



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
19 June 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Trumpet Voluntary, Larghetto

John Bennett

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 22:19-28

Leader:

All descendants of Israel, let us worship God!

People:

For you are our strength who comes quickly to our rescue in time of need.

Leader:

Those who seek the Lord, praise God!

People:

May God live in our hearts forever!

Leader:

Family of God, let us bow down before God,

People:

for God rules over the nations.

Leader:

Let us worship our King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

*Hymn 370

This Is My Father's World

Terra Beata

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and loving God, we confess that the weight our own works are too heavy to carry and impossible to undo. O Lord, we ask your forgiveness for the things we have done against your will. In your mercy, set us back on your path and sustain us with your strength and forgiving love that we may again place our whole trust in you. Hear now our silent prayer 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

VBS Presentation

Congregational Response

**Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.**

*Students in grades Pre-K – 2 will go to Summer Sunday school
class during the Congregational Response.*

First Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

Pew Bible, OT page 326

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 42

Pew Bible, OT page 515

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

Sermon

My Rock

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Text: I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me?" Put your
hope in God, for I will yet praise God, my Savior and my God.

Psalm 42:9, 11

Solo

Come Unto Me

Alessandro Scarlatti

***Affirmation of Faith**

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Church at Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People

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

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies

Felix Mendelssohn

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

God who provides, thank you for your timely blessings in our lives that we may share our abundance for the service of your kingdom. May you accept and use our lives and these gifts to bring your hope to others, that we all may build our hope on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness. Amen.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Trumpet Voluntary, Allegro John Bennett
(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given in loving memory for the life and love of Jennie Davis Moy and in loving memory of Oliver Moy Bernhardt, gone too soon. They will always be missed by Bob, Julie, Brian, and Sarah Blythe.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Greeters:** Sophia, Diana, and Zachariah Choi
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher) Rich Canady, Terry Haynor, Mary King, Richard Leary, Julie McDonough, Bruce Strom, Brinton Wilkey
- **Safety Team:** Charlie King
- **Music:** Diane Dietz, soprano, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Garry Frederickson, organ and piano
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Youth Mission Trip Team Meeting (Parish Hall)**
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2- & 3-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week's lesson: "We're Better Together" *Caregivers: Caroline Haynor, Leigh Milward, Nancy Huston*
- **9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Youth Mission Car Wash (Parking Lot)**
- **9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Youth Mission Bake Sale (West Narthex)**
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. - Children in Pre-K – Grade 2** begin in worship with their families & go to Summer Sunday school (Third Floor Chapel) following the Congregational Response. This week's lesson: "Two Sons and Their Father" *Teachers: Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon - New Member Class (Pastor's Study)** Those interested in membership will learn more about Westminster and the Presbyterian Church (USA) *Leader: Dr. Kieffer*
- **11:15 a.m. – VBS Reception (West Narthex)** Photos, artwork, and crafts will be displayed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR 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 one of our pastors.

THE CAR WASH & BAKE SALE YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER IS TODAY, JUNE 17! Cars will be washed before and after worship so all the family cars will sparkle! Baked goods are available before and after worship. Thanks to **Dave Leonatti and Mary Ray** for organizing the Car Wash and **Julie Sundquist** for organizing the Bake Sale.

THE PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING unites the PC(USA) by helping youth begin their life with a solid foundation of faith. This offering is collected during June. Forty percent of all gifts stay within Westminster and our portion will support the 2022 Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky.



VBS PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION TODAY, JUNE 17. VBS was a fluid and overflowing success this past week with 35 children registered and 22 ministry partners working together to share the good news of Christ through Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and delicious snacks. Children learned about the importance of clean water and caring for God's creation. Our mission was a partnership with *Living Waters for the World*. This organization provides people with training and support in forming global, clean water mission partnerships. Our children donated toward this mission and members of the congregation are welcome to contribute. Join us in the West Narthex following worship for a reception.



NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS TODAY -Friends and visitors are invited to a New Member Class today, June 19 and next Sunday, June 26, 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on July 3, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS JUNE 18 – JULY 9 - The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 225th General Assembly will be held online and in-person in Louisville, KY June 18 – July 9. Committees meet in person June 18 – July 1 and the online plenary meets from July 5-9. There will be an opportunity to meet those standing for co-moderator for the 225th General Assembly during a 90-minute webinar on Thursday, June 9 at 7 pm EST. A link will be provided in the Friday email. Dr. Kieffer will be in Louisville June 20-25 to assist with the committee process as a part of her service on the Committee of the Office of the General Assembly.



KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION meets each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for knitting and fellowship.

THE HUNGER ACTION TEAM will prepare a monthly meal for the Springfield Cooling Center on **Wednesday, June 22**. Please contact Krista Steller ksteller@wpcspi.org to participate.



ORGAN RECITAL featuring Andrew Johnson will be held **Friday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m.** in our Sanctuary. Enjoy the works of Reger, Vierne, Sweelinck, Bach, and others. Andrew is a native of Bloomington, IL and a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan. Andrew completed a Master of Music from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University where he received the Bruce R. Eicher Prize.

FAIR TRADE NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 26 - Coffee, tea, and chocolate are for sale in the West Narthex Sunday, June 26 after worship to support economically just, environmentally sound farming practices. Ministry Partners: Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson

LITTLE PANTRY NEEDS MINISTRY PARTNERS - Thank you to the devoted ministry partners who regularly stock and clean Westminster's Little Pantry located at Graham Elementary School daily. Ministry Partners are needed to join the team of dedicated members as we enter the summer months. Please contact Jeanne or Pete VanGieson at 217-652-1310 and they will arrange for you to be mentored.

JUNE GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JUNE MENU Canned tuna, boxed meals to use with tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, toilet paper, dry cereal, toothpaste, soap, laundry and dish detergent. Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

THIRD ANNUAL STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK – JUNE 27 – JULY 1

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 14:58



The team will be commissioned next **Sunday, June 26** at the 10:00 a.m. worship. This year we have 18 projects and need additional ministry partners to complete the work in a timely matter. It is not too late to sign up on SignUpGenius found on the home page of the website. We hope you will consider partnering in this ministry.

During the service week, the team will gather each morning at 8:30 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects include power washing, painting, landscape improvements, repairing front porches and fences. Lunches will be prepared by Pat Hymans' Hospitality Team and served at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Following lunch each day the teams will return to their sites to complete the day's work. The congregation will hear a report on Sunday, July 3.

Following a successful Anniversary Endowment Campaign which increased Westminster's Endowment Fund from \$1.9 to \$8.1 million (2015-2020), Session approved the *Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor* in April 2019. The Endeavor included the *Site and Landscape Plan* at a cost of \$1.38 million. During this decade, Westminster plans to invest \$450,000 in the neighborhood which is one-third of the total cost of our Site and Landscape Plan completed in 2020. *Neighborhood Outreach* includes Matching Grants, the Annual Service Week and the Little Pantry at Graham Elementary School.

THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, June 28. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. The June book is *The Complete Maus* by Art Spiegelman. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

SPECIALTY DAILY BREAD MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERIES

Westminster is collaborating with Senior Services of Central Illinois **July 18 - 22 and July 25 – 29** by delivering food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Daily Bread - Meals on Wheels program. There will be 1-3 routes on each day and will take 45 minutes to an hour for each route. The online sign up is available on our website www.wpcspi.org.



NOMINATIONS WELCOME

THE 2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now receiving nominations for the following positions of leadership at Westminster.

DEACON (CLASS OF 2025)

ELDER (CLASS OF 2025)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2023)

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2025)

Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, emailed to the committee chair, Eleanor VanDeventer, at ehuitt@yahoo.com or placed in the Nominating Committee's mailbox on the wall in the West Narthex by the Edwards Street doors. Please complete by August 14, 2022. Nominees will be presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

2022 Nominating Committee members: *Eleanor VanDeventer (Chair), Carolyn Swanson, Mary King, Bill Deemer, Deb Coontz, Alan Stutz, and Julie Sundquist*

Name of Nominee _____

Recommended for (check choice)

Deacon Elder Nominating Strategic Planning Ass. Pastor Nom.

1. Qualities that would make this person a good church officer

2. Past experience/current interests and activities in the church

3. Helpful information: special skills, training, employment, community involvement, etc.

Your Name (optional) _____

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, June 20

225th General Assembly (All Day in Louisville, KY)

Tuesday, June 21

225th General Assembly (All Day in Louisville, KY)

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

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

1:00 PM Library Guild

Wednesday, June 22

225th General Assembly (All Day in Louisville, KY)

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

1:00 PM Cooling Center Meal Prep

Thursday, June 23

225th General Assembly (All Day in Louisville, KY)

Friday, June 24

225th General Assembly (All Day in Louisville, KY)

7:00 PM Organ Recital – Andrew Johnson (Sanctuary)

Saturday, June 25

225th General Assembly (All Day in Louisville, KY)

Sunday, June 26

225th General Assembly (All Day in Louisville, KY)

10:00 AM Worship Service

10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)

11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale

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Hospitality Coordinator

Emily Rowley
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Lisa Runkle
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Krista Steller
Communications Coordinator

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