floor Classroom following the Congregational Response.*

First Scripture Reading Acts 16:16-24 Pew Bible, NT page 136

Second Scripture Reading Acts 16:24-34 Pew Bible, NT page 136

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

Sermon Good Trouble Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. Acts 16:19

Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing

Traditional American

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that
Rock, I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing
It sounds and echoes in my soul, how can I keep from singing

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing:
All things are mine since I am God's
How can I keep from singing?

*Affirmation of Faith

From Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and
neighbor, and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to
Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives-**

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of the Lord 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 the Lord 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 and
Dedication 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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy and loving God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for sustaining us on our journey, for giving us friends and family, and unexpected opportunities to share your good news with others. We offer a portion of what we have received, in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn 331**

God of the Ages

National Hymn

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

March from Richard III

William Walton

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Flowers in the Chancel** are in memory of Kathleen Nenaber by her husband, Michael.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Elder Dr. Peter S. Kieffer
- **Greeters:** Carol and Richard Cordier
- **Safety Team:** Mary Ray and Marilyn Rigney
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Bud Green, Melanie Green, Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Jim Rigney, Camille Massey, Mike Sundquist
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist, Adam Miller, tenor
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller, and Bob Leffler

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2- & 3 year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play, and Bible stories. This week's lesson: "The Holy Spirit" *Caregivers: Sally Godbey, Caroline Haynor, Leigh Milward*
- **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: "100 Sheep" *Teachers: Erin Winn and Karen Sherrick*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS. Information about who we are can be found on our website at www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, you are invited to speak to one of our pastors.

MILITARY PLAQUE - In honor of Memorial Day the Military Plaque has been updated. Please stop by the East Narthex where it is located. We are grateful for the sacrifices and years of service to our country. If you or a family member have served in the military and are not included, please contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org with name, rank, branch and years of service.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL begins today! Children preschool age through those finishing second grade will gather in the Third Floor Chapel to learn about the Parable using the Young Children and Worship curriculum and materials. Children finishing third grade and older will remain in worship for the summer.

PW SPONSORS BLANKETS+ PW and Springfield's Church Women United sponsor Blankets+ (formerly Blanket Sunday) during May. Church World Services provides blankets, tents, and food in the wake of a disaster; tools and seeds for refugees returning home; wells for families in drought prone areas and gardens; literacy training and microcredit for women. The drive has currently raised \$445. Make checks payable to Westminster (memo: Blankets+), donate on our website, or text GIVE2WPC to 73256.



WESTMINSTER MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our Memorial Garden was dedicated on September 23, 2001 and is a place of peace and repose for the ashes of those interred within its wall. Paved paths and benches offer opportunity for private meditation. A traditional Celtic cross depicts the post resurrection appearances of Christ when he appeared in the garden.

Each Memorial Sunday, Westminster's Memorial Garden is highlighted. Recent additions include a south wall in 2018, a brick trim to complement the southside landscape designed by the late Bill Donels. We are grateful to the Memorial Team of the Landscape Guild, led by Dr. Scott Day, who lovingly tend to the garden.

The cost of an individual inurnment in the South wall is \$1,000 for a member or their immediate family and \$2,000 for friends of Westminster. Persons desiring to reserve space may complete an application form located in the West Narthex and on our website. In 2016, a page was added to the Church website with biographical information about those inurned in the garden.

The Memorial Garden Committee: *Chris Elzea; Chair, Sue Donels, Jim McDonough, David Mitchell, Jeanne Pittman, and Lionel Stirrett.*



2022 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE WEEK JUNE 27-JULY 1 – If you would like to participate in the service week, please sign up in the West Narthex today or on SignUpGenius found on the home page of the website. Indicate your name, email address, and days you are available to work. Site visits by members of the Mission Task Force have been made and we are excited to have over 20 service projects to address during the week of June 27 and July 1. **Also, please mark your calendar for the Team Building meeting on Tuesday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.**

THE ADULT ED FORUM presents ***Solutions to Climate Change: An Interactive Presentation*** next **Sunday, June 5 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom.** Join us as we learn more about the climate change issue, solutions, and the relative effectiveness of those solutions. As part of the exercise, participants discuss various actions that can be taken. The class is engaged to offer suggested solutions to slow climate change. We welcome Andrew Panelli, a group leader for Citizens' Climate Education and a friend of the Kieffers, will show the group how each suggested action will impact climate change on a MIT/Sloan simulator that will model proposed solutions instantly in real-time.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY is next **Sunday, June 5.** All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 5 bulletin and the June Reporter.

EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION will be next Sunday, June 5 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR - The end of the choir season will again be crowned with a festive brunch next **Sunday, June 5**, at the home and garden of Meg and Jim Kontio.

WOODEN IT BE LOVELY HOME BLESSING is **Thursday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m.** The Mission and Community Service Committee will represent Westminster at the Blessing. Westminster has committed a \$7,000 grant for seven years to support this meaningful ministry. Home Tours will be held Friday, June 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.; Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Sunday, June 5, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The "Be Lovely Home" is located at 801 South Grand Avenue West in Springfield. It is uniquely designed with colorful refurbished furniture, hand-made curtains and decorative pillows, as well as hand-painted wall hangings. The cost of the tour is \$10 per person. All proceeds benefit Wooden It Be Lovely.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 13-17, 9:15 A.M. TO NOON all children age 3 through grade 5 will gather to experience God's love while exploring scriptures that refer particularly to God's use of water as an agent of creation, salvation, healing, blessing, and health. We will learn about the way in which access to water effects the everyday lives of children in other parts of the world, and some suggestions about ways we can help. Contact Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org if you would like to join our team of VBS Ministry Partners. Register your children here: <https://bit.ly/3KgF8yD>

MANDATORY YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP MEETING - Youth Summer Mission Team will gather on **Sunday, June 12** to finalize our plans. Every participant will need to bring all the paperwork and fees related to this mission trip. Our home camp will be the First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville, KY, and we look forward to visiting the PCUSA national office and Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville as well as other historical places for women's rights/suffrage and maybe even Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park! *Current 8th grade, high school youth, and college young adults are invited to join this summer's mission trip!* For more information, visit www.wpcspi.org/2022mission.

THE CAR WASH/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER is **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 new parking lot, so bring all the family cars along!

THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, June 28. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. The June book is *The Complete Maus* by Art Spiegelman. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz

CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY **ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 17**

The Eighth Annual All-Church Cookout to welcome new members and recognize milestone members will be Friday, June 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers'. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee. **The congregation is invited!** Please RSVP soon (online or Sunday mornings) and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. New and milestone members will be our guests. The evening will include a sing-along and boat rides.



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, May 30

MEMORIAL DAY
Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 31

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:00 PM WCP Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, June 1

10:30 AM Worship Planning
12:30 PM Reporter
5:30 PM Adult Education Committee
7:00 PM Ruth and Naomi Circle

Thursday, June 2

5:00 PM APNC (Pastor's Study)
7:30 PM Choir

Friday, June 3

4:00 PM Knox/Heater Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 4

4:00 PM Knox/Heater Wedding (Sanctuary)

Sunday, June 5

10:00 AM Worship Service (Education & Compass
Leadership Recognition)
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)
11:15 AM Baccalaureate Reception (Parish Hall)

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