



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
30 January 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

**Ministry Moment**

Audition Announcement

Kelly Robertson

**Voluntary**

We Praise Thee, O God

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

**\*Ringing of the Bell**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 71:1-5

Leader:

Our hope is in God all of our lives.

People:

**God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat.**

Leader:

God has held us since our birth.

People:

**In love, God saves and supports us.**

Leader:

Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

**\*Hymn 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

*The Summons*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, forgive us if we have been careless, insensitive, or selfish. Pardon us if we have been short-tempered and irritable. Forgive us if we have been judgmental and critical. Forgive us if our negativism has brought down others with us. Pardon these sins against love, and by your grace enable us to better. 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 *Houston*

**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-5 go to Sunday School class following the Congregational Response.*

**First Scripture Reading** Jeremiah 1:4-10 Pew Bible, OT page 698

**Second Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Pew Bible, NT page 175

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

**Sermon** If I Speak in Tongues Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*

*1 Corinthians 13:1*

## **Anthem**

### **Love Never Fails**

J.A.C. Redford

Love is patient, love is kind, love leaves envy far behind.  
Never boastful, proud or rude, love rejoices with the truth.  
Slow to anger, stores no wrongs, love will never seek its own.  
Love does not delight in sin, it bears all things,  
believes all things, love hopes all things, endures all things;  
Love never fails, love never fails.

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

Romans 12:9-17

**<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, associate with the humble; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. Amen.**

## **The Church at Prayer**

**Choir:**

Surely the presence of our God is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.

**Pastor:**

The Lord be with you.

**People:**

**And with your spirit.**

**Pastor:**

Let us pray.

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

## **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      Toccata      Robert Jones

\*Offertory Response      Doxology      Hymnal, 606

**\*Ordination and  
Installation of Officers**

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts,  
**People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,  
**People: but it is the same Lord who is served.**  
Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,  
**People: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.**  
Pastor: To each is given a gift by the Spirit,  
**People: to be used for the common good.**  
Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ,  
**People: and individually members of it.**

**The Presentation  
of Elected Church Officers**

**Constitutional Questions**      *The pastors shall ask the constitutional questions to  
the elders and deacons.*

**\*Questions to the Congregation**

Pastor: Do you, as members of the church, accept these  
individuals as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God  
through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in  
the way of Jesus Christ?  
**People: We do.**  
Pastor: Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their  
decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving  
Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?  
**People: We do.**

**\*Laying on of Hands**      *The candidates for ordination kneel. Ordained elders are  
invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.*

## \*Ordination Prayer

### \*Declaration of Ordination and Installation

**\*Hymn 693**      Though I May Speak      *The Gift of Love*

### \*Charge and Benediction

**\*Voluntary**      We Praise Thee, O God      Dietrich Buxtehude

(\* ) The congregation is invited to stand.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Sabrina Holmes **Safety Team:** Rich Canady
- **Ushers:** Nathaniel Brower (lead), Jessica Borland, Erin Ekstedt, Tara Fritsch, Bob Leffler, Mary Peura. Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Michael Morthland, bassoon, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist,

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:00 a.m. Congregational Care Meeting (Library)**
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2- & 3-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week: Joseph and His Brothers. *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor, and Dee Dee Duffy*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children Pre-K – Grade 5** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. (Third Floor Chapel) Story: The Thankful Man *Teachers: Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Confirmation** (Third Floor Classroom) BGBQ session 7: What Does it mean to show Christ's love? and Echo Session 8: Commands. *Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Jim Kincaid*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon Adult Education Forum presents Difficult Words of Jesus** (Second Floor Classroom) This six-session study features Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's reflections on the difficult teachings of Jesus. Today we explore Jesus' saying "Slave of All" –*Led by Lyle VanDeventer*

## 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 Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi. The New Members Class is rescheduled for Sunday, February 13.

**TODAY WE ORDAIN AND INSTALL** those unable to be present on January 9: Deacon Sophia Choi, Elders Dr. Peter Kieffer, Michael Morthland, and Sarah Zerfas.

**HUNGER ACTION TEAM** prepared the monthly meal for the Springfield Warming Center on **Thursday, January 27**. Thank you to Jim Dolan, Pat Hymans, Marilyn Rigney, Sue Scaife, Krista Steller, Jeanne VanGieson for preparing and delivering 75 bagged meals.

**SESSION APPROVED POSTPONING THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY TO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20** upon the recommendation of the COVID-19 Task Force to allow local cases to subside. The Egg-tastic Youth Fundraiser will also be February 20.

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** is rescheduled from Wednesday, February 2 to **Wednesday, February 23** at the home of Dr. Diane Rutledge (3925 Surrey Pl, 62711). We will discuss Lesson Five Ruth 3-4. Please rsvp to Diane at (217) 725-3016. This date is postponed for three weeks, and we will not meet Wednesday, March 2 because of Ash Wednesday.

**DR. KIEFFER'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY** meets Thursday from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. to study the parables of Christ in Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book and DVD Series entitled Short Stories by Jesus.

**PW LUNCHEON** will not meet in February.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** is **Sunday, February 6!** Support those in need by placing your donation in the large soup pots held by our youth following worship. This is a program organized by the youth of the PC (USA). All donations will serve the hungry of Springfield.



**2022 YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP INFORMATION MEETING** will be next **Sunday, February 6 at 11:15 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Those youth interested in participating in this year's summer mission trip (scheduled for July 10-16) need to attend!!

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** resumes **Tuesday, February 8 at 4:45 p.m.**

**2022 APCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE** "the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) Annual Event, "Circle of Faith: 50 years + one and Beyond," will be held **February 9-12** in Chicago, IL. Rev. Choi and Karen Sherrick will both represent Westminster at this event. Karen's time will begin on February 7 with an intensive course as a part of her Certification in Christian Education.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** is **Thursday, February 10 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Sangamon County Clerk Don Gray will be the speaker. RSVP with the weekly email link, our website, or by calling the church office.

**STATE MANDATORY REPORTING CERTIFICATION MEETING** will be **Sunday, February 13 at 9:00 a.m.** If you are a Ministry Partner with the Children's Ministry or Youth, please join us in Parish Hall to fulfill the annual mandated requirements for our Safe Child Policy.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** meets **Monday, February 14 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The lesson chapter six "Bathsheba." Contact Sue Baker at 217-670-2052.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** meets **Tuesday, February 15 at 9:30 a.m.** in Third Floor Classroom. The lesson is chapter six "Bathsheba." For more information, contact Nancy Canady at 217-899-9890.

**COMPASS FOR KIDS** tentatively resumes **Tuesday, February 15** at 3:30 p.m. with in-person gatherings at Westminster. This weekly tutoring after-school program also offers a life skills class. A snack will replace the weekly dinner this year.

**BRIDGES AND CHORISTERS** resumes **Wednesday, February 16 from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.**

**CHURCH MICE** resumes **Saturday, February 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon.**

**RIISING UP OF THE SPRINGDALE LADIES AID SOCIETY** The Women's Suffrage Play written by Carole Kennerly and directed by Kelly Robertson will be presented **MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND** with a Friday and Saturday evening performance for the community at 8:00 p.m. and a 12 noon Sunday performance in Parish Hall. There will be a Tea Reception following worship in the West Terrace on Mother's Day.



**AUDITIONS ARE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12** from 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. If you are interested in participating in the audition, please contact Kelly Robertson at 217-741-3605. Rehearsals will take place in March and April. *All proceeds will support the 2022 Youth Mission Trip. whose theme will be the Women's Suffrage as they journey to Seneca Falls.*

**LENTEN COURSE: MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION, AND RESILIENCY** on **Mondays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** Dr. Virginia Dolan will lead a course during the Season of Lent as we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. This class is the evidence-based program from Benson Henry Institute at Mass General in partnership with Harvard Medical School. The cost of the book will be subsidized by Westminster and will be \$30. **If you are interested in participating, please contact Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter at [ranell@comcast.net](mailto:ranell@comcast.net) by February 20.**

### **WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL**

**CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022**

**WE ARE CALLING ALL WCP ALUMNI TO JOIN US ON FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 22** as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool, recognize the vision of those who created our preschool, and honor the teachers and parents who have served through the years. If you have a son or daughter who attended WCP, please email Jennie Alt ([jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org)) who is putting a list together for our celebration. **We welcome photos and can scan them!**

### **THIRD ANNUAL STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK – JUNE 27 – JULY 1, 2022**



Please mark your summer calendar and consider joining us for one or more days of the final week of June as we spread goodwill in the neighborhood! Last year over fifty members gathered each morning for a devotion before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects include power washing, painting, landscape improvements, repairing front porches, and installing fences.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, January 31

### Tuesday, February 1

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

### Wednesday, February 2

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel  
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)  
12:30 PM Reporter (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
5:30 PM Mission & Community Service  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Thursday, February 3

- 6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study  
7:30 PM Westminster Choir

### Friday, February 4

### Saturday, February 5

### Sunday, February 6

#### **Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday**

- 10:00 AM Worship Service  
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-5 go to Chapel)  
11:05 AM Parish Nurse (Church Office)  
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
11:15 AM Confirmation Class (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
11:15 AM Youth Mission Informational Meeting  
(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*

**Caroline Haynor**  
*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**  
*Communications Coordinator*

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

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