



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sacrament of Baptism

Commissioning of Steadfast Neighbor Service Team

1 August 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Melodie

Christoph Willibald Gluck

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We do not live by bread alone,
People: **but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.**
Leader: Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom.
People: **Come, let us worship and give thanks.**

***Processional Hymn 749**

Come, Live in the Light

We Are Called

***Prayer of Confession**

Bread of Life, you have called us to live in the light. Yet, we confess to you and one other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, nourish and sustain us. 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

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Baptismal Response

Waterlife

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
When you hear the wonder of the Word,
I'll be there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.
I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

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

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 78:23-29

Pew Bible, OT page 538

Solo

Adoration

Felix Borowski

Second Scripture Reading

John 6:24-35

Pew Bible, NT pages 98

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

Sermon

Bread of Angels

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: "Mortals ate of the bread of angels; God sent them food in abundance." Psalm 78:25

Steadfast Neighbor Commissioning

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

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

Offertory Sonata in d-minor: Gigue Francesco Veracini

Offertory Response Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** O Trinity, thank you for giving us a place in your good creation, for giving us the bread of angels and for filling us with the holy light of the gospel for the building up of Christ's body in love. We present offerings in gratitude and joy. Accept them as outward signs of our joyful discipleship in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

***Hymn 511** Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven *Llanfair*

*Charge and Benediction

***Voluntary** Symphony I: Finale Johannes Brahms

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

In Memoriam
Judy H. Bartholf 07/03/2021
United with Westminster 04/05/1953

In Memoriam
Paula R. Stewart 07/27/2021
United with Westminster 10/05/1969

In Memoriam
Stanley J. Papp 07/028/2021
United with Westminster 02/04/1968

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Jeanne and Pete VanGieson
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Captain), Sara Eldridge, Bud Green, Gregg Humphrey, Nancy Huston, Julie McDonough and Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady and Marilyn Rigney
- **Music:** Kamen Petkov, violinist, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist

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: Thank You, God. *Caregivers: Ella Kurman and Sophia Choi*
- **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 is: *The Parable of the Good Neighbor*. *Teacher: Cathy Brower, Erin Winn*
- **11:00 a.m. – Fair Trade Ministry (West Narthex)** – *Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson*
- **11:00 a.m. – Parish Nurse Ministry (Church Office)** – *Marilyn Rigney*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon New Member Class (Pastor's Study)** Those who are interested in joining Westminster are welcome to attend. *Leaders: Dr. Kieffer and Rev. Choi*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon Earth Care Team (Second Floor Classroom)** *Chair: Dr. Peter Kieffer*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about us is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website 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 Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is celebrated in today's worship service as:

Chelsea and Kelby Dolan present their daughter Emory James.
Emory's grandparents are Linda and Mark Ranck and Virginia and James Dolan

Katy and Keegan MacDonna present their daughter Sophia Rose.
Sophia's big sister is Piper and her grandparents are Deborah and the late Paul MacDonna,
Alissa and Mark Hodel and Keith Bueltmann.

Caitlin and Mark Simhauser present their daughter Anna Faye.
Anna's big sister is Nora and her grandparents are Carolyn and Dan Dungan.
Patty and Walt Justison, Val Simhauser and Patty Hagner.

The assisting elder is Adam Ekstedt and representing our children is August Ekstedt.

NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS TODAY -Friends and visitors are invited to a today, August 1 and next Sunday, August 8, 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and invited. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 15, Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.



New Member Class
Anyone who has been becoming a member is following a Special

2021 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK - AUGUST 2-6, 2021

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 14:58



The steadfast team of ministry partners will be commissioned in worship. During the work week, the team will gather each morning at 8:00 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects include power washing, painting, landscape improvements, repairing front porches and fences. Lunches will be prepared by Pat Hymans' Hospitality Team and served at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Following lunch each day the teams will return to their sites to complete the day's work. The team will gather for a celebratory lunch and awards presentation on Friday. A report to the congregation including photos will be presented Sunday, August 8. The 2021 Steadfast Neighbor team includes:

Adult Partners

Judy Boutelle
Rich Canady
Ed Caupert
Scott Day
Susan Day
Bill Deemer
Adam Ekstedt
Kathy Germeraad
Randy Germeraad
Bud Green
Keith Hamilton
Mal Hildebrand
Robyn Hovey
Nancy Huston
Jay Kennerly
Peter Kieffer
Beth Kincaid
Jim Kincaid
Priscilla Kluge
Tim Kluge
Todd Knox
Bob Leffler

Dave Leonatti
Val Leonatti
Jim McDonough
Brad Milliman
David Mitchell
Mary Caroline Mitchell
Lynne O'Shea
Tom Owen
Mary Peura
Christy Pound
Mary Ray
Julie Robbs
Mary Gail Romack
Diane Rutledge
Bruce Strom
Mike Sundquist
Eleanor VanDeventer
Jeanne VanGiesen
Pete VanGiesen
Jess Weitzel
Will Wright
Neighborhood Partners
Bill Steele

Hospitality Team

Nancy Canady
Linda Chronister
Sue Cull
Melanie Green
Ann Hamilton
Al Hymans
Pat Hymans
Krista Steller

Youth Partners

Braden Barton
Jessica Borland
Will Hovey
Elliot Huston
Harper Huston
Reese Huston
Jack Milliman

Staff Partners

Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Rev. Christian K. Choi
Rev. Jerry Boutelle
Dale Rogers
Gary Warnick



FAIR TRADE MINISTRY TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE WEST NARTHEX.

Westminster sells Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate and tea are sold to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers. Thanks to *Becky Martin* and *Jeanne VanGieson* for providing this ministry.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Marilyn Rigney is filling in for Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter today and will check blood pressures.

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. Families have shared Bible stories, skits, snacks, music, crafts, and experiments to help "shine God's great light into our world." Lesson five was emailed to participating families on Thursday, July 29. **The VBS Presentation and Celebration will be Sunday, August 22.**



CORN PICKING AT GRIGSBY FARMS MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 4:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

The annual sweet corn harvest for area food pantries and homeless shelters is ready! This corn is planted each year by Grigsby Farms (thanks to the Hale and Pound families), and we need your help to pick the corn. The picking begins at 5:15 (with people leaving the church at 4:30 p.m. to drive to the field). We will pick from 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. **Please RSVP to Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org** to let us know to expect you.

CONTACT MINISTRIES BACKPACK COLLECTION Once again WPC is partnering 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. At the time of this printing, we have collected 77 backpacks. We will collect backpacks through Sunday, August 15. Immediately after the Sunday worship service on August 15, Elizabeth Circle members will gather in WPC's second floor classroom to place a Bible verse backpack tag on each of the donated backpacks. ***The basket is in the West Narthex. Online orders may be sent directly to Westminster.***

GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH AUGUST MENU

Beef Stew, Applesauce, Pancake Mix and Syrup, and Dry Cereal. **High-Demand Items:** *personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

ENDOWMENT MISSION GRANT APPLICATIONS REVIEWED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The Mission and Community Service Committee will review grant applications for funding from Westminster's Mission Endowment at its September 1 meeting. The deadline for submission of grant proposals for consideration September 1 is August 20. Applications are available on our website where information on organizations who have received grants is also located. Please contact Mary Caroline Mitchell, 217-553-4688 or Bob Leffler 217-546-3879 for more information.

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.

Westminster will host an **ILLINOIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Around the Town Concert 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.

The Sound Celebration Chorus and Land of Lincoln Chorus is holding an outdoor concert at Sherman Village Park on **Sunday, August 29 at 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of fun. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

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, August 2

8:00 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week
4:30 PM Corn Picking at Grisby Farm

Tuesday, August 3

8:00 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week
12:00 PM Knitter's Lunch (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)

Wednesday, August 4

8:00 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week
4:30 PM Symphony Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, August 5

8:00 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week
1:30 PM Symphony Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM IL Symphony Concert (Sanctuary)

Friday, August 6

8:00 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week
12:00 noon Celebratory Lunch and Award Ceremony

Saturday, August 7

Sunday, August 8 –Sacrament of Communion *Steadfast Neighbor Service Week Presentation*

10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)
11:15 AM New Members Class (2nd Floor Classroom)

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
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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