



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Service of Worship  
23 October 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Love in Truth and Action

Bob Zerfas

Voluntary

Arioso

Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*Ringing of the Bell**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

from Psalm 84

Leader:

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People:

**Our soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord.**

Leader:

For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.

People:

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
God bestows favor and honor.**

Leader:

Let our hearts sing for joy to the living God.

**\*Processional Hymn 401**

Here in This Place

*Gather Us In*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, although our iniquities testify against us, you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, loving us still. Remember us, forgive us, and do not break your covenant with us, we pray. Help us grow into your likeness, stand firm on your cornerstone, and act with faith and hope in all we do through Christ's name. 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** Joel 2:23-32 Pew Bible, OT pages 848

**Second Scripture Reading** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Pew Bible, NT page 213

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

**Sermon** Growing into Call Each Season The Rev. Christian K. Choi  
*Text: Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. - Joel 2:28*

## Anthem

## Psalm 150

Heinrich Schütz

Sing alleluia, praise the Lord! Sing praise on earth, alleluia.  
Sing praise in heaven, declare God's power. Sing praise for  
God's mighty acts. Sing alleluia, praise the Lord! Sing alleluia  
Praise God's worth. Sing God's achievements, strength supreme.  
Sing praise for God's transcendancy. Sing alleluia, praise the Lord!  
Sing praise with charming reed and flute. Sing praise with dancing  
and with drums. Sing praise with strings most delicate. Sing  
alleluia, praise the Lord! Sing alleluia, cymbals clash. Sing  
alleluia, cymbals ring. Sing all that breathe, alleluia.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

*Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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** Praise to the Lord Johann Walther

**Offertory Response** Doxology Hymnal, 606

**\*Prayer of Dedication** God of generous provisions, although we face of many challenges in our lives, your blessings are steadfast and your mercies overflowed countless times. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude, that they may be used to being your will on earth as it is in heaven and to share your grace with those in need of your love and care. Amen.

**\*Hymn 714** God of the Fertile Fields *Italian Hymn*

## \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Response** Forth in Thy Name Orlando Gibbons  
Forth in thy name. O Lord, I go  
My daily labor to pursue;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
In all I think, or speak, or do.

**\*Voluntary** Prelude and Fugue in D Dietrich Buxtehude

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle
- **Worship Leader:** Bryce Pound
- **Acolytes:** Taryn Barnett and Kate Bryans
- **Greeter:** Lynn McMenamain
- **Ushers** Jim Parker (Head Usher) Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Erin Ekstedt, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Mia Marcy, Jess Weitzel
- **Music:** Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Safety Team:** Dick Cordier
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** **Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery)** gather for play. This week's Bible Story: "Jesus Feeds a Crowd." *Caregivers: Sally Godbey, Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children Kindergarten – Grade 5** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. The story is "Show Mercy" Luke 18:9-14 Teachers: *Erin Winn, Julie Robbs*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**
  - **Confirmation Jr. High Youth** (Second Floor Classroom) will explore "How Do We Know and Trust God," and "Will You Devote Yourself to the Breaking of Bread?" from Big God Big Questions. Led by Rev. Choi. Teachers: Jim Kincaid, Karen Sherrick
  - **Adult Education Forum** (Parish Hall) presents "Christian Devotional Traditions." Join us for an exploration of devotional traditions and their history. Today's lesson explores Lectio Divina. Led by Rev. Gerald Boutelle.
- **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group** will continue our discussion of justice, exploring the Biblical examples to stand up with and for others. Teachers: Susan Day, Michael Morthland, Mary Ray, and Rev. Choi.

## 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](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, please speak to one of the pastors. Our next New Member Classes will be Sundays, November 20 and 27.

**THANK YOU!** - Junior and senior high youth appreciate the support of the congregation at their Annual Spud Bake organized by Mary Ray. The fundraiser brought in \$1,686 which will purchase gifts for youth on behalf of Contact Ministries Christmas Give-A-Way.



**ADULT ED FORUM** continues the "Christian Devotional Traditions" course **today at 11:15 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Join us for an exploration of devotional traditions and their history including the Lectio Divina today led by Rev. Gerald Boutelle.

**FELLOWSHIP AT SHEEDY SHORES WINEGARDEN** – Today from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Members and friends are invited to Sheedy Shores Winegarden (10300 Johns Creek Rd, Loami, IL 62661). Bring a snack to share and enjoy the fall scenery. This event is hosted by the Board of Deacons Congregational Fellowship Committee.

**STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT STEERING COMMITTEE** will meet **Tuesday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Pastor's Study to begin coordinating the build scheduled for Spring of 2022. Thank you to Coleman Moore and Tom Owen who will co-supervise the construction.

**APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP** will meet **Tuesday, October 25 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library to discuss Invisible Child by Andrea Elliott. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

**SYMPOSIUM ON CURRENT ISSUES** is **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.

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** gathers **Wednesday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Jeanne VanGieson (3928 Rocky Falls Rd, 62704) and begin with Lesson 2 "Sabbath and Creation."

**PW LUNCHEON** is on **November 4, 2022, at 12 noon** in Parish Hall. Jen McMillin, Director of the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery, will speak on the services they provide women and children. Please RSVP on our website or with Jennie Alt.

**CESAR FRANCK 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT** by Dale Rogers on **Sunday, November 6** at 4:00 p.m. Franck was a pivotal figure in French music as a symphonist, composer of chamber music and of a symphonic style of composition for the organ.

**ADULT EDUCATION FORUM** presents **No Room at the Inn: Homeless and Refugee Ministries** on **Sundays, November 20, 27, December 11, 18.** We will learn about WPC's homeless and refugee outreach including RefugeeOne, Contact Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, and Wooden It Be Lovely. The class meets at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall following worship.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)** welcomes your support. In the wake of catastrophic impacts from Hurricane Ian, recovery is ongoing in places hit by Hurricane Fiona, including Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Designate PDA on your check or give online at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org).

### **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. Highlights and activities will include:

**A DELICIOUS LUNCH** will be provided by the Membership Committee.

**PUMPKIN CRAFTS AND TREATS, STORYTELLING AND FACE PAINTING** in the Parish Hall. Thank you to Storyteller Sue Baker and Face Painters Carol Bloemer, Elizabeth Marcy and Mia Marcy.

**A HARVEST MAZE** in the Youth Room created by Al Hymans.

**Donations to support UNICEF** will be collected to assist families in developing countries.



## 2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPGIAN REFLECTION

Hello, my name is Brinton Wilkey and I have been a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church for about 4 years now. I am currently serving my third year as a Deacon and enjoy the committees I serve on. My wife Susan and my three grown children, Megan, Brinton Jr., and Allison are currently members of St. Agnes but enjoy visiting Westminster when they are in town.

I have been asked to comment on the Stewardship Campaign and this year's theme, Love in Truth and Action: Time, Talent, and Treasure and why it is important to contribute to this campaign. I think it is important to define what "contribute" means and I believe it's much more than money. Your personal pledge is important no matter what amount you choose to give but it's also very important to contribute your time and efforts to the church in order for us to continue to impact in a positive way our local community as well as our impact on our State, Nation and the world in general. For the benefit of planning purposes, it's also important to fill out your pledge card and return it in a timely manner so that Westminster can plan and budget accordingly for the upcoming year.

I'm proud to be a member of Westminster and am looking forward to my future here in whatever capacity that may lead to. Thank you for your time and God Bless you as you make your pledge commitment.

Sincerely, **Brinton Wilkey**

**As of Thursday, October 20 we received 122 pledges totaling \$553,532 which is 65% 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](http://www.wpcspi.org).

### 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 in worship. .

##### Education Forum

**11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Presentation

**Description:** In his high school years, Rogers Smith attended an Illinois Synod summer institute in Decatur with his mom and brother Dale where black and white church leaders and members from around the state had discussions on civil rights. The following summer Rogers participated in the Westminster Youth Mission Trip to Mt. Morris Presbyterian Church on 125<sup>th</sup> Street in Harlem. These experiences set him on the road to becoming a political scientist who has studied struggles over equal citizenship in America for over 45 years. He will share thoughts on the significance of race and religion in American life, then and now.

##### All Church Lunch

**12:30 p.m.** We will share a community meal featuring one of Betty Smith's recipes from the Second Helpings Cookbook.

**Biography:** Dr. Rogers Smith 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 24

9:30 AM King's Daughters (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Tuesday, October 25

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)

1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

3:00 PM Compass for Kids

5:00 PM 2023 Habitat House Steering Committee  
(Pastor's Study)

6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club (Library)

7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Music Room)

### Wednesday, October 26

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel (Sanctuary)

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

1:00 PM Warming Center Meal (Kitchen)

4:00 PM Bridges grades 3-5(Kitchen)

4:15 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)

5:00 PM Choristers (Music Room)

### Thursday, October 27

6:00 PM Symposium on Current Issues (Parish Hall)

7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, October 28

### Saturday, October 29

11:00 AM Church Mice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Sunday, October 30 – Reformation Sunday

9:00 AM Earth Care Committee (Library)

10:00 AM Worship Service – Stewardship Dedication

10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K to Grade 5 (Chapel)

11:15 AM Harvest Fest & Luncheon (Parish Hall)

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