



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sacrament of Communion
Steadfast Neighbor Service Week Report
8 August 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Festival Flourish Gordon Jacob

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

***Call to Worship** Psalm 34:1,3

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;
People: **God's praise shall continually be in my mouth**
Leader: O magnify the Lord with me
People: **and let us exalt God's name together.**
Leader: Come, let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn 401** Gather Us In *Gather Us In*

***Prayer of Confession** Merciful God, you make us your own. Yet, we confess we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have accumulated the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have lacked initiative in building up our neighbors with words of kindness. Forgive us and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us. 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.*

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Pew Bible, OT page 194

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

Meditation

Speaking Truth

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: "So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth
to our neighbors, for we are members of one another."
Ephesians 4:25*

Solo

It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

Fred Rogers

Steadfast Neighbor Presentation

The Presentation of Our Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

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

Offertory Give Me Jesus Spiritual, Tom Trenney, arr.

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
O when I am alone, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, ah Jesus.
O when I come to die, I heard my mother say "Give me Jesus."

Offertory Response Doxology Hymnal, 606

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all of the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...
Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying,

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

The elements are served without interruption. Partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may symbolize our unity in Christ.

Music at Communion

*Prayer after Communion

Holy and loving God, we go forth from your presence as your children, forgiven, loved, and free. Thank you for the nourishing grace we have received in this sacrament. May we share with the world and our neighbors the love that makes us one, and may we know the joy of everlasting life in Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*Charge and Benediction

*Voluntary

Fantasia on a Theme of Orlando Gibbons C.V Stanford

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

Flowers in the Chancel are given in memory of Heather Huitt and in honor of her birthday by Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Worship Leader:** Matthew Knox
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Jim Kincaid (Lead), Marc Anderson, Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Deb Coontz, John Cross, Adam Ekstedt, Mal Hildebrand, Robyn Hovey, Becky Huston, Todd Knox, Mary Ray, Carolyn Swanson
- **Communion Prep:** Carol Bloemer, Ann Collins, Bill Deemer, Priscilla & Tim Kluge, Mary Ray
- **Greeters:** Mary Gail and Steve Romack
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Captain), Nathaniel Brower, Sara Eldridge, Gregg Humphrey, Bob Leffler, Julie McDonough, Mike Sundquist *Missing one
- **Safety Team:** Marilyn Rigney
- **Music:** Jay Kennerly, tenor, 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: Wonder Together! *Caregivers: Ella Kurmann 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 Mustard Seed*. *Teachers: Karen and Andy Sherrick*
- **11:00 a.m. Steadfast Neighbor Service Week Reception (Parish Hall)**
- **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*

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS TODAY -Friends and visitors are invited to a New Member Class today, Sunday, August 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 recognized during worship next Sunday August 15, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**SECOND CORN PICKING AT GRIGSBY FARMS TODAY, AUGUST 8, 4:30 – 7:30 P.M.
FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT BOONE'S**

A second harvest will take place today, August 8 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Plan to meet in the church parking lot by 4:30 p.m. to carpool. All day laborers are invited to Boone's for dinner in their outdoor patio following the picking today. Thank you to all who participated in the harvest last Monday, August 2 at the Grigsby Farm: *Jim Bryans, Rich Canady, Ed Caupert, Sophia, Christian, Diana & Zach Choi, Bill Deemer, Charlie, Juliana, Kate, and Kristianna Eastvold, Harold Hale, Blythe Kieffer, Judy Knox, Mary & Charlie King, Lynn McMenamin, Ben Parker, Carl, Christy, Avery and Bryce Pound, Mary Ray, Brad & Carolyn Swanson, Pete VanGieson*. 3068 pounds of corn was donated to the Central Illinois Food Bank and distributed. This corn is planted each year by Grigsby Farms (thanks to the Hale and Pound families).

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 no in vain. 1 Corinthians 14:58



Last week, the team gathered Monday - Thursday at 8:00 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects included power washing, painting, landscape improvements, repairing front porches and fences. Lunches were prepared by Pat Hymans' Hospitality Team and served at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Following lunch Monday - Thursday the teams returned 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

Marc Anderson
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
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
Will Wright
Youth Partners
Braden Barton
Lucy Bassett
Jessica Borland
Will Hovey
Elliot Huston
Harper Huston
Reese Huston

Neighborhood Partners

Carol Brosam
The Mahan Family
Enoch Peterson
Jason Rodd
Bill Steele
Hospitality Team
Carolyn Beatty
Nancy Canady
Linda Chronister
Sue Cull
Melanie Green
Ann Hamilton
Al Hymans
Pat Hymans
Jeanne Pittman
Kelly Robertson
Sue Scaife
Krista Steller
Staff Partners
Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Rev. Christian K. Choi
Rev. Jerry Boutelle
Dale Rogers
Gary Warnick

CONTACT MINISTRIES BACKPACK COLLECTION At the time of this printing, we have collected **108 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.*

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.

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.*

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.

Elizabeth and Ruth & Naomi Circle Bible study books are available for \$11 and can be picked up in the church office. Please indicate your circle in the memo line, if paying by check.

NOMINATIONS WELCOME

Nominations are being received for Deacon (Class of 2024), Elder (Class of 2024), Nominating Committee (Class of 2022), Strategic Planning Committee (Class of 2024), Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Please complete by August 15, 2021. Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, emailed to the committee chair, Jim Kincaid, at jbkin@comcast.net or completed on our website. **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 9

2:00 – 6:00 PM COVID 19 Clinic (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, August 10

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

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

5:00 PM Nominating Committee (Pastor's Study)

Wednesday, August 11

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

4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)

5:30 PM Board of Deacons (3rd Floor Classroom)

5:30 PM Session Coordinating (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, August 12

Friday, August 13

5:00 PM Helping Hands Meal Delivered

Saturday, August 14

Sunday, August 15 – New Members

9:30 AM Special Session Meeting (Parish Hall)

10:00 AM Worship Service

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

11:15 AM Elizabeth Circle Members Tag Backpacks

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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

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Nursery Worker

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Parish Nurse

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Hospitality Coordinator

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