



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Reformation Sunday and
Stewardship Dedication
30 October 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

William Faulkes

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 90:1-6

Leader:

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

People:

**Before the mountains were born,
before you delivered the whole world,**

Leader:

from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

People:

**In you, we dwell and are at home –we dream, we
flourish, we reform, and we are always reforming.**

Leader:

You greet us each morning, all the days of our lives.

***Processional Hymn 711**

Lord of All Good

Toulon

***Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, your Spirit calls each of us,
yet we are often reluctant to heed the call.
We cling to fragile familiarities, to securities,
and to safety. Help us to stretch,
to bend, to climb, and to risk in faith,
in order to become all we can be.
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

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Pew Bible, OT pages 871-872

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Pew Bible, NT page 82

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Nailed It!

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because Christ was going to pass by. Luke 18: 3a

Anthem

Let Us Love In Deed and Truth

Larry King

If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his neighbor in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Let us not love in word or speech, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth: we have confidence

before our God, and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we keep God's commandments, and do what pleases God. And this is the commandment, that we should believe in Jesus Christ, and love one another. 1 John 3:17-23

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life...
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. 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 Scherzo Joseph Bonnet

Offertory Response Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication** *2023 pledges are presented in the baptismal font brass bowl as a symbol of our faithfulness to this covenant community.*

Leader: Holy and Loving God, as servants of Christ and stewards of your mysteries, may we love in truth and action.

People: **Accept our 2023 pledges which we present on this Stewardship Dedication Sunday.**

Leader: Thank you for the privilege of belonging to this community of faith,

People: **Thank you for the gift of children and our baptismal vows which provide a steadfast and reliable foundation.**

Leader: Thank you for the richness of our journey together,

People: **and for this time to share in the work of Westminster, a beacon within our community.**

Leader: Help us remember that our church family is made resilient when we grow in stewardship;

People: **and our individual lives are enriched when we reach beyond ourselves.**

Leader: Gracious God, give us generous hearts that know the joy which comes from helping others.

People: **and loving in truth and action. Amen.**

***Hymn 726** Will You Come and Follow Me *Kelvingrove*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response** Day By Day Harold Friedell
Day by day, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly day by day.

Voluntary Toccata in d-minor Johann Sebastian Bach

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Margie Louise Dobson 02/16/1921– 10/21/22
United with Westminster 04/02/1950

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given in loving memory of Dr. Glen D. Pittman from his family.
- **West Narthex Flowers** are lovingly given in honor, appreciation, and admiration of Dale Thomas Rogers, commemorating his 70th Birthday.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Worship Leader:** Kristianna Eastvold
- **Acolytes:** Juliana Eastvold and James Maeda
- **Greeter:** Mary Gail and Steve Romack
- **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:** John Stafford
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **9:00 a.m. Earth Care Committee** (Library)
- **9:00 a.m. Congregational Care Committee** (Conference Room)
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, preschoolers** (Nursery) This week's Bible Story: "Jesus, the Good Shepherd." *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor, Sara Eldridge*
- **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 "Come Down!" Luke 19:1-10 Teachers: *Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Harvest Fest** (Parish Hall) Join Westminster families gather in Parish Hall for a festive gathering. Highlights and activities: 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 and treat bags sent home with the children.

PUMPKIN CRAFTS with Karen Sherrick in Parish Hall.

FACE PAINTING by Carol Bloemer, Elizabeth and Mia Marcy in the Parish Hall.

STORYTELLING with Sue Baker in the West Narthex.

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

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



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.

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.”

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

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.

ALL SAINTS’ REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY will be **November 6**, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Westminster will honor the members of our church family who have died. The litany includes the reading of our loved one’s name, the tolling of our historic bell and silence.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM presents “Christian Devotional Traditions” on **November 6 at 11:15 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Join us for the final session on our Presbyterian Heritage led by Jay Kennerly and Lyle VanDeventer.

CESAR FRANCK 200TH 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.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S BREAKFAST is **Thursday, November 10 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Nikki Monari, Marketing Director of Scheels, will speak on “Scheels in the Community.” Alan Stutz will provide breakfast. RSVP to the church office or at www.wpcspi.org.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary Peura will lead Lesson 3 “Sabbath and Sunday.” Carrol Stahlman will bring devotionals.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m.** in the library. Carolyn Beatty will lead Lesson 3 “Sabbath and Sunday” and Nancy Canady will host.

CONCORDIA COMMUNION AND LUNCH is **Thursday, November 17, 11:30 a.m.**

DMA hosts a Potluck and Hobby Night on **Friday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Attendees are encouraged to share a picture of a hobby or bring a small sample of your hobby.

ST, ANDREW’S SUNDAY will be held on **Sunday, November 20** at the 10:00 a.m. service. Westminster will continue the rich tradition of celebrating St. Andrew’s Sunday with a flourish of bagpipes and drums presenting traditional Scottish music.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE HOSTS A CHRISTMAS GATHERING on **Friday, December 2 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** All women of Westminster and their guests are invited to the Village at 3301 Robbins Rd. We will enjoy an afternoon of tea sandwiches, salads, and desserts with a musical program by the St. Andrews Sisters, accompanied by Dale Rogers. The minimum number of attendees required is 50 and the max is 80.

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPGIAN REFLECTION

Since 1970 when my parents Jeanne and Glen moved to Springfield and joined Westminster, this church has been an important part of our lives. My older sister Susan, younger brother David, and I regularly attended and participated in all the youth activities. My sister was married in the church, my niece was baptized here, my husband Jim and I were married by Blythe, Jim became a member and my father's life was celebrated at Westminster with church friends and family. Serving as a Deacon, I've met wonderful members and enjoy fellowship with them.

The growth, mission, and ministry of this congregation over the years has depended on decades of faithful people giving not only their material goods but also their personal abilities and time.

In supporting mission and ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church with our tithes, offerings, and gifts of labor, we pave the way for faithful ministries of compassion, kindness, education, service, and worship for years to come.

Thanks to all of you that have helped Westminster to continue to grow and flourish. **-Julie Pittman McDonough**
As of Thursday, October 27 we received 160 pledges totaling \$665,652 which is 78% 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.

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 125th 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 31

- 11:00 AM Preschool Halloween Parade
2:30 PM Preschool Halloween Parade

Tuesday, November 1

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM Compass for Kids
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Music Room)

Wednesday, November 2

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
12:30 PM Reporter (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:00 PM Bridges grades 3-5(Kitchen)
4:15 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
5:00 PM Choristers (Music Room)
5:00 PM Mission & Community Service (3rd Floor Classroom)
7:00 PM Ruth and Naomi Circle (Off-site)

Thursday, November 3

- 2:00 PM Early Stage Memory Loss (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:00 PM Symposium on Current Issues (Parish Hall)
7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

Friday, November 4

- 11:00 AM PW Board Meeting (Conference Room)
12:00 PM PW Luncheon (Parish Hall)
5:30 PM AGO Dinner (Parish Hall)

Saturday, November 5

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

Sunday, November 6

- 9:30 AM Parish Nurse (Church Office)
10:00 AM Worship Service – All Saints Remembrance
10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K to Grade 5 (Chapel)
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
11:15 AM Confirmation Class (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:00 PM Organ Recital – Dale Rogers (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM Senior High Youth Group – (Parish Hall)

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