



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNION SUNDAY
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
13 February 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Church Sonata in D Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

***Call to Worship** Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread.

People: **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

People: **Their leaves do not wither and in all they do, they prosper.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and be rooted in the God for whom glorious things are spoken. Amen.

***Hymn 81** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken *Austrian Hymn*

***Prayer of Confession** Blessed God, you are our peace and consolation. We seek your strength and sustenance in our poverty and in our wealth, in our hunger and in our fullness, in our weeping and in our laughter. We confess that trusting you fully is difficult. Too often we put our trust in ourselves or others. Forgive us. Plant in our hearts the seeds of faith and nourish us with your living water. Hear now also 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 Jeremiah 17:5-10 Pew Bible, OT page 719

Second Scripture Reading Luke 6:17-26 Pew Bible, NT page 64

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

Meditation Arborvitae: The Tree of Life Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. Jeremiah 17:7-8

Anthem Gloria in Excelsis Franz Joseph Haydn

Glory be to God on high and on earth, peace. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.

***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

Folk Tune

Andrew Fletcher

***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

Humbly I Adore Thee

Plainsong Chant

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, we go forth from your table grateful for the spiritual nourishment we have received which strengthens our lives. May we rejoice and be glad, may we stand tall, may we live with generosity and resilience because our roots are firmly grounded in you. Amen.

***Hymn 172**

Blest Are They

Blest Are They

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Paeon

Michael Higgins

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.



An image of a frozen lake and the reflection of willow branches above the water's icy surface has claimed the top prize in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award 2021. The photograph was taken by Italian photographer Cristiano Vendramin,

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Christy, Karl, and Bryce Pound
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Mary Ray (Lead), Emily Brower, Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Adam Ekstedt, Mal Hildebrand, Robyn Hovey, Jay Kennerly, Peter Kieffer, Tim Kluge, Christy Pound, Carolyn Swanson, and Sarah Zervas
- **Communion Prep:** Mary Ray, Bill Deemer, Carol Bloemer, Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Krista Steller
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head), Rich Canady, Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Camille Massey, Jim Rigney, Marilyn Rigney and Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** Julie James
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:00 a.m. - Mandatory Reporter Certification Meeting (Parish Hall)**
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week: “Baby Moses” *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. (Third Floor Chapel) “The Rich Man” *Teachers: Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Confirmation** (Third Floor Classroom) BGBQ: Session 8: Will You Devote Yourself to the Church’s Teaching? *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 “Outer Darkness – *Led by Lyle VanDeventer*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are can be found 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 Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi.

MANDATORY REPORTER CERTIFICATION MEETING on 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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THANK YOU! Westminster Youth raised \$1,100 last Sunday thanks to your generosity. The donations will be distributed to local food pantries.



ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, February 14** at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. We will discuss lesson six “Bathsheba.” Contact Sue Baker at 217-670-2052.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, February 15** at 9:30 a.m. in Third Floor Classroom. We will discuss lesson six “Bathsheba.” For more information, contact Nancy Canady at 217-899-9890.

BRIDGES AND CHORISTERS begins again on **Wednesday, February 16** from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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 DVD Series entitled Short Stories by Jesus.

CHURCH MICE begins again on **Saturday, February 19** from **11:00-11:45 a.m.**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**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

COMPASS FOR KIDS begins again on **Tuesday, February 22** at **3:00 p.m.**

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets **Fourth Tuesday, February 22, 6:00-7:00 p.m.** in the **Ziegler Library**. The book selected for February is *In Lincoln's Shadow: The 1908 Race Riot in Springfield, IL* by Roberta Seneschal de la Roche.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.** hosted by Dr. Diane Rutledge (3935 Surry Place Lane, 62711). The lesson is chapter five "Ruth 3-4." Please text Diane directly to R.S.V.P. at 217-725-3016. *We will not meet March 2 because of Ash Wednesday!*

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

THEME: LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT

5:45 P.M. CHICKEN ALFREDO AND CAESAR SALAD DINNER IN PARISH HALL

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

This year a simple **ceramic dish with an engraved cross** will be distributed to worshipers as a reminder that God is often at work through the ordinary as we journey through *Lent*.

Please sign up with Jennie Alt to receive the **Lenten Devotional Daily Email**. **Westminster** will cover the copyright cost for each email sent.

LENTEN COURSE: MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION AND RESILIENCY will be presented **Mondays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** by Dr. Virginia Dolan. The cost of the book which will be a part of the course has been subsidized by Westminster and will be \$30. If you are interested in participating, please contact Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter at ranell@comcast.net.

WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, February 14

1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, February 15

9:30 AM Lydia Circle (3rd Floor Classroom)
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
11:45 AM Staff Lunch (Offsite)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:45 PM I.T. Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:45 PM Children's Choir (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Family Ministry Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters Rehearsal (Offsite)

Wednesday, February 16

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Library)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
4:00 PM Bridges (Youth Room)
4:45 PM Choristers (Music Room)
5:30 PM Session (Parish Hall)

Thursday, February 17

6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
7:30 PM Choir (Parish Hall)

Friday, February 18

Saturday, February 19

11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, February 20

8:30 AM Egg-tastic Breakfast Fundraiser (Parish Hall)
10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
533 S. Walnut St.
Springfield, Illinois 62704
Phone (217) 522-4415 Fax (217) 522-4465
<http://www.wpcspi.org>

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