



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Baccalaureate Sunda
6 June 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Church Sonata in E-flat

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

10:00 a.m. ***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
People: **Our souls long for the courts of the Lord--
our hearts sing for joy to the living God.**
Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow
a nest for herself where she may lay her young.
People: **Happy are those who strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**
Leader: They go from strength to strength, living in the light.

***Processional Hymn 749**

Come! Live in the Light

We Are Called

***Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, in whom we have a home. We pray for wisdom and discernment on each of our journeys, whether we are leaving home or homeward bound. Forgive us when we live divided lives that disrespect our siblings. We pray for mercy, because you are merciful, and for transformation, because you make all things new. 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 Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Children in grades Pre-K-2 will go to Summer Sunday School class following the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading Mark 3:20-35

Pew Bible, NT pages 37-38

Solo Laudaute Dominum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Praise, O praise the Lord, all ye nations. Extol God, all ye people. Great is God's kindness toward us. Great is the love of God. Faithful is our God forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading II Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Pew Bible, NT pages 181

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Homeward Bound

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

"For we know that if this earthly tent in which we live is destroyed, we have a home with God a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. II Corinthians 5:1"

Solo Homeward Bound

Marta Keen

In the quiet misty morning when the moon has gone to bed, when the sparrows stop their singing and the sky is clear and red, when the summer's ceased its gleaming, when the corn is past its prime, when adventure's lost its meaning, I'll be homeward bound in time.

Bind me not to the pasture; chain me not to the plow. Set me free to find my calling and I'll return to you somehow.

If you find it's me you're missing, if you're hoping I'll return,
to your thoughts I'll soon be list'ning, in the road I'll stop and turn. Then the wind will set me racing as my journey nears its end, and the path I'll be retracing when I'm homeward bound again.

Recognition of High School Seniors

The Church at Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his 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: Let us pray.

The Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory	The Lord's Prayer	Albert Hay Malotte
Offertory Response	Doxology	Hymnal, 606
*Prayer of Dedication	Holy and loving God, we celebrate the home we have in you and the homes that have nourished and strengthened us for the journeys we choose. Together, we offer ourselves and our gifts, that they may be used to extend your grace and strength to others. Amen.	
*Hymn 547	Go, My Children with My Blessing	<i>Ar Hydy Nos</i>

*Charge and Benediction

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*Voluntary	Capriol Suite: Allegro con brio	Peter Warlock
	(*) The congregation is invited to stand	

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Karen Sherrick, Director for Children's Ministry
Bryce Pound, Youth Worship Leader
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Haofang Chaung, Soprano Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Trajan McGill, Bass

Bob Fox and Krista Steller, Videographers
Marty and Alan Stutz, Greeter

Rich Canady, Mary King, Terry Haynor, Julie McDonough.
Becky McDonald, Pat Moore, Bruce Strom, Brinton Wilkey, Ushers
Mary Ray and Marilyn Rigney, Safety Team

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Today, we recognize our graduating high school seniors during worship. A reception in their honor will follow worship in Parish Hall. Those attending will receive two gifts from their faith community: a copy of the PC (USA) Book of Common Worship, Daily Prayer and a hand-knitted scarf.

Grace Ilona Batterman from SHS attending Auburn University in Auburn, GA

Carter Maddox Formea from SHS attending Bradley University, Peoria, IL or Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY (Carter will play division one soccer.)

Kristina Elizabeth Hemberger from Auburn HS attending University of Missouri in Columbia, MO

Jaiana Grace Ireland from North Mac HS attending Illinois State University in Bloomington, IL

Benjamin John Parker from SHS attending American University in Washington, D.C.

Avery James Pound from SHS attending Cornell University in Ithaca, NY

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES

Stella Cole – BA, in theatre and International Relations, minor in German University. She is an actor and singer currently living between New York and



from Northwestern Chicago.

Lauren Marines – BS, cum laude, in Nursing from Texas Christian University at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, TX as a pediatrics critical care nurse

with plans to work

Jenna Milward – BS in Clinical Exercise Science from Central Michigan University with plans to be a summer intern in Cardio/pulmonary Rehab at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit

Kara Milward – BA in Elementary Education from Western Governor's University with plans to continue her current work in Denver

Austin Robbs - BS in Accounting from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with plans to continue his MA of Accounting Science & Data Analytics at the University of Illinois

Maggie Shepherd - BFA in Interarts Performance from the University of Michigan, Stamp School of Art & Design.

Annie Sherrick – BS, cum laude, in Psychology from Boston College

Chad Sims – BS, cum laude, in Law Enforcement & Justice Administration from the Western Illinois University with plans to work as a police officer with a state or county law enforcement agency

Corey Sims - - BS, cum laude, in Law Enforcement & Justice Administration from the Western Illinois University with plans to work as a police officer with a state or county law enforcement agency

MASTER'S DEGREE

Christie Hovey – Master's in Business Administration from Capella University with honors

DOCTORATE DEGREE

William W. McNutt – Ph.D. in Organic Materials Chemistry from Purdue University. Thesis Title: Understanding the Effects of Conjugation Break Spacers on Structure-Property Relationships in Partially Conjugated Semiconducting Polymers and the Thin Films.

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery) gather for play and Bible Story. This week: God Made us All. Caregivers: Ella Kurman and Annie Sherrick
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children Pre-K – Grade 2 begin in worship with their families & go to the Third Floor Classroom following the Children's Sermon for Summer Sunday school. The story this week is: *The Pharisee and Tax Collector*, Teacher: Karen Sherrick, Sophia Choi,
- **11:00 – 11:15 a.m.** Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Trajan I. McGill, who has accepted an I.T. position as a Development Lead at Blend. Trajan's last Sunday with us will be June 13.
- **11:15 a.m.** Reception (Parish Hall) honoring our High School Seniors and hosted by the Congregational Committee of the Board of Deacons.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!

Summer Sunday School will explore Jesus' Parables, and begins today for our younger children (preschool age thru those finishing second grade).

NURSERY REOPENS TODAY

INTRODUCING NEW NURSERY WORKER!

In preparation for our infants and toddlers to return on Sunday mornings, our nursery is being reconfigured with a new check-in system and a fresh coat of paint. The nursery will open on June 6, the first day of Summer Sunday School.

We welcome our new Nursery Worker, Ella Kurmann. Ella graduated from SHS in June of 2020 and is attending Lincoln Land Community College. We are grateful for her commitment to nurture our youngest members as she attends college.

Annie Sherrick will also be working in the nursery the month of June. We welcome Annie home from college during this transitional month.



SEVENTH ANNUAL "ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT" FRIDAY, JUNE 11 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE KIEFFERS'

Join fully vaccinated members of your faith community on Friday, June 11, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers' (26 Island Bay Lane).

This year's gathering **will not be a potluck**, rather the Membership Committee will provide brats, dogs, and burgers on the grill with two sides (pasta salad and lettuce salad), and dessert. The evening will include music and boat rides.

NEW MEMBERS and **MILESTONE MEMBERS** will be recognized at the gathering. Please RSVP on SignupGenius or by calling Jennie Alt at 217-522-4415.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b49a8ae22a3f85-allchurch>

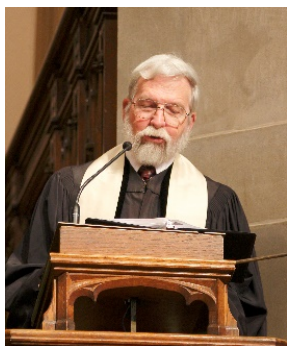
CELEBRATION OF THE REVEREND TRAJAN I. MCGILL

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, RECEPTION FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sunday, June 13 will be the last Sunday the Reverend Trajan I. McGill leads worship at Westminster as our Associate Pastor for Parish Life. A Service of Parting will be included in the worship services and a reception celebrating Trajan's ministry will be held in Parish Hall following worship.

Trajan began his journey with Westminster on Sunday, February 1, 2015, and was ordained in our Sanctuary on Sunday, March 22. We are grateful for Rev. McGill's leadership working closely with the Board of Deacons and the Mission and Community Service Committee. Trajan has been instrumental in shaping the vision of mission at Westminster in response to our endowment growth. His expertise in I.T. has been invaluable during the pandemic as we initiated online and live stream worship. During the pastoral interim, Trajan led two ASP Youth Mission trips. Within the community, he served on the Board of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good and volunteered with the Rochester Fire Department.

The Reverend Ryan Landino, Lead Presbyter for Transformation of the Presbytery of Great Rivers, will participate in worship on June 13.



REVEREND GERALD W. BOUTELLE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

The congregation is invited to a reception on Sunday, June 13 to celebrate Rev. Gerald Boutelle's fiftieth ordination anniversary. Jerry has served as Westminster's Parish Associate since 2010.

A graduate of Westmar College in Le Mars, Iowa (B.A. degree in Philosophy) and McCormick Theological Seminary (M.Div. and STM). Rev. Boutelle has served Illinois churches in South Holland, St. Anna, Peoria, Springfield, Petersburg, Carrolton, and White Hall until he retired in 2009. Rev. Boutelle is Pastor Emeritus at the White Hall Presbyterian Church. Jerry and his wife, Judy, who is an R.N. and whom he met at Westmar College, have two daughters and a son, all married, and three grandchildren.

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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, June 7

5:30 PM Habitat for Humanity Orientation & Training
(Parish Hall)

Tuesday, June 8

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)

Wednesday, June 9

10:30 AM Worship Planning
4:30 PM Personnel Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, June 10

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9:30 AM Calendar Planning Day (Offsite)
12:30 PM PEO Chapter BF Meeting (Parish Hall)

Friday, June 11

5:00 PM Helping Hands Meal Delivered
6:00 PM All Church Cookout (26 Island Bay Ln)

Saturday, June 12

Sunday, June 13

10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)
11:00 AM Celebration of Rev. Trajan McGill
11:00 AM Celebration of Rev. Gerry Boutelle's
50th Ordination
2:00 PM Wedding Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)

WESTMINSTER STAFF

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

The Reverend Trajan I. McGill
Associate Pastor for Parish Life

The Reverend Christian K. Choi
Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle
Parish Associate

Dale T. Rogers
Director of Music and the Arts

Deb Watts Elliott
*Saturday Worship Pianist and
Music Coordinator*

Karen Sherrick
Director for Children's Ministry

Ella Kurmann
Nursery Worker

Ellen Carpenter
Parish Nurse

Pat Hymans
Hospitality Coordinator

Emily Rowley, Kacey Belitsos
Cooperative Preschool Teachers

Lisa Runkle
Financial Administrator

Jennie Alt
Church Administrative Assistant

Krista Steller
Webmaster

Gary Warnick
Building and Property Manager

**Terri Gietl, Bill Hibbert,
Eddie Hubbard, Steve Stapleton**
Part-time Custodians