



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
28 August 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Compass For Kids Sam Lipp, Site Director

Voluntary Antiphon Marcel Dupré

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

*** Call to Worship** Psalm 81

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength;
People: **shout for joy to the God of Jacob.**
Leader: Let us heed to God's voice;
People: **open our hearts and follow God's ways.**
Leader: Let us raise a song, sweet music to the Lord!

***Hymn 49** The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

***Prayer of Confession** Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to see our broken priorities. Rather than loving and serving others, we have neglected the needs of others in pursuit of our ambitions. Forgive us, O God, when we are fearful that there is not enough. Give us changed hearts, Lord, and teach us your generosity, your humility, and your expansive love. In your loving kindness, 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 Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Children in grades Pre-K-2 will go to Summer Sunday School class following the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-16 Pew Bible, NT page 227-228

Second Scripture Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14 Pew Bible, NT page 77

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

Sermon What God Wants from Us Rev. Christian K. Choi
Text: "you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
Luke 14:14

Anthem Put a Little Love in Your Heart Jimmy Holiday

Think of your fellow friends, give them a helping hand.
put a little love in your heart. You see it's getting late
Oh, please don't hesitate. Put a little love in your heart.
And the world will be a better place, you know the
world will be a better place for you, you just wait and
see. Put a little love in your heart.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Psalm 95:1-7

**O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's
presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to
God with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and
a great King above all gods. In God's hand are the depths
of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.
The sea is God's, for the Lord made it, and the dry land,
which God's hands have formed.**

**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before
the Lord, our Maker! For the Lord is our God, and we are
the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.**

The Church at Prayer

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Presentation of Our Gifts

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

Offertory

Kyrie

John Leavitt

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, produce in us and in these our gifts a fruitful harvest, bringing your Word, your love, and your goodness to the whole world. Let us go out in joy, dedicated to living as one body, in your service, by the light of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray; amen

***Hymn 722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Canobury

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Trumpet Tune in D

John Stanley

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Agnes L. Harmon 03/24/1935 – 08/26/2022
United with Westminster 10/17/2010

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Greeters:** Georgina Hudspeth and Kathy Moore
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Bud Green, Melanie Green, Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Jim Rigney, Camille Massey, Mike Sundquist
- **Safety Team:** Dick Cordier
- **Music:** The St. Andrew's Sisters: Julie Blythe, Amanda Neubauer, Eleanor VanDeventer, Lyle VanDeventer, Bass, Dale Rogers, organist

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery) gather for play and Bible Story. This week: Jo and the Slow Soup. Caregivers: *Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children Pre-K – Grade 2 begin in worship with their families & go to the Third Floor Classroom following the Children's Sermon for Summer Sunday school. The story this week is: On the Day You Were Baptized. *Teacher: Karen Sherrick*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon** Sunday School Teachers and Youth Ministry Partner Orientation (Third Floor Classroom) *Led by Karen Sherrick and Rev. Choi*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about us is in on our website www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining, speak to Dr. Kieffer or Rev. Choi.

COMPASS FOR KIDS – Westminster will host Compass for Kids site for students at Graham Elementary School again this year beginning **Tuesday, September 13, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.** Along with tutoring and providing life skills training, a hot, healthy dinner, and opportunities to take part in fun activities with their peers and adult mentors will be provided. The **Leadership Training meeting is Tuesday, August 30, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Additional mentors are welcome to join members Cathy Allen, Cathy and Emily Brower, Kris Gates, Mia Marcy and Bryce Pound.

2022-2023 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS for Pre-K through Grade 5 will meet **today from 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** in the Third Floor Classroom for orientation.

YOUTH MINISTRY PARTNERS (Junior and Senior High) will meet **today from 11:15 – 12:00 noon** in the Third Floor Classroom for orientation.

HOMEcoming SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Join your Westminster family for Homecoming Sunday on September 11 as we begin the 2022-2023 Ministry Year!

We will celebrate worship at 10:00 a.m., welcome the Westminster Choir back in the gallery, reinstate the Processional and Passing of the Peace, commission the 2022-2023 Education Leadership Team, and partake in Communion with bread lovingly prepared by a member of the newly formed WPC Bread Guild.

A brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include ministry displays, children's activities, a PowerPoint Presentation of the 2021-2022 ministry year, and the opportunity to sign up for Education, Fellowship, Music, Mission, and Service.

Do not miss this new beginning at Westminster!

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL classes begin **September 6th**. There are a couple of openings in each of our classes. If you know anyone looking for a play-based preschool with a wonderful cooperative family, please spread the word! An application is available on the WCP website. Parent Orientation is Tuesday, August 30th, and a meet your teacher open house is Friday, September 2nd.

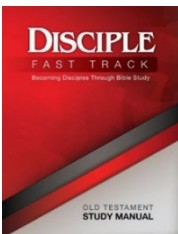
PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST resumes **Thursday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m.** Ky Ajayi of Straight Up Solar will give a presentation on solar projects in residential solar, the process, the costs, environmental impacts, and what to expect with a solar installation. Jay Kennerly will give the devotion and Rich Canady will provide breakfast. Men are encouraged to join this fellowship. RSVP to the church office or online.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR resumes its regular rehearsals on **Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m.** and will have its annual Choir Retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 10 from 1:30 until 5:00 p.m. Following the retreat, the choir is invited to share dinner at the home of Meg and Jim Kontio. If you have considered joining the choir, now is a great time.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP begins **Sunday, September 11 5:00-6:30 p.m.** Senior High youth will meet two Sunday evenings each month, beginning September 11. High School youth will gather in Parish Hall for dinner and fellowship/games during the first hour, followed by discussion on current topics from Christian perspective, based on PC(USA) resource "Faith Questions." Mentors: Susan Day, Michael Morthland, Mary Ray, Rev. Choi.

BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP for Grades 3-5 resumes **Wednesday, September 14.** 4:00 –5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Tower Classroom. This fellowship bridges friendships among our children and across generations. It also includes mission projects and interfaith gatherings. Leaders are Karen Sherrick and Pat Roller.



DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY will resume **Thursday, September 15, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. This year's curriculum *Disciple's Fast Track Study of the Old Testament and New Testament* provides 12 sessions studying the Old Testament and 12 sessions on the New Testament. The study includes daily scripture readings and a brief DVD presentation each week featuring a theologian. The curriculum is written by Susan Wilke Furquay and Richard Byrd Wilkey. Members and friends are welcome to sign up on Homecoming Sunday when the curriculum will be available for purchase.

CHURCH MICE (infants through age 4) will meet Saturday mornings beginning Saturday, **September 17,** at 11:00 a.m. Follow the pathway of cheese for a delightful musical adventure. Open to members and friends. Mr. Rogers leads Church Mice.

CONFIRMATION (Grades 6 - 8) begins **Sunday, September 18** 11:15 a.m.– 12:00 noon 2nd Floor Classroom. Confirmation is the process through which youth affirm the vows made at their Baptism and become active members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Three-year Confirmation class provides a comprehensive review of our faith based on the Scripture. We will integrate two curriculums, "Big God, Big Questions" and "Echo, The Story" to connect our confessional faith statements and the Scripture. Teachers: Rev. Choi, Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Karen Sherrick



2022-2023 ADULT ED FORUM begins with “Bread of Life” course September 18, 25, and October 2. Over three Sundays, Dr. Peter Kieffer will present the microbiology, history, and theology of bread in advance of forming a WPC Bread Guild whose bakers will lovingly supply bread for communion. Peter will bake the bread for communion on Homecoming Sunday, September 11.



APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, September 27 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. In September, the group will discuss Between the World and Me by Ta Naheisi-Coates. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN’S CHOIR (Kindergarten - Grade 2) will begin Wednesday, October 5 led by Katie Moore, our new Director for Children’s Music, and meet weekly 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (Grades 3-5) will begin their Wednesday rehearsals on October 5 led by Katie Moore, our new Director for Children’s Music, 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. following the Bridges after school fellowship.

REFUGEE PARTNERSHIP - Northminster Presbyterian Church in Evanston, IL welcomed a Burmese refugee family from Myanmar on August 11. They are a family of 7: 2 adults, 5 children (ages 7, 8, 14, 16, 18). Westminster is partnering with Northminster to host the family through Refugee One. We donated \$5,000 to RefugeeOne to sponsor the family and an additional \$2,000 for setting up their apartment of which \$1,500 has been sent.

LITTLE PANTRY NEEDS MINISTRY PARTNERS - Please contact Jeanne or Pete VanGieson at 217-652-1310 and they will arrange for you to be mentored and schedule a day for you to help. You may also sign up yourself on the church website www.wpcspi.org.

**THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ARE INVITED TO
THE SEVENTH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER WOMEN’S SALAD SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL**

**PROGRAM
A HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN GLOBALLY
Presented by Brownie Anderson
Co-Moderator of the Presbyterian Women**

Enjoy an evening with your Westminster sisters and bring your favorite salad.

Sign up on Homecoming Sunday or
RSVP to Jennie Alt 217-522-4415 or jalt@wpcspi.org.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, August 29

11:30 AM Wedding Meeting Copp/Stefanic

Tuesday, August 30

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
4:00 PM Compass Leadership Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:30 PM WCP Parent Orientation (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, August 31

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
12:30 PM Reporter (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Mission & Community Service (3rd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, September 1

4:00 PM IL Presbyterian Home Service (Off Site)

Friday, September 2

10:00 AM WCP Popsicles on the Playground

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4

11:00 AM Parish Nurse Ministries (Church Office)
10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School

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