



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
8 MAY 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God Benedetto Marcello

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

A Brief Statement of Faith

Leader:

In life and in death we belong to God.

People:

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
God is faithful.**

Leader:

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

People:

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing can separate us from the love of God.**

Leader:

Let us worship in gratitude and joy.

***Hymn 20**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, Creator of the heavens and Maker of each small creature, what a wondrous universe you have spread before us. Each day overflows with opportunities to rise up in acts of justice and to grow within relationships. We confess we have not lived up to your gracious expectations. Forgive us, we pray, and guide our feet into the way of peace. 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

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Banks Benjamin Bird*	Connor James Hill
Addison Nicole Bonn	Rowen Maurice Huff
Brooke Elizabeth Boutelle	Carson William Rockwood
Caroline Hope Bryans*	Karleigh Kay Wheat*
Rose Catherine DeJong	Keagan Geoffrey Wheat*
Declan Hendrik Germeraad*	

*Unable to be present.

Students in grades Pre-K – 2 will go to Sunday school class during the Congregational Response. Grades 3-5 remain in worship for communion.

Congregational Response Alleluia, Alleluia! Donald Fishel

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name. (sing twice)

Scripture Reading Acts 9:36-43 Pew Bible, NT page 128

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

Meditation Rising Up Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: Peter knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. Acts 9:40

Anthem

Psalm 23

Howard Goodall

***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 thence 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.

**Presentation and
Dedication of our Gifts**

At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.

Offertory

The Trumpet Shall Sound

G. F. Handel

Behold, I tell you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...
Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

The elements are served without interruption. Partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may symbolize our unity in Christ.

Music at the Communion

Sheep May Safely Graze

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Prayer after Communion

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, in the body of Christ. Nourish our spirits at this table and empower us that we may live in the light and rise to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn 749** Come! Live in the Light

We Are Called

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** March from the Occasional Oratorio G. F. Handel

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Linda Lee Janus 05/29/1927 – 05/01/2022

United with Westminster 10/1/1950

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given in memory of Mary Schnirrings' birthday with love from her family.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Cathy and Emily Brower
- **Communion Prep Team:** Bill Deemer, Mary Ray, Carol Bloemer, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Jim Kontio (Team Leader), Bryce Pound, Dave Leonatti, Lynn McMenamin, Michael Morthland, Mary Ray, Karen Sherrick, John Stafford, Eleanor VanDeventer, Pete VanGieson, Bill Ward, Sarah Zervas
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Bud Green, Richard Leary, Jim Parker, Melanie Green, Rachael Hickman, Camille Massey, Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** Marilyn Rigney and Brad Steller
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Logan Campbell, bass, Dennis Jones, trumpet, Adam Miller, tenor, Dale Rogers, organ

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- 9:00 a.m. - Earth Care Team (Conference Room)
- 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
- 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: “*Thomas Wants to See*” Teachers: Karen Sherrick
- 11:15 a.m. Mother’s Day Tea Reception (West Terrace)
- 12 noon - Rising Up of the Springdale Ladies Aid Society (Parish Hall)



RISING UP ...OF THE SPRINGDALE LADIES AID SOCIETY

SUNDAY, MAY 8 AT 12 NOON

TEA RECEPTION BEGINS 11:15 A.M. ON EAST TERRACE

Written by Eleanor and Dale Rogers, Westminister members performing in the play will 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. *Attendees are asked to make a donation to the 2022 Youth Mission Trip.*

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.

H.E.A.L. FUND provides “helpful emergency assistance for living” to members of the Springfield community through Contact Ministries and within our church family as needed.

HOME COMMUNION will be delivered today to members who are unable to attend worship today. Thank you to the elders and deacons who provide this ministry.

PW SPONSORS BLANKETS+ DURING MAY 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. During May, make checks payable to Westminster (memo: Blankets+) or donate online

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.

THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM will meet **Thursday, May 11, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** at Springfield Arts Association (700 North 4th 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.

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. 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!

PHOTO SESSIONS FOR WESTMINSTER'S NEW DIRECTORY are May 17, 18, 24, and 25. Sign-ups are still being taken on Sundays after worship and online using the link found on the church website.

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.

THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ARE INVITED TO A GARDEN PARTY AT THE HOME OF KATHY GERMERAAD (1800 ILLINOIS ROAD) SATURDAY, MAY 21 AT 9:30 A.M.

RSVP at jalt@wpcspi.org

2022 FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 22

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

DEDICATION OF STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SITE AND LANDSCAPE HISTORY 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 highlight the 50th Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool and Dedicate the Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape History 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) with information.



2022 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD visits to our 28 neighbors who have applied for either a match up on SignUpGenius beginning Wednesday, May 11. Please let us know if you are available to work and

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, May 9

- 1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)

Tuesday, May 10

- 10:00 AM Steadfast Neighbor Site Visits
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 12:00 AM Knitters' Lunch (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM Compass for Kids (Parish Hall)
- 4:00 PM Memorial Garden Committee

Wednesday, May 11

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:30 PM Board of Deacons (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 5:30 PM Session Coordinating (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, May 12

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 AM Steadfast Neighbor Site Visits
- 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting
- 7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, May 13

- 5:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands Shelter
- 6:30 PM DMA Potluck (Parish Hall)
- 7:15 PM DMA Program

Saturday, May 14

Sunday, May 15

- 10:00 AM Worship Service – Confirmation Sunday
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K to Grade 5)
- 11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)
- 11:15 AM Raising Butterflies - Roundtable

WESTMINSTER STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Pastor and Head of Staff

The Reverend Christian K. Choi
Associate Pastor for Parish Life

The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle
Parish Associate

Dale T. Rogers
Director of Music and the Arts

Deb Watts Elliott
*Saturday Worship Pianist and
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Director for Children's Ministry

Leigh Milward
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Ellen Carpenter
Parish Nurse

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