



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COMMUNION SUNDAY  
Second Sunday of Christmas  
02 January 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
People: **We come ready to be embraced by God's love and grace.**  
Leader: Praise God, O People of Zion;  
sing aloud with gladness and raise shouts to the Lord,  
People: **for the Lord will rise upon us,  
and God's glory will appear to us.**  
Leader: Come, let us glorify and worship our Savior God.

**\*Hymn 151** We Three Kings of Orient Are *Kings of Orient*

**\*Prayer of Confession** Merciful God, you call us your own and empower us to share your light to the world, yet we confess we have neglected the poor and the lonely; forgive us for misrepresenting your love of our Messiah because of selfishness and disregard for others. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth. 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

**Children's Sermon**

**Congregational Response**

I want to walk as a child of the light,  
I want to follow Jesus.  
**God set the stars to give light to the world,  
The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Children in grades Pre-K to 2 go to Sunday School class.  
Children in grades 3-5 remain in worship for communion.*

**First Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-14

Pew Bible, NT page 191

**Second Scripture Reading**

John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16-18

Pew Bible, NT page 91

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

**Meditation**

**God's Time Capsule**

Rev. Christian K. Choi

*Texts: The Word chose us in Christ before the foundation of  
the world to be holy and blameless before Christ in love...*

*Eph 1 :4*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. The Word was in the beginning with  
God.*

*John 1 :1-2*

**Solo**

**Love Came Down at Christmas**

*Dale Rogers*

**\*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 worshippers are invited to sign and pass  
the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.*

**Offertory**

Lallubye

Michael Joncas

**\*Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

**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

## Communion Music

See, Amid The Winter's Snow

Noel Rawsthorne

## 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** Lord Jesus Christ, your goodness to us is beyond the reaches of our imagination, a fullness of love that embraces all of life. From you we have received grace upon grace. Accept our lives as a living offering. All that we have is yours, and all we return to you is but a reflection of your love for us. Amen.

**\*Hymn 150** As With Gladness Men of Old *DIX*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Voluntary** Postludio Pastorale L. Bottazzo

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

### SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Greeter:** Harold Hale
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Jim Kontio (Lead), Norma Adams-Johnson, Aaron Berkowitz, Becky Huston, Jim Kincaid, Todd Knox, Lynn McMenamin, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Ray, John Stafford, Krista Steller, Bill Ward
- **Communion Prep:** Mary Ray, Bill Deemer, Carol Bloemer, Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Krista Steller
- **Ushers:** Bruce Strom (lead), Jessica Borland, Erin Ekstedt, Tara Fritsch, Bob Leffler, Mary Peura. Mike Sundquist, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady and Alan Schuermann
- **Music:** Eleanor VanDeventer, Soprano, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Jamie Greenwald, organist

### EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (**Nursery**) gather for play and Bible Story. This week: Jesus & the Wise Men *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 2** begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
  - **Pre-Kind - Grade 2** (Third Floor Chapel) Visitor's From the East Teachers: Sophia Choi (lead), Karen Sherrick
  - **Grades 3-5** will stay in the worship service for communion.
- **No Junior High Confirmation, Senior High Youth Group, or Adult Education Forum today.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME VISITORS!** Information about who we are is on our website at [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 Westminster, speak to Rev. Choi or Dr. Kieffer and plan to attend the New Member Class on Sundays, January 9 and 23.



**2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN GOAL HAS BEEN EXCEEDED!** - As of Thursday, December 31 We have received 233 pledges for a total of \$800,397 exceeding our \$797,000 goal by \$3,397. Thank you to all who made a pledge and to the committee led by Pete VanGieson. Pledges are still accepted.

**KRISTA STELLER EXPANDS HER ROLE** on Westminster's staff beginning January 1, 2022. Krista's new title is Communications Coordinator, and she will work 10 hours a week on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Her desk will be located in the area outside the Pastors' Studies.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS TAKE DOWN** will be Wednesday, January 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Many thanks to those who assisted in decorating the church. We have enjoyed these adornments through the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Come help store things away for another year.

**CHURCH OFFICER RETREAT** will be held this Saturday, January 8, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, Elders and Deacons will gather for the Annual Church Officer Retreat. The APNC Committee will present the updated Ministry Information Form and Leadership Competencies to the Church Officers.

### NEW OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

On Sunday, January 9, our newly elected Church Officers will be ordained and installed during the 10:00 a.m. service of worship. The following persons were elected at the Congregational Meeting on October 9, 2021. Their bios can soon be found on the church website ([www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org)) under Church Leadership.



### Session Class of 2024

Jay Kennerly, Tim Kluge, Dave Leonatti, Michael Morthland, Christy Pound, Karen Sherrick, Eleanor VanDeventer, Sarah Zervas Youth **Elders** – Emily Brower and Bryce Pound **Elder Class of 2022**: Dr. Peter Kieffer who is serving in the position held by the late Judy Ridinger.

### Board of Deacons Class of 2024

Mervice Alah Abung, George Botanga, Sophia Choi, Melanie Green, Camille Massey, Jim Parker, James Rigney, Susan Shaw **Youth Deacons** – Braden Barton and Mia Marcy

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** Friends and visitors are invited on **Sundays, January 9 and 23, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon** 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 January 30 following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**ADULT ED FORUM** Introduces “Difficult Words of Jesus” **Sundays, January 9 and 23** - This six-session study features Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's reflections on the difficult teachings of Jesus. Lyle VanDeventer will lead the discussion. Join us 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon in the Second Floor Classroom.

**DR. KIEFFER'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** resumes Thursday, January 13, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. to begin exploring the parables of Christ in Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book and DVD Series entitled Short Stories by Jesus. Books are available in the church office for \$15.

**ADULT ED HOSTS Abigail Eldridge & No Malice Films MLK Sunday, January 16** Students in Illinois were challenged to explore the topic of racial healing using the medium of film to harness their creativity and passion to produce short films that help promote fairness, heal wounds in their communities, and lead to positive social changes for the benefit of all through the "No Malice Film Contest." Our own Abigail Eldridge won third place for the 11-14 age group with "We the People." The film details the lives of various civil rights heroes. In voice-over, Eldridge reads Amanda Gorman's poem, "The Hill We Climb." Join us Sunday, January 16 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for a special presentation of Abigail Eldridge's film "We the People."



**THE ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST MONDAY, JANUARY 17**

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Breakfast will be held in person, with a mask and social distancing in place, on Monday, January 18, 8:30 a.m. at the Wyndham Hotel. This year's speaker is Dr. Charles Person who was the youngest of the original thirteen Freedom Riders sponsored by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

Westminster continues our support as a Platinum Sponsor, donating \$1,500 from the Endowment Scholarship Fund. It is symbolic and meaningful for us to have a presence at this community celebration especially considering our rich

history as advocates for racial justice and equality. If you would like to join the pastors and attend, please contact Jennie Alt at [jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org). *Westminster is this year's recipient of the Community Service Award.*

**APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP Begins Tuesday, January 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Ziegler Library.** The Adult Education Committee is introducing a new book group called "Apostles Read" which will gather on the **Fourth Tuesday of the month** in our newly renovated Ziegler Library beginning in January. The group will be led by Aaron Berkowitz. Participants may sign up on the church website and are responsible for purchasing their own books. Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers by Michael Long is the book selected for the first discussion.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**8:30 – 9:45 A.M. EGG-TASTIC BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER**

Members are invited to an incredible breakfast served by youth attending the 2022 Youth Mission Trip. Come support the Mission and be well-nourished for the work of the church at the Annual Meeting following worship!

**10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

**11:00 – 11:30 A.M. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

**2021 ANNUAL REPORTS** from the Session and Deacon Committee chairs are **due Thursday, January 13, 2022 by noon.** Please submit your reports to Jennie Alt [jalt@wpcpi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcpi.org). They will be included in the 2021 Annual Report.

## WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, January 03

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 04

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 12:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 Luncheon (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters Rehearsal (Offsite)

### Wednesday, January 05

- 9:30 AM Take Down Christmas Decorations
- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Library)
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 5:30 PM Adult Ed Committee (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 PM Ruth & Naomi (Off-site)

### Thursday, January 06

- 5:00 PM APNC Meeting (Pastor's Study)

### Friday, January 07

### Saturday, January 08

- 9:00 AM Church Officer Retreat (Parish Hall)
- 11:00 AM Church Mice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 2:00 PM Visitation for Jon Hockenyo (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 PM Memorial Service for Jon Hockenyo (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 PM Memorial Reception (Parish Hall)

### Sunday, January 09— Church Officer Installation

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5
- 11:00 AM Fair Trade (West Narthex)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)
- 11:15 AM New Member Class (Pastor's Office)
- 5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Parish Hall)

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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 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*

**Leigh Milward**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**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**  
*Communications Coordinator*

**Gary Warnick**  
*Building and Property Manager*

**Terry Gietl, Bill Hibbert,  
Eddie Hubbard, Steve Stapleton**  
*Part-time Custodians*