



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNION SUNDAY
2021 BAY WEEKEND
14 November 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Aria Herbert Howells

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

***Call to Worship** Psalm 16

Leader: Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

People: **Because we keep the Lord ever before us,
we shall not be moved.**

Leader: Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad!
Let your spirits rejoice and bodies rest secure.

People: **For God does not give us up to death,
but shows us the way to life.**

Leader: Thanks be to God who alone is Holy. Amen.

***Hymn 1** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty *Nicaea*

***Prayer of Confession** Loving God, who is Holy, faithful, and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are too quick to judge others, and often cut ourselves off from the creative and imaginable ways in which your Spirit moves. Our arrogance leads us away from you. Forgive us, Merciful God and hear 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

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

*Children in grades Pre-K to 3 go to Sunday School class.
Children in grades 4-5 remain in worship for communion.*

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:4-8

Pew Bible, NT page 197

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

Meditation

On Boredom

Dr. Chad Schrock

Anthem

I Never Saw a Moor

Victor C. Johnson

I never saw a moor, I never saw the sea:
Yet know I how the heather looks, and what a wave must be.
I never spoke with God; Nor visited in heaven:
Yet certain am I of the spot as if the chart were given.

Text: Emily Dickinson

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Presentation
and Dedication of our Gifts**

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

Offertory

Voluntary in D

William Boyce

***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, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and
with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever
sing to the glory of your name:



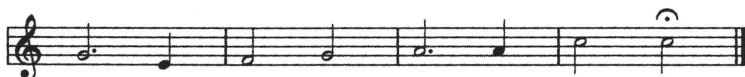
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.



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.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the plate.

***Prayer after Communion**

Holy and loving God, you provide for us out of the abundance of your love in this sacred meal. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation and who is present with us at this table. Grant us strength and resilience as we raise our song of thanksgiving. Amen.

***Hymn 367**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

March for St. Cecilia's Day

George Frederick Handel

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Elder Judy A. Ridinger 10/03/1942– 11/06/2021
United with Westminster 12/03/1972

SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Guest Preacher:** Dr. Chad Schrock
- **Sunday Liturgists:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Judy and Harvey Stephens
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Jim Kontio (Lead), Norma Adams-Johnson, Aaron Berkowitz, Becky Huston, Todd Knox, Lynn McMenamin, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Ray, John Stafford, Krista Steller, Pete VanGieson, Bill Ward
- **Communion Prep:** Mary Ray, Bill Deemer, Carol Bloemer, Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Krista Steller
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Sara Eldridge, Bud Green, Rachael Hickman, Gregg Humphrey, Richard Leary, Mary Peura, Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady and Marilyn Rigney
- **Music:** Lyle VanDeventer, bass, the Westminster Choir, and 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: Noah. *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Karen Sherrick*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children in Pre-K – Grade 5 begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
 - **Pre-Kind - Grade 2 Young Children and Worship** (Third Floor Chapel) Eradicating Poverty: Maddi's Fridge, Matthew 25:31-46 Teachers: Tamika Hill (lead), Jake Hill
 - **Grades 3-5** will stay in the worship service for communion.
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** Junior High Confirmation will join the adults in Parish Hall for the Bay Weekend speaker Dr. Chad Schrock
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Bay Weekend Presentation: **Knowing God in Paradise: C.S. Lewis' Perelandra** (Parish Hall)
Description: There's a cliché that bad characters are more interesting than good characters, pain and conflict more interesting than happiness, and the roster of fantastic literature and film bears that out these days: stories from Game of Thrones to the Hunger Games strongly feature dystopia and grim violence. Yet in the second novel of his space trilogy, C. S. Lewis uses a Christian imagination to conceive of a perfect (and also interesting) world, the planet Venus. His protagonist, a Christian from Earth named Elwin Ransom, meets God on Venus. How might we learn to relate to God from Ransom's strange encounters with the Golden Voice in the Garden?
- **All-Church Lunch 12:30 p.m. in Parish Hall** - We will share a community meal together.
- **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Senior High Dinner and Youth Group Fellowship (Parish Hall, Youth Room) Theme: Learning to De-Stress given by a guest speaker *Dinner: Domino's Pizza Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are is 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, speak to Rev. Choi or Dr. Kieffer.

HELPING HANDS MEAL on Friday, November 12 was prepared by Ann Collins and Sue Sawers.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH – Beef-a-roni & other canned pasta meals, rice (instant, bagged, or mixes) and Jiffy cornbread or muffin mixes, and 100% juice or water canned fruit.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR – Children in grades K-2 gather on Tuesdays at 4:45 in the choir room.

CHORISTERS CHOIR (Grades 3-5) will meet Wednesday, November 17 beginning at 4:00 p.m. to prepare for the Advent Hanging of the Greens musical presentation. No Bridges this week.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets on **Tuesday, November 16 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Third Floor classroom. The lesson is on “Rahab.” Call Nancy Canady (217-899-9890) for details.

DR. KIEFFER’S BIBLE STUDY meets Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for a discussion of The Ten Commandments by Joan Chittister. This week’s study is Chapter Nine.

APNC (ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE) will meet **Thursday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom to begin their journey of selecting a candidate to present to the congregation.

SPRINGFIELD WARMING CENTER MEAL Friday, November 19 The Hunger Action Team will prepare the meal on Friday, November 19 for up to 60 homeless persons finding respite at the Springfield Warming Center.

DMA (DON’T MENTION AGE) meets Friday, November 19 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner (Provided by WPC) & 7:00 p.m. Program DMA welcomes a musical program “Sing All About Love” by Diane Dietz and Friends. Please RSVP via the weekly email link, our website, or by calling the church office.

ILLINOIS SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS present a Benefit Concert “Banks of Thanks” on **Saturday, November 20 at 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** in Parish Hall. All proceeds will be donated to the Central Illinois Food Bank. Admission: 3 canned food items per person.

ST. ANDREW’S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21
SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.
WITH PIPES AND DRUMS



Westminster will continue the rich tradition of celebrating St. Andrew’s Sunday on November 21 with a flourish of bagpipes and drums presenting traditional Scottish music. *The Little Entry* is the opening procession of the service. Along with the pipers, drummers and the pastors, youth will enter with the Bible to underscore the importance of the Word of God in Reformed liturgy, and the cross to highlight its centrality in our faith.

Westminster’s Choir will sing A Scottish Blessing by David Blackwell. This year we welcome our Financial Administrator, Lisa Runkle, and Augusta Leigh Harris-Patel who will dance the Village Maid/Highland Laddie. Special thanks to Steve Scaife for coordinating the pipers and drummers for this celebration of our Scottish heritage.

ST. JOHN'S BREADLESS BREADLINE FUNDRAISER will be **Sunday, November 21**. For decades, each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, churches in Springfield have sold bread donated by a local grocery store to raise money for St. John's Breadline, which serves hot food 365 days a year to those who need it. This year, we will once again host the "Breadless Breadline Sunday."

FAIR TRADE SALE will be **Sunday, November 21** following worship in the West Narthex.

ADOPT A FAMILY GIVING TREE goes up **November 21**. Westminster will again sponsor families through Contact Ministries. Beginning Monday, November 15, please sign up for gifts on our website and return gifts to the church unwrapped. Please put a tag with the family and gift number on returned gifts and place under the tree.

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

During worship on Sunday, November 21, Mervice Alah Abung will be presented \$1,000 to subsidize her tuition from Westminster's Scholarship Fund. Mervice joined WPC in October 2019 by Certificate of Transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Bonaberi, Doualla, Cameroon. Mervice was born in Douaoua Cameroon, the second of eleven children. She attended a boarding school for her secondary education and continued at the University of Dschang where she graduated with a master's degree in accounting and finance. Mervice and her husband Donatus Afeseh were chosen by the United States Diversity Visa Program which permitted them to move to the USA with green cards. They moved to Springfield in the summer of 2019 to join her brother Edison Zohfonyi. They welcomed their daughter Myra Afeseh February 19, 2020. Mervice is currently enrolled in the University of Illinois at Springfield Master's degree program in accounting with a goal to become a CPA.

ADULT ED FORUM - NOVEMBER 21, 28, AND DECEMBER 5

11:15 a.m. – 12 noon in the Second Floor Classroom

These three sessions will summarize the four 20th century creeds in the PC(USA) Book of Confessions: Theological Declaration of Barmen, Confession of 1967, Confession of Belhar and Brief Statement of Faith. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Professor of History at Lincoln Land Community College.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS - On **Monday, November 22**, members will decorate Westminster in anticipation of the first Sunday in Advent on November 28. We begin at 10:00 a.m. If you are able to help, call Dale Rogers at 217-522-4415.

DEDICATION OF NEWLY RENOVATED LIBRARY AND WORSHIP SPACE - On **Sunday, November 28**, we begin Advent with the dedication of the worship space in the newly renovated Zeigler Library, named for the Rev. Dr. Edward Zeigler who served Westminster from 1944 – 1969. A litany of Dedication will be included in the service. Following worship, members are welcome to visit the library.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE HOSTS A CHRISTMAS GATHERING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 FROM 1:00 - 3:00 PM. - All women of Westminster are invited to the Village Tea Room (3301 Robbins Rd) to enjoy tea and a musical program by the St. Andrew Sisters. The cost is **\$12**. To ensure there are enough participants (30 minimum), preregistration is required. Guests are welcome! Please R.S.V.P. to Jennie Alt in the church office.

WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, November 15

3:30 PM IL Symphony Meeting (3rd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, November 16

9:30 AM Lydia Circle (3rd Floor Classroom)
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM COMPASS
4:30 PM I.T. Committee (Conference Room)
4:45 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
5:30 PM Family Ministry (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters Rehearsal (Offsite)

Wednesday, November 17

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
11:00 AM WCP Friendship Feast (Parish Hall)
4:00 PM Choristers (Music Room)
5:30 PM Session (Parish Hall)

Thursday, November 18

11:00 AM WCP Friendship Feast (Parish Hall)
2:30 PM WCP Friendship Feast (Parish Hall)
6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM APNC meets (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Parish Hall)

Friday, November 19

10:00 AM ICASA Meeting (Parish Hall)
6:30 PM DMA Meal (Parish Hall)
7:15 PM DMA Program (Parish Hall)

Saturday, November 20

11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM IL Symphony Youth Concert (Parish Hall)

Sunday, November 21 – St. Andrew's Sunday/ Fair Trade

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5
11:00 AM Fair Trade (West Narthex)
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)
11:15 AM Confirmation (3rd Floor Classroom)
5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Parish Hall)

WESTMINSTER STAFF

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

The Reverend Christian K. Choi
Associate Pastor for Parish Life

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

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