



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mission Trip Presentation  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
18 July 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Ministry Moment

Compass 4 Kids

Ann Collins

Voluntary

Little Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J.S. Bach

\*Ringing of the Bell

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

\*Call to Worship

Clayton Kurmann

Leader: God has accomplished all things through Christ  
People: so that we might live as God's own children.  
Leader: Let us give thanks to God  
People: and proclaim the love of Christ.

\*Processional Hymn 826

Lift High the Cross

*Crucifer*

\*Prayer of Confession

Maddie Kruger

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children, to mend links, to break chains and to care for one another. Yet, we fail to love others and ourselves. Seeking forgiveness, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, teach us the great and hidden things we have not known and then tenderly nurture us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

\*Sung Response

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Hymnal, Back Cover

\*Declaration of Pardon

Jeffery Elms

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

Drew Borland and Avery Pound

**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.*

**The Church at Prayer**

Grace Batterman and Samantha Magalis

**Leader:** 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.  
**Leader:** Let us pray.

**Prayers of the People  
and The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal, page 35

**First Scripture Reading**

2 Samuel 7:1-14  
Pew Bible, OT page 281

Bryce Pound

**Second Scripture Reading**

Jeremiah 33:3  
**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible, OT page 737

**Sermon**

Mending Links, Breaking Chains

Rev. Christian K. Choi

*Text: Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3*

**Music**

Blessings

Laura Story

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace  
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep  
We pray for healing, for prosperity  
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering  
All the while, You hear each spoken need  
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things  
'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops  
What if Your healing comes through tears  
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near, What if trials of this life  
are Your mercies in disguise  
We pray for wisdom, your voice to hear  
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near  
We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love  
As if every promise from Your Word is not enough  
All the while, you hear each desperate plea  
And long that we'd have faith to believe  
When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win  
We know that pain reminds this heart, that this is not our home  
What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life  
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy  
What if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights  
are your mercies in disguise.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Jessica Borland, Ella Kurmann, Benjamin Parker

*At this time, some of our mission trip participants will share testimonials and express their deep appreciation to the congregation on behalf of the entire mission team.*

**Musical Response**

Prince of Peace

Michael W. Smith

*Former mission participants are invited to join the mission trip team on the chancel.*

You are holy (You are holy) [Verse 1:]  
You are mighty (You are mighty)  
You are worthy (You are worthy)  
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow) [Verse 2:]  
I will listen (I will listen)  
I will love You (I will love You)  
All of my days (all of my days)

[Chorus (men):]

I will sing to, and worship  
The King who is worthy  
I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him

[Chorus (women):]

You are Lord of lords  
You are King of kings  
You are mighty God  
Lord of everything

I will sing to, and worship  
The King who is worthy  
I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him

You're Emmanuel  
You're the Great I Am  
You're the Prince of Peace  
Who is the Lamb

I will sing to, and worship  
The King who is worthy  
I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him

You're the living God  
You're my saving grace  
You will reign forever  
You are ancient of days

I will sing to, and worship  
The King who is worthy  
I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him

You are alpha, omega  
Beginning and end  
You're my Savior, Messiah  
Redeemer and friend

You are my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You

**The Presentation and  
Dedication of Our Gifts**

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

**Offertory**

Mission Trip Slide Show

For the Beauty of the Earth

Conrad Kocher  
Rebekah Snyder, arr.

**Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Matthew Scott

Holy and Loving God, thank you for revealing to us the great and hidden things of your love and for the beauty of the earth you created. Consecrate the gifts we offer as we seek to follow you. May they bring blessings to others and honor to your Holy name. Amen.

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

*Kelvingrove*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Voluntary** Postlude in G Major

L. Raffy

(\* ) The congregation is invited to stand.

*Flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of Lyle and Grace Cooley  
by their family, the Cooley, Bloemer, and Marcy families.*

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER**

- **Sunday Liturgists:** Mission Trip Participants
- **Cross Carrier and Bible Carrier:** Braden Barton and Samantha Magalis
- **Greeters:** Mary Ray and Youth
- **Ushers:** Nathaniel Brower (Captain), Jessica Borland, Erin Ekstedt, Tara Fritsch, Bob Leffler, Mary Peura, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel, Ushers
- **Safety Team:** Todd Knox
- **Music:** Ann Collins, violin, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dr. Jamie Greenwald, guest organist, Youth Mission Trip Participants,

**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: Good Morning, World! *Caregivers: Dr. Andy Sherrick, Annie Sherrick, and Louisa Eldridge*
- **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: The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. *Teachers: Karen Sherrick and Sara Eldridge*
- **11:00 a.m. Reception in West Narthex** – The congregation is invited to greet the youth and enjoy coffee, lemonade, and cookies following worship.

**WE WELCOME VISITORS!** Information about us is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website [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, speak to Rev. Choi.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE** will be led by the sixteen youth who were commissioned last Sunday and who worked this past week with adult mentors **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.

<b>Braden Barton</b>	<b>Luke Elston</b>	<b>Samantha Magalis</b>
<b>Grace Batterman</b>	<b>JT First</b>	<b>Benjamin Parker</b>
<b>Drew Borland</b>	<b>Madison Kruger</b>	<b>Avery Pound</b>
<b>Jessica Borland</b>	<b>Clayton Kurmann</b>	<b>Bryce Pound</b>
<b>Emily Brower</b>	<b>Ella Kurmann</b>	<b>Matthew Scott</b>
<b>Jeffrey Elms</b>		

The WPC youth are grateful for the congregation’s continued support and prayers. Many, many thanks to everyone who supported the 2021 Youth Mission through our fundraisers and the Pentecost Offering! We could not do it without you. This year’s fundraisers: **\$3,917-Founders’ Sunday Nelson Catered Meal and \$1,406-Car Wash and Bake Sale. The youth received \$395.78 from the Pentecost Offering. These totaled \$5,718.78** thanks to the collaboration and teamwork of our youth, their parents, adult mentors, and this generous congregation.

## COMPASS FOR KIDS - THANK YOU AND WELCOME



During the 2020-2021 COVID-19 year Compass 4 Kids met remotely thanks to the steadfast partners who provided a consistency by either tutoring or delivering meals to families at their homes. Thank you to the following for their resilience and service: *Nancy and Rich Cannady, Ellen and Rance Carpenter, Ann Collins, David Haaker, Lynne and Joe McMenamin, Mary Caroline Mitchell and Olivia Simonson.*

During the 2021-2022 school year Compass 4 Kids will return to in-person gatherings at Westminster on Tuesday, October 19 at 3:00 p.m. Westminster hosts Compass 4 the students at Graham Elementary School. *If you are interested in joining this meaningful and dynamic team of ministry partners, contact Ann Collins, Dr. Kieffer, or sign up at the Homecoming Sunday, September 12.*

## 2021 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK

### TEAM BUILDING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 22, 5:30 P.M.

The projects have been submitted, approved, and team captains assigned. The Service Week Team will meet this Thursday, July 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall another and form teams as we prepare for our week together August 2-6. **Join speaking to Todd Knox or Rev. Choi today.**



Steadfast Neighbor to get to know one this terrific team by

As of Friday, July 16 the 2021 team of ministry partners includes:

**Team Captains:** *Rev. Choi, Todd Knox, Tom Owen/Brad Milliman, Dale Rogers, Pete VanGieson, Gary Warnick* **Ministry Partners:** *Judy and Jerry Boutelle, Nancy and Rich Canady, Linda Chronister, Adam Ekstedt, Bob Fox, Melanie and Bud Green, Ann and Keith Hamilton, Mal Hildebrand, Nancy Huston and granddaughters Reese and Harper Huston, Pat and Al Hymans, Peter Kieffer, Beth and Jim Kincaid, Jim McDonough, Jack Milliman, Christy Pound, Mary Peura, Mary Ray, Julie Robbs, Diane Rutledge, Krista Steller, Bruce Strom, Mike Sundquist, Eleanor VanDeventer, Jeanne VanGiesen, Will Wright, Neighbor: Bill Steele.*

**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. Sign-up to stock the pantry is available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b49a8ae22a3f85-little>.

**GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JULY MENU** *Canned spaghetti or pasta meal, canned fruit in juice or water, rice bagged or boxed, disposable razors, hygiene products, and diapers (size 3 or above).* Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank and to Jess Werner for delivering the donations each month.

**CONTACT MINISTRIES BACKPACK COLLECTION** - Once again WPC will partner in ministry with Contact Ministries as we collect backpacks to be distributed at their **Ready for Success Back to School Event on Thursday, August 19, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.** We will collect backpacks through **Sunday, August 15.** Around 250 school-aged children will receive a new backpack from Contact Ministries and a new pair of Payless shoes from Share the Spirit! Last year, we collected 185 backpacks! Now more than ever the kids in our community need the support. The basket is in the West Narthex.



**WESTMINSTER WILL SERVE AS A VACCINATION SITE** on Monday, July 19 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. This is open to the public, as well as members of the church. A registration link will be available, but it is NOT required. Walk-ins are encouraged. The clinic will offer the Pfizer shot for ages 12 & up and the Johnson & Johnson one dose shot for ages 18 and older. The second shot date is scheduled on August 9. Please contact Jennie Alt or Ellen Carpenter for questions.

## 2021 VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURE ISLAND: QUEST FOR GOD'S GREAT LIGHT



We are excited to serve 10 families and 17 children this summer with our at-home vacation Bible school. At the end of June, families picked up a kit with materials to create the daily crafts and a science experiment to accompany the weekly, virtual, day of VBS. Families will share Bible stories, skits, snacks, music, crafts, and experiments to help “shine God’s great light into our world.” **Lesson Three was emailed to participating families on Thursday, July 15. Lesson Four will be emailed Thursday, July 22.**

### 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.

**ILLINOIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Around the Town Concert will be hosted by Westminster on Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. as a part of a Chamber Music Festival running four days that week and featuring musicians from the Illinois Symphony.

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

Friends and visitors are invited to a New Member Class on Sundays, August 1 and 8, 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor’s Study. Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 15, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.



## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, July 19

2:00-6:00 p.m. COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, July 20

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

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

4:30 PM Support and Endowment Meeting  
(2nd Floor Classroom)

5:30 PM Budget Committee

### Wednesday, July 21

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

4:30 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)

### Thursday, July 22

8:00 AM VBS Email Sent

2:00 PM Memorial Service for Alan Wallace

5:30 PM SNE Service Week Team Meeting (Parish Hall)

### Friday, July 23

### Saturday, July 24

### Sunday, July 25

10:00 AM Worship Service

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

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## WESTMINSTER STAFF

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

**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**  
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**Jennie Alt**  
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