

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Transfiguration of the Lord
27 February 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary The Transfiguration Paul Benoit

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: At the heights of our worship,
People: **may God's presence shine through the common place.**
Leader: At the depths of our struggle,
People: **may God's presence give us courage and peace.**
Leader: Shining in the face of Christ,
People: **may God's presence illumine all our days,**
Leader: Let us worship God.

***Hymn 190** Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory *Geneva*

***Prayer of Confession** Holy Spirit, sacred breath of God, may the clouds that cover our insight blow away so that we can see again as if for the first time. Sometimes we are afraid of change, we are afraid of the hills you ask us to climb, we are afraid of things we do not understand. Forgive us and strengthen our lives with your radiant and reassuring presence. 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

Exodus 34:29-35

Pew Bible, OT page 81

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Pew Bible, NT page 69-70

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

Sermon

The Hills We Climb

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: "Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves." Matthew 17:1

Anthem

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

The text for the anthem is 630 in the Hymnal

*Affirmation of Faith

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have obtained access
to this grace in which we stand;
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance,
and endurance produces character,
and character produces hope,
and hope does not disappoint us,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Amen.

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of our God is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's 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 of our Gifts

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

Offertory

O Salutaris Hostia

Charles Gounoud

O Savior, Lamb of God, the gates of heaven open for us.
Give strength to us, give us thine aid.
To you, one God in three, eternal laud, glory, and praise.

*Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** God of mountaintops and valleys,
whether our vision of you is clouded or clear,
we faithfully add our gifts
to those being given all around us.
Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured
into your presence in the world. Amen.

*** Hymn 192** Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Improvisation No. 7 Camille Saint-Saëns

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.



The Transfiguration Window above Westminster's Chancel features the transfigured Christ in the center, Moses on the left and Elijah on the right representing the Law and the Prophets. Beneath the main subjects are smaller panels of the three disciples John, Peter and James.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Greeters:** Mary Ray and Sarah Zerfas
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head), Camille Massey, Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Jim Rigney, Marilyn Rigney, Susan Shaw, and Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady and Mary Ray
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Adam Miller, tenor, Dale Rogers, organist

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Congregational Care (Pastor’s Study)**
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week: “Abraham and Sarah” *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- **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. (Third Floor Chapel) “The Transformation of Our Lord” *Teachers: Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Confirmation** (Third Floor Classroom) Echo the Story: Session 10: Promise Land *Ministry Partners: Jim Kincaid*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**
 - **Adult Education Forum (Second Floor Classroom)** presents *Difficult Words of Jesus: “Your Father the Devil”* – Led by Lyle VanDeventer
 - **New Member Class (Pastor’s Study)** led by Dr. Kieffer.
- **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group** (Parish Hall) gather for fellowship and discussion of Mission Trip and Fundraisers. We will start preparing by discussing what it means to go on mission trips and how it affects our lives. Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray

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.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH MISSION TRIP - Youth raised \$2,565 by serving members a delicious brunch preceding the worship service and Annual Meeting on February 20.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BAGS have been mailed to each family. They contain scripture verses for daily reflection. A One Great Hour of Sharing calendar with guidelines for the fish boxes was also included in the mailing.



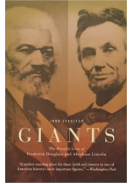
KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP gathers every **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. On the first Tuesday of the month, bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship from 12:00 – 1:00p.m. in the same location.

COMPASS FOR KIDS meets this **Tuesday, March 1 at 3:00 p.m.** We are grateful for the 2021-2022 ministry partners who work with Compass: *Cathy Allen, Emily and Cathy Brower, Rance Carpenter, Kris Gates, Carole Kennerly, Mia Marcy, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Bryce Pound, Lynn McMenamin, and Matthew Scott.*

DR. KIEFFER'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY will not meet this week. All are invited to the Ash Wednesday Service.

PW LUNCHEON will be **Friday, March 4 at 12 noon.** The program will be presented by the Westminster Archivists, Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer. Sharon Turner will be the kitchen chair and Sharon Zook is the chair of the day.

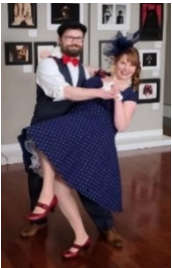
ADULT ED FORUM PRESENTS GIANTS on **Sundays, March 6, 13, 20** This three-session course will behold the lives of the three nineteenth century giants Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Elijah Lovejoy, who led abolitionists in our congregation and across the land towards emancipation. Dr. Peter Kieffer will lead the class and is grateful to Archivists Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer for their extensive research.



ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The lesson is on “Mary 1 and 2.” Contact Sue Baker at 217-670-2052.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m.** in Third Floor Classroom. The lesson is on “Mary 1 and 2.” For more information, contact Nancy Canady at 217-899-9890.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST is **Thursday, March 10 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Todd Wise, Chair of the Support and Endowment Committee will give a presentation on the Westminster Support and Endowment Plan. Richard Leary will provide breakfast. RSVP with the weekly email link, our website, or by calling the church office.



DANCING WITH THE STARZ FUNDRAISER is **Saturday, March 12** at 7:00 p.m. To keep everyone safe, the 15th Annual Dancing with the Starz, Color Compositions, will be taking place virtually on **Saturday, March 12.** This year, **Drs. Jonathan and Katie Carlson-Eastvold** will represent WPC, sponsored by James J. Greenwald, D.D.S., Becky and Rich Owens, and Marty Sumner. A week-long silent auction filled with original art, fun experiences, gift cards, and more will also take place. Members are invited to watch and take part in the silent auction. You can vote for Katie and Jonathan and support the Springfield Art Association at: <https://www.springfieldart.org/dwts.html>

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet **Friday, March 17 at 6:30 p.m.** for their monthly meeting. Following a meal provided by the church, Dr. Diane Rutledge will speak about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five. Please RSVP via the weekly email link, our website, or by calling the church office.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS TAKEN APRIL 28-30, MAY 17-18, AND MAY 24-25, 2022- Westminster's last Pictorial Directory was published in 2018. This year's directory will be published by Unique Church Solutions of Universal Church Directories. Mark your calendar, gather your family members and don't miss this opportunity for a family portrait! Thank you to the Board of Deacons for coordinating this important endeavor.

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

THEME: LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT

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

A free-will offering will be received.

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Child-friendly meditation presented by Rev. Christian Choi,

Bridges children will serve as liturgists.

St. Andrew's Sisters provide special music.

Communion will be served to worshipers in their pews.

Ashes will be imposed as worshipers exit the sanctuary.

Childcare provided during worship for children Birth – Age 5.

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 in our journey through *Lent*.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIA CONSTANT CONTACT AVAILABLE THROUGH LENT

Members and friends who sign up with Jennie Alt will receive a daily devotional via constant contact as we journey through Lent together. The devotional "Lent in Plain Sight," was written by Presbyterian pastor and former Editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, the Rev. Jill J. Duffield. She draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection.

Please sign up with Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) to receive the Lenten Devotional Daily Email. Westminster will cover the copyright cost for each email sent.

LENTEN COURSE: MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION AND RESILIENCY

Mondays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Virginia Dolan will lead a Lenten course 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.**

LENTEN GIVING:

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** denominational offering will be received during Lent. This is an opportunity to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and empower the poor and oppressed.

A **Lenten Coat Drive** will collect coats in the West Narthex. These coats will line the center pews of our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday and then they will be donated to Contact Ministries.

WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, February 28

9:30 AM King's Daughters Board Meeting (3rd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, March 1

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)

12:00 PM Knitter's Lunch (2nd Floor Classroom)

12:30 PM Reporter (Parish Hall)

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

3:00 PM Compass for Kids

4:45 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)

7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, March 2

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Library)

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

4:45 PM Choristers (Music Room)

5:00 PM Mission & Community Service (2nd Floor Classroom)

5:45 PM Ash Wednesday Dinner (Parish Hall)

6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 3

11:00 AM PEO Meeting Chapter HU

5:00 PM APNC (Pastor's Study)

7:30 PM Choir (Parish Hall)

Friday, March 4

11:00 AM PW Board Meeting (Conference Room)

12:00 PM PW Luncheon (Parish Hall)

Saturday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 6

9:45 AM Parish Nurse Ministries (Church Office)

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Chapel)

11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (2nd Floor Classroom)

11:15 AM Confirmation (3rd Floor Classroom)

5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group

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