



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
27 June 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Ministry Moment

Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

Dr. Todd Knox

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 30

Leader: Faithful people of God, let us sing praises to the Lord.

People: **and give thanks to God's holy name.**

Leader: For the Lord has healed us when we cried for help;

People: **and God has restored us in times of deepest despair.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who has turned
our sorrow into dancing:

People: **our hearts sing praises forever to our God.**

***Hymn 361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurella

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, your mercies are new each morning, yet we have resisted your call to open our hearts and to allow your grace to be manifested in our lives. Forgive us as we let our fears overwhelm us and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps to share your love with others. Strengthen us and heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Hear now our silent prayer 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 5:21-34

Solo

Cry No More

Johanna Anderson

In the shadow where we linger,
in this darkness we call home,
where the sighs are deep and doubtful
and our aspirations groan,
all is not in vain, beloved, our travail is not unknown.
Christ within us, Christ among us,
Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love Incarnate, hold your children
till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek him,
Christ himself will draw us near,
deep, abiding rays of mercy
cast their light on lonely fear.
Cry no more, ye poor and weary,
Our redeeming Lord is here.

Second Scripture Reading

II Corinthians 8:7-15

Sermon

Talk the Walk

Rev. Christian K. Choi

*Text: I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.
11 Corinthians 8:8.*

***Hymn 727**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?

The Servant Song

***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.**

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

Introduction to Offering

Offertory How Great Thou Art Stuart K. Hine
The text is #625 in the hymnal.

Offertory Response Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** Holy and Loving God, thank you for our faith, for our knowledge of you, and for the assurance of your love. May these gifts and our talents be a blessing to those in need so that we can give you all the glory in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 377** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Houston*

*Charge and Benediction

***Voluntary** Postlude in F Major Giambattista Martini

Worship Participants

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

Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

Emily Brower, Youth Worship Leader

Jamie Greenwald, Organist

Logan Campbell, Bass

Elsie and Bob Fox, Videographers

Dee Dee and Rick Duffy, Greeter

Rich Canady, Mary King, Terry Haynor, Julie McDonough.

Becky McDonald, Pat Moore, Bruce Strom, Brinton Wilkey, Ushers

Julie James and Marilyn Rigney, Safety Team

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's Wonderful World. *Caregivers: Ella Kurmann and Emily Brower*
- **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 Lost Son. *Teacher: Sophia Choi, Sara Eldridge*
- **11:00 – 11:30 p.m.** **Fair Trade** (West Narthex) Equal Exchange coffer, chocolate, teas, nuts and olive oil are sold to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers. *Leaders: Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson*

2021 VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ADVENTURE ISLAND: QUEST FOR GOD'S GREAT LIGHT

PACKET PICK-UP ON JUNE 29 & 30

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. **If you have not registered for your child or grandchild, contact Karen Sherrick on July 1 at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.**



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.

Ministry Partners Needed

**Meals on Wheels Delivered
July 5-8 and July 12-15
9:30 a.m. Meal Pick-up**

Westminster is helping Senior Services of Central IL deliver food to eligible citizens as part of their Specialty Meals - 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 Center, 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.

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.

Come celebrate **June Flood's 100th birthday on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** in Parish Hall. If you are unable to attend, cards are welcomed at her home in the Illinois Presbyterian Home.



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.

The Sound Celebration Chorus and Land of Lincoln Chorus is holding an outdoor concert at Duncan Park (formerly Douglas Park) on **Saturday, July 10 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of fun.

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. Marilyn Rigney will substitute for Ellen in July and August.

COVID-19 Task Force – Dr. Todd Knox prepared the final Task Force report on June 9, 2021. The COVID-19 Task Force will only meet on an as needed basis going forward. We will recognize the Task Force next Sunday, July 4 during worship. Special thanks to physicians, Virginia Dolan, Peter Kieffer, Todd Knox, Mike Nenaber, and Cara Vasconcelles and to R.N.s Ellen Carpenter and Marilyn Rigney who served on this Task Force.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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 (ceilings) and July 17 & 18 (walls.) There are opportunities to provide meals for the workers. For any questions contact Susan Carrigan at 217-523-2710 ext. 13.



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 today, June 27 in the West Narthex or on our website.

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/Oyd689>
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.

NOMINATIONS WELCOME

THE 2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now receiving nominations for the following positions of leadership at Westminster.

DEACON (CLASS OF 2024)

ELDER (CLASS OF 2024)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2022)

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2024)

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, emailed to the committee chair, Jim Kincaid, at jbkin@comcast.net or placed in the Nominating Committee's mailbox on the wall in the West Narthex by the Edwards Street doors. Please complete by August 15, 2021. Nominees will be presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

2021 Nominating Committee members: *Jim Kincaid (Chair), Carolyn Swanson, Mary King, Bill Deemer, Camille Massey, Alan Stutz and Julie Sundquist*

Name of Nominee _____

Recommended for (check choice)

___Deacon ___Elder ___Nominating ___Strategic Planning ___Ass. Pastor Nom.

1. Qualities that would make this person a good church officer

2. Past experience/current interests and activities in the church

3. Helpful information: special skills, training, employment, community involvement, etc.

Your Name (optional) _____

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, June 28

9:00 AM King's Daughter's Board Meeting (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, June 29

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)

1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)

Wednesday, June 30

10:30 AM Worship Planning

12:30 PM Reporter Folding Team

4:00 PM June Flood's 100th Birthday

Thursday, July 1

8:00 AM VBS Lesson (Day One) emailed

5:00 PM Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force

Friday, July 2

Saturday, July 3

Sunday, July 4

10:00 AM Worship Service

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

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Music Coordinator*

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Ella Kurmann
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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**
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