



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Congregational Meeting
09 October 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Love in Truth and Action

Becky Huston

Voluntary

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William Walond

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 66

Leader:

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People:

sing the glory of God's name and give thanks.

Leader:

For you, O God, have tested us through fire and water.

People:

Yet you have brought us to a spacious place.

Leader:

Let us worship the God who is our hope.

*Processional Hymn 772

Live into Hope

Truro

*Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, God, when we imagine you are present only in the extraordinary. Open our eyes to the holiness that is found in the routine of our daily life. Give us the capacity to be content in our circumstances and to trust in your ability to work in ways we cannot see. Forgive us when we feel a sense of entitlement and forget to express our gratitude to you and to those who enrich our lives. May we remember that all of life is a gift from you. 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

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

Children in grades Pre-K-Grade 5 will go to Sunday school class following the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Pew Bible, OT pages 731

Second Scripture Reading Luke 17:11-19 Pew Bible, NT page 80

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

Sermon A Spacious Place The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Text: ...we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. Psalm 66:12b

Anthem Christus Paradox Alfred Fedak
The text for the anthem is found at 274 in the hymnal.

*Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one
Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and
became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the
third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of
the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy
catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one
baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Church at Prayer

Response:

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.

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And with your spirit.

Leader:

Let us pray.

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 found in the pew racks.*

Offertory	Cantilene	Malcolm Archer
Offertory Response	Doxology	Hymnal, 606
*Prayer of Dedication	Holy and loving God, thank you for the gift of your mercy which brings us, time and time again, to a spacious place. Your mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. For such expansive love we are grateful. Accept these gifts given in gratitude for who you are and who you call us to become. Amen.	
*Hymn 341	O God, Show Mercy to Us	<i>Thaxted</i>
*Charge and Benediction		
*Response	Forth in Thy Name	<i>Orlando Gibbons</i>
Congregational Meeting		
*Voluntary	Sortie	Noel Rawsthorne
	(*) The congregation is invited to stand.	

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel flowers** are given in honor of the wedding anniversary of Kate & Michael Morthland.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle
- **Worship Leader:** Louisa Eldridge
- **Acolytes:** Abigail Eldridge, Macklin Metzger
- **Greeters:** Cathy Allen and Amy Canady
- **Ushers** Jim Rigney (Head Usher) Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Erin Ekstedt, Susan Shaw, Bruce Strom, Mia Marcy, Jess Weitzel
- **Music:** Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Safety Team:** Todd Knox
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Parish Nurse Ministry (Church Office)** Marilyn Rigney, R.N.
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery)** gather for play. This week's Bible Story: "Jesus Teaches and Heals." *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor, Meg Kontio*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children Pre-K – Grade 2** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. The story is "Strength of Jesus" 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Teachers: *Linda Purves, Cathy Brower*
- **11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)** will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service **today** to elect the following church officers.

Elders Class of 2025: Dr. Scott Day, Jim Dolan, Gregg Humphrey, Dr. Judy Knox, Amanda Kurmann, Pat McNutt, Dr. Mike Nenaber, Jeanne VanGieson, **Youth Elder** – Will Hovey

Board of Deacons Class of 2025: Keith Hamilton, Chris Hickman, Sabrina Holmes, Melanie Humphrey, Kathy Kenyon, John McNutt, Coleman Moore, Erin Winn, **Class of 2023:** Julie Pittman McDonough, **Youth Deacon** – Kristiana Eastvold

Strategic Planning Committee Class of 2025: Lyle VanDeventer, Marilyn Rigney

2023 Nominating Committee: Brad Steller, Alan Stutz, Julie Sundquist, Carolyn Swanson

Thank you to the 2022 Nominating Committee: Eleanor VanDeventer, Chair, Carolyn Swanson, Elder, Mary King, Deacon, Deb Coontz, Bill Deemer, Alan Stutz, Julie Sundquist

- **11:15 a.m. On My Own Time (Parish Hall)** The Worship, Music and Arts Committee hosts a Westminster On My Own Time Exhibit today following worship in Parish Hall. We are grateful to those who have brought their treasures to share:

Keith Beatty (model tractors), Rev. Jerry Boutelle (world chess sets),
Kate Bryans (Legos), Sue Cull (creches), Betsy Dye (books and journals),
August Ekstedt (dinosaurs), Linda Folse (photographs), Dr. Roland Folse (tables and paintings),
Pat Hymans (cookies), Priscilla Kluge (Modern Priscilla Magazines),
Meg Kontio (Eye glasses and Cries of London), Richard Leary (historical materials),
Bob Leffler (photographs), Ann Lienemann (handmade bears), Pat McNutt (biscuit tins),
Theodore Proud (stamps and model trains), Dale Rogers (foo dogs), Pat Roller (dolls),
Judy and Harvey Stephens (flow-blue China), Lily Grace Swanson (pigs),
Eleanor VanDeventer (dragon fly items), Sue Werner (Santas),
Robert D. Wire (Civil War letters from his great grandfather to his sister).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and 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, please speak to one of the pastors. Our next New Member Classes will be Sundays, November 20 and 27.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY is on **Sunday, October 9**. Blood pressure readings will be provided before and following 10:00 service. Thanks to RN Marilyn Rigney.

CROP HUNGER WALK THANK YOU – We had a beautiful day as over 20 members walked and/or provided leadership. To date CROP raised \$13,401, of which Westminster donated \$3,767.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST is on **Thursday, October 13 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Coleman Moore will speak on "The Custom Cottage," a business he initiated in Grand Rapids, Milwaukee, and Indianapolis which mentor's inner-city man in the craft of building custom furniture. Brad Swanson will provide breakfast and Tom Owen will provide the devotional. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office.

ANNUAL SPUD BAKE is **Sunday, October 16** - Junior and senior high youth will prepare loaded baked potatoes to raise funds for the Contact Ministries Christmas gift distribution. Members are invited to buy a spud to help our youth share God's love. You can preorder them at www.wpcspi.org/spudbake, pick up your spud following worship. **Minimum donation \$5.00 per potato.**



FAIR TRADE MINISTRY will be held on **Sunday, October 16**. Equal exchange items will be sold in West Narthex to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers.

ADULT ED FORUM begins the "Christian Devotional Traditions" course on **October 16, 23, and November 6 at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall**. Join us for an exploration of devotional traditions and their history including the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, and Presbyterian Heritage. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz (week one), The Rev. Gerald Boutelle (week two), Jay Kennerly and Lyle VanDeventer (week three)

CHURCH OFFICER ORIENTATION is **Sunday, October 16, 11:15 a.m. in Second Floor Classroom**. Newly elected elders and deacons will meet with Dr. Kieffer for orientation and a Spud Bake lunch.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m.** in the library. Sharon Turner will lead Lesson 2 "Sabbath and Creation" and Betsy Ruklick will host. Call Nancy Canady (217-899-9890) for details.

DMA meets **Friday, October 21. 6:30 p.m.** for potluck and 7:15 p.m. for a program presented by Brenda Larson, Master Naturalist, called "Magic of Monarchs" RSVP to the church office or at www.wpcspi.org.

FELLOWSHIP AT SHEEDY SHORES WINEGARDEN –**Sunday, October 23 from 2-5 p.m.**, Members and friends are invited to a time of fellowship at Sheedy Shores Winegarden. Bring a snack to share and enjoy the fall scenery. This event is hosted by the Board of Deacons Congregational Fellowship Committee. Please RSVP by online <https://bit.ly/3yeRCnm> or by calling the church.

SYMPOSIUM ON CURRENT ISSUES **Thursdays, October 27 and November 3, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.** Join Dr. Roy Wehrle for a two-week symposium "U.S. Policy on China and Taiwan" Thursday, October 27 and November 3, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in Parish Hall.

REFORMATION AND HARVEST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Westminster will continue the tradition we began in 2021 when Reformation Sunday fell on Halloween. We will celebrate the Harvest Festival in the morning. Members are invited to **wear costumes to worship** and join Westminster families in Parish Hall following the service (11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) for a festive gathering. This provides an opportunity to highlight the origins of Hallowed Eve in our faith tradition. Don't miss this time of creative and meaningful worship.



2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPGIAN REFLECTION

On a recent Sunday, a lovely woman approached me and said, "I remember you when you were a little girl." While her comment did make me wonder if it wasn't time to radically change my hairstyle, more importantly it reminded me of how fortunate I am to have grown up in the nurturing community that is Westminster. I was involved in many activities including choirs, VBS, Sunday school, plays held to raise money for mission work, and I served on the Session after college.

While in high school, I experienced a life changing mission trip when the youth group traveled to the Mt. Morris Presbyterian Church in Harlem, New York to assist with repairs on the unusual building, and participate in church activities. During that trip I learned from people who did not look like me, talk like me, or have many of the same activities in their church that I was used to, what it meant to be part of a community of fellowship and faith – and I have never forgotten it. That amazing adventure would not have been possible without the gifts of time, talent, and treasures from so many members of Westminster.

Stewardship is about taking care of something you value and nurturing its growth. As you think about what you value about Westminster, consider how you want to continue to care for the church and its missions.

And thank you to everyone who makes up the caring community that is Westminster Presbyterian Church. - *Brownie Anderson*



As of Thursday, October 6 we received 58 pledges totaling \$262,844 which is 31% of the \$848,800 goal. Please complete the pledge card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate by Stewardship Dedication Sunday, October 30, 2022. Pledges can also be made online at www.wpcspi.org or by using the QR Code printed here.



THE 2022 BAY WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 12-13

DR. ROGERS SMITH Presents:

Race and Religion in America: The 1960s and Today

Saturday, November 12

Welcome Reception

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Members are invited to the home of Drs. Todd and Judy Knox for a gathering hosted by the Adult Education Committee.

Sunday, November 13

Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Dr. Smith will introduce topic.

Education Forum

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Presentation

All Church Lunch

12:30 p.m. We will share a community meal.

Biography: Dr. Rogers Smith, a child of Westminster, is the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. He is an author noted for his research and writing on American constitutional and political development and political thought, with a focus on issues of citizenship and racial, gender, and class inequalities. He earned degrees from James Madison College, Michigan State University and Harvard University. Dr. Smith was the president of the American Political Science Association (APSA) from 2018–2019.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, October 10

Columbus Day – Church office is closed

Tuesday, October 11

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 12:00 PM Knitters' Lunch (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Memorial Garden Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 6:45 PM WCP Board (Off-Site)
- 7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Music Room)

Wednesday, October 12

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 4:00 PM Bridges grades 3-5 (Kitchen)
- 4:00 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)
- 4:15 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
- 4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:00 PM Choristers (Music Room)
- 5:30 PM Board of Deacons (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 5:30 PM Session Coordinating (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, October 13

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
- 9:30 AM PEO FU Installation (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

Friday, October 14

- 5:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands Shelter

Saturday, October 15

- 11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, October 16

- 8:00 AM Spud Bake Fundraiser (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K to Grade 5 (Chapel)
- 11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
- 11:15 AM Church Officer Orientation

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