



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
20 June 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Meals on Wheels

Mary Caroline Mitchell and
Olivia Simonson

Voluntary

Prelude on Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*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**

Leader:

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

People:

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

Leader:

Declare God's deeds among the peoples.

People:

For God does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Leader:

The needy shall not always be forgotten,

People:

nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

Leader:

Rise up, O Lord, let the nations know that
they are only human. (Psalm 9)

***Processional Hymn 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and loving God, whose power is made perfect in the gift of creation, help us to trust you and to believe that you receive us as we are. Forgive us for overlooking the gifts we bring and for not playing to the strengths we have been given. Too often we are overwhelmed by the obstacles in our lives and fail to recognize the unconventional power and wit that is ours to share in your 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.**
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 1 Samuel 17:32-49 Pew Bible, OT pages 260-262

Duet I Waited for the Lord Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint. O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

Second Scripture Reading Mark 4:35-40 Pew Bible, NT page 39

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

Sermon Giant Undertakings Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: Then David took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. 1 Samuel 17:40

Duet **God Can Turn the Tides**

Jack Richards

God can turn the tides and calm the angry sea.
God alone decides who writes a symphony.
God lights ev'ry star that makes our darkness bright.
God keeps watch all through each long and lonely night.
God still finds the time to hear a child's first prayer.
Saint or sinner call and always find God there.
Though it makes God sad to see the way we live,
God'll always say, "I forgive."
God can grant a wish or make a dream come true.
God can paint the clouds and turn the gray to blue.
God alone knows where to find the rainbow's end.
God alone can see what lies beyond the bend.
God can touch a tree and turn the leaves to gold.
God knows every lie that you and I have told.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and
neighbor, and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**
**The same Spirit 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.**

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 Lord's Prayer

The Presentation of Our Gifts

Offertory Lamb of God Twila Paris
Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk on this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.
Your gift of Love they crucified;
They laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble King they named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, The Lamb of God.

Offertory Response Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** Loving and creative God, we thank you for the stories of our faith that remind us of your amazing power and commitment to justice and equity. Use these gifts and the gift of our lives to face the giants of oppression in surprising and unconventional ways. Amen.

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

*Charge and Benediction

***Voluntary** Voluntary in D-flat David N. Johnson

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY FOR THE LIFE AND LOVE OF JENNIE DAVIS MOY. SHE WILL ALWAYS BE MISSED BY BOB, JULIE, BRIAN, AND SARAH BLYTHE.

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry
Karen Sherrick, Director for Children's Ministry
Olivia Simonson, Youth Worship Leader
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts
Julie Blythe & Eleanor VanDeventer, Sopranos Lyle VanDeventer, Bass
Bob Fox and Krista Steller, Videographers
Mary Gail and Steve Romack, Greeter
Rich Canady, Mary King, Terry Haynor, Gregg Humphrey.
Becky McDonald, Pat Moore, Bruce Strom, Brinton Wilkey, Ushers
John Stafford, Safety Team

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Car Wash Mission Trip Fundraiser** - Cars will be washed in our new parking lot, so bring all the family cars along! Thanks to **Dave Leonatti and Todd Knox** for organizing the Car Wash.
- **9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Bake Sale Mission Trip Fundraiser** - Take home some of the wonderful baked goods available in the West Narthex. Thanks to Julie Sundquist for organizing the Bake Sale.
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week: God's Wonderful World. *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 Parable of the Great Banquet*. Teacher: Karen Sherrick, Linda Purves,

2021 VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ADVENTURE ISLAND: QUEST FOR GOD'S GREAT LIGHT

The Family Ministry Committee made the decision in May to keep VBS online for one more year until all participants can be vaccinated. Instead of meeting for one week, participants who register will pick up a VBS packet at the church June 29 and 30 which includes the craft projects. On each Thursday in July (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) participants will receive an email with the lesson and activities as we arise, and shine our light with love, trust, faith, joy and hope.

Please register online by Sunday, June 20: www.wpcspi.org/vbs

Contact Karen Sherrick ksherrick@wpcspi.org if you have questions about the online at-home family VBS for the month of July.



THE 2021 YOUTH MISSION

On Sunday, July 11, nineteenth youth will be commissioned during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The week of July 11-17 they join adult sponsors **Suzanne Borland, Cathy Brower, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Amanda Kurmann, and Mary Ray** led by **Rev. Christian Choi** (Associate Pastor for Family Ministry) on a mission to Little Rock, Arkansas. In addition to our work with PDA, we will visit the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN, and other historic places in Little Rock. Our missional work will be with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at the Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center.

Braden Barton
Grace Batterman
Drew Borland
Jessica Borland
Emily Brower
Jeffrey Ellis
Luke Elston

JT First
Jaiana Ireland
Madison Kruger
Clayton Kurmann
Ella Kurmann
Samantha Magalis

Jack Milliman
Benjamin Parker
Avery Pound
Bryce Pound
Allison Scott
Matthew Scott

- The WPC youth are grateful for the congregation's continued support and prayers and look forward to **leading worship on Sunday, July 18.**



2021 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION

Neighborhood Service Week: August 2-6

The Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force visited the homeowners who applied for a matching grant and/or participate in this year's service week August 2-6. We received **25 matching grant applications** and **12 applications for the service week**. We hope you are saving the week of August 2-6 to be a part of this year's neighborhood outreach! Sign up begins next Sunday, June 27 in the West Narthex or on our website.

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 Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Knit 2 Purl 4 – K2P4 invites members and non-members to join In-person knitting weekly on Tuesdays at 1:00 - 3:00 pm. The monthly knitter's lunch is on the first Tuesday of each month at Noon in the Second Floor Classroom. Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship with all who attend.

Presbyterian Men's Breakfast – Meets on the second Tuesday of the month in Parish Hall at 8:00 a.m. for food and fellowship. They will not meet in July. The next breakfast is August 12.

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon and Circles – will resume in the fall.

PARISH NURSE AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Parish Nurse Ministry – Blood pressures will be taken on the first Sunday of each month by Ellen Carpenter in the church office.

Health and Wellness Fair – We are looking for ministry partners to form a planning committee for the 8th Biennial Health Fair, which is scheduled for Sunday, September 26 following the service. There will be a sign-up for the following tables: B/P screening, Glucose Screening, and other health related tables. We are also trying to coordinate this with the flu vaccine, please let me know if you know of a pharmacy/pharmacist that would be interested in being involved.

Second Helpings Meal Ministry – Westminster's meal ministry "Second Helpings" was initiated in the spring of 2018 and Ellen Carpenter became the coordinator in January 2020. In the last two years we have provided meals to people just home from the hospital or facing other challenges. We delivered 22 meals in 2019, 29 meals in 2020, and 22 meals (through May) in 2021. Thank you to the 25 members signed up for "Lots of Helping Hands" (a web tool to assist in assigning meals) and the Membership Committee who keeps our freezer filled with frozen casseroles for delivery. Additionally, many friends within our church family deliver meals in time of need.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Meals on Wheels Delivered July 5-8 and July 12-15 - Westminster is helping Senior Services of Central IL deliver food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Daily Bread - Meals on Wheels program July 5-8 & July 12-15. There will be 1-3 routes on each day and will take 45 minutes to an hour for each route. There are a few changes this year. The pick-up time will be 9:30 a.m. at Senior Services (701 W. Mason - by the kitchen and garage) and will return all items to the same location. Please sign up to deliver meals on our website or you can call the church office at 217-522-4415.

Springfield Warming Center – Springfield's Warming Center is in need of meals for 30 people. The meals can be made in your home, at the church, or delivered to the center by grocery stores. Details regarding the meals are found on Mealtrain.com. - <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/0yd689>
Please contact Lisa Runkle for reimbursement through the Mission & Community Service Committee.

Little Pantry at Graham Elementary – The Little Pantry supplies are stocked regularly by our Mission & Community Service committee. Items are located on shelves on the lower level by the elevator. We encourage our ministry partners to use the supplies that are provided. Donations are still encouraged. Contact Lisa Runkle for reimbursement for donations. Sign-up to stock the pantry is available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b49a8ae22a3f85-little>.

Give-A-Meal-A-Month – All donations are given to the Central IL Foodbank. This month's menu: canned tuna, boxed meal to use the tuna, canned fruit canned veggies, and cereal. High-Demand items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap (bar, laundry, dish), and men/women's hygiene items.

Compass for Kids Summer Camp holds in-person summer camps at five elementary schools M-F from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. to the underserved children in our community. Volunteers (including high school students) are needed to assist the teachers in classrooms or prepare supplies ahead of camp. Whether you are available all summer, for just a week or two, only on Fridays, or just two days this summer you can help. Contact Michael Blitstein, michael.h.blitstein@gmail.com or at 401-935-2817.

Habitat for Humanity Unity Build – Westminster provided a \$5,000 grant to help fund the home for Kendra Cutler and her daughter, Anijha located at 2037 E. Cedar St. Ministry partners are still needed to assist. The next available dates are July 9 & 10, and they will be working on drywalling ceilings and walls. There are opportunities to provide meals for the workers. For any questions contact Susan Carrigan at 217-523-2710 ext. 13.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, June 21

Tuesday, June 22

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:00 PM Hunger Action Team (2nd Floor Classroom)

Wednesday, June 23

10:30 AM Worship Planning
5:00 PM Property Meeting (offsite)

Thursday, June 24

1:00 PM Parish Nurse Meeting (Pastor's Study)

Friday, June 25

6:00 PM Kluge/Luttrell Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, June 26

2:00 PM Kluge/Luttrell Wedding

Sunday, June 27

10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)

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