



# LOST & FOUND

HOMECOMING SUNDAY  
COMMUNION SERVICE

September 11, 2022

“When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying “Rejoice with me, for I have found what I lost.” Luke 15:9



Westminster Presbyterian Church  
of Springfield  
Homecoming Sunday  
Service of Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

**Voluntary** Sing to the Lord a New Song James Chepponis

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

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 139

**Leader:** O Lord, you have searched and known us.

You search out our paths and our ways.

**People:** **Where can we go from your spirit?**

**Or where can we flee from your presence?**

**Leader:** If we ascend to heaven, you are there.

If we make a bed in Sheol, you are there.

**People:** **If we take the wings of the morning and settle at the  
furthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall  
lead us and your right hand shall hold us fast.**

**Leader:** We gather to begin a new year, to welcome home  
members and friends, and to affirm the God who  
persists in searching for those who have lost their way.

**People:** **Let us rejoice in the lost and found as we lift high the  
cross to proclaim the love of Christ.**

**\*Processional Hymn 826** Lift High the Cross

*Crucifer*

**\*Prayer of Confession** Holy and loving God who seeks us out until we are found, thank you for the tenacity of your grace and the persistence of your search. We confess we find it difficult at times to place our trust in you. Too often we rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home. 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.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

**\*Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

**Children's Sermon**

**Educational Leadership  
Commissioning**

**Congregational Response**

God welcomes all, strangers and friends  
God's love is strong and it never ends.

*Children in grades Pre-K-Grade 5 will go to Sunday school class following the Congregational Response.*

**First Scripture Reading**

I Timothy 1:12-17

Pew Bible, NT page 208

**Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible, NT page 78

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation**

The Tenacity of Grace

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: And the Pharisees and scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable..." Luke 15:2-3*

**Anthem**

Jubilate Deo

Charles Villiers Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song, be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Psalm 100

**The Presentation of Our Gifts**

*At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders at the end of each pew.*

**Offertory**

Rondeau

Henry Purcell

**\*Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**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:

*The people sing:*

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: 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**

## Words of Institution

### Music at Communion

You are My All and All

Dennis Jerigan

*The text for this anthem is in the hymnal #519.*

### 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

**Patient and Persistent God, we are mindful that you sought us long before we came to you. May the tenacity of your grace and mercy overflow from our lives that we might honor your name in the world and be a place of welcome for all your children. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who came to seek and save what was lost. Amen.**

### \*Hymn 649

Amazing Grace

*Amazing Grace*

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Closing Response

Forth in Thy Name

*Orlando Gibbons*

### \*Voluntary

Hamburg March

Carson Cooman

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

## IN MEMORIAM

June S. Baker 06/15/1929 – 09/04/2022

United With Westminster 09/17/1995

## EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COMMISSIONING

We are grateful for the following members who have agreed to serve as ministry partners on the education leadership team for 2022-2023.

### **NURSERY AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN (BIRTH – AGE 4)**

**Curriculum:** *Frolic Sunday School* is a play-based curriculum that helps young children experience Bible stories and faith-based storybooks in meaningful, memorable ways. **Nursery Coordinator:** Leigh Milward, **Nursery worker:** Caroline Haynor **Nursery Guild:** Linda Caupert, Tanya DeSanto, Dee Dee Duffy, Carolyn Dungan, Sara Eldridge, Sally Godbey, Nancy Huston, Priscilla Kluge, Judy Knox, Meg Kontio, Valerie Leonatti, Lynn McMenamain, Mary Ray, Sue Scaife, Jan Schuermann, and Julie Sundquist.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN- GRADE 5)**

**Curriculum:** *Feasting on the Word* is a lectionary-based, multi-aged curriculum. This resource is designed to encourage cooperative learning across a wide age range. *Children grades 3-5 will stay in worship Communion Sundays.* **Director for Children's Ministries:** Karen Sherrick **Teachers:** Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Sophia Choi, Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Sara Eldridge, Kate Morthland, Linda Purves, Julie Robbs, Erin Winn.

### **BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP (GRADES 3-5)**

**Curriculum:** *Feasting on the Word* shapes learning experiences that address the many ways God's Word shapes the identity of members of the body of Christ. **Teachers:** Karen Sherrick and Pat Roller

### **CONFIRMATION (GRADES 6-8)**

**Curriculum:** 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

### **SENIOR HIGH (GRADES 9-12)**

**Curriculum:** High School youth gather twice monthly for fellowship/games and dinner followed by discussion on current topics from Christian perspective, based on PCUSA resource "Faith Questions." **Mentors:** Susan Day, Michael Morthland, Mary Ray, Rev. Choi

### **CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM (KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 12)**

This inter-faith fellowship meets quarterly to build understanding and friendships. This year's theme is "Caring for the Earth." **Team:** Rev. Choi, Dr. Kieffer, Dale Rogers, Karen Sherrick, Mary Ray

### **LIBRARY GUILD**

The Rev. Dr. Edward Ziegler Library and Elaine Ryder Children's Library provide a variety of resources and are open on Sundays. **Guild members:** Karen Sherrick, Melanie Green, Pat Hymans, Mary Peura, Pat Roller

### **ADULT EDUCATION FORUM**

A list of the 2022-2023 schedule can be found at the Adult Ed table in Parish Hall. **Teachers:** Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Rev. Gerald Boutelle, Drs. Jonathan and Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Rev. Christian Choi, Dr. Peter Kieffer, Kate and Michael Morthland, Dale Rogers, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer,

**Family Ministry Committee:** Mary Ray, Chair, Meridith Bryans, Jim Bryans, Michael Morthland, Brad Steller, **Staff:** Rev. Choi, Karen Sherrick

**Adult Education Committee:** Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Chair, Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Jay Kennerly, Lyle VanDeventer, **Staff:** Dr. Kieffer



## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given in loving memory of Gerry Hale by her family.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi     **Worship Leader:** Kristianna Eastvold
- **Acolytes:** Julianna Eastvold, Macklin Metzger **Bible & Cross Carriers:** Braden Barton, Will Hovey
- **Greeter:** Maribeth Norton     **Safety Team:** Alan Schuermann
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher) Mervice Alah Abung, Rich Canady, Terry Haynor, Mary King, Julie McDonough, Bruce Strom, Brinton Wilkey
- **Communion Prep:** Carol Bloemer, Ann Collins, Bill Deemer, Priscilla & Tim Kluge, Elisabeth & Mark Luttrell, Mary Ray, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Jim Kontio (Lead), Aaron Berkowitz, Adam Ekstedt, Tim Kluge, Dave Leonatti, Michael Morthland, Mary Ray, Karen Sherrick, John Stafford, Brad Steller, Bill Ward, Eleanor VanDeventer
- **Music:** Westminster Choir, Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

## 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: “Jesus Calls Disciples”. *Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children Pre-K – Grade 2** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. The story is “Lost and Found” Luke 15:1-10 Teachers: *Cathy Brower, Sophia Choi*
- **Grades 3-5** will stay in the sanctuary and participate in communion.
- **11:15 a.m. Homecoming Sunday Reception (Parish Hall)** As we begin the year together, a brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship, which will include ministry displays, children’s activities and a slide presentation looking back on the 2021-2022 program year.
- **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group Fellowship and Dinner** (Parish Hall, Youth Room) *Dinner: TBD. Ministry Partners: Rev. Choi, Susan Day, Michael Morthland, Mary Ray*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME VISITORS!** Information about who we are is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and 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, please speak to one of the pastors. Our next New Member Classes will be Sundays, November 20 and 27.



**NEWLY FORMATTED 2022-2023 WELCOME BROCHURES** are in the pew pockets this morning. The Welcome Brochure includes inserts offering introductory information about the history and architecture of WPC and outlining the church’s ministries and activities in Children and Youth, Adult Education, Worship and Music, Mission and Community Service and Congregational Life. It features photos of the Life of Christ stained-glass window located above the choir loft and contains a welcome letter from Dr. Kieffer. Look for the updated brochures on Homecoming Sunday in the pew pockets or at the Welcome Table.

**H.E.A.L. FUND** provides “helpful emergency assistance for living” to members of the Springfield community through Contact Ministries and within our church family as needed.

**HOME COMMUNION** will not be provided this Sunday because of Homecoming Sunday. We will resume on World Communion Sunday, October 2.

**TODAY'S COMMUNION BREAD** is artisan sour dough and was baked and prepared by Dr. Peter Kieffer as Westminster introduces the Bread Guild.

**ADULT ED FORUM** begins with "Bread of Life" course **Sunday, September 18, 25, and October 2** at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. Join Dr. Peter Kieffer for a presentation of the microbiology, history, and theology of bread based on the book Sourdough and Culture: A History of Bread Making from Ancient to Modern Bakers by Eric Pallant. This course is a prelude to forming a WPC Bread Guild whose bakers will lovingly provide bread for the Sacrament of Communion. Members are invited to sign up for the Bread Guild at the Homecoming Reception.



**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."

**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. Additional mentors are welcome to join members Cathy Allen, Cathy and Emily Brower, Kris Gates, Mia Marcy and Bryce Pound. Contact Jennie Alt, or sign up on Homecoming Sunday, September 11. New Compass Site Coordinator is Sam Lipp.

**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. This after-school program precedes Westminster Choristers which begins October 5 from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.



**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.

**DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)** welcomes Dr. Andy Sherrick for a program called "Sea of Grass; A Prairie Restoration" on **Friday, September 16**. The meal starts at 6:30 p.m. and the program follows at 7:15 p.m. Bring a side dish to share. If you are unable to attend the potluck, please join us for the program. RSVPs are not required but encouraged. You can call/email the church office or RSVP through our website at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org).

**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.

**MILESTONE MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION** will be next **Sunday, September 18** as we honor members who joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1972, 1967, 1962, 1957, and 1950. We are grateful for all the ways these members have enriched the life of our congregation over the years. The congregation is invited to a reception in the West Narthex following worship to express our congratulations and appreciation.

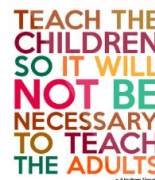
**CONFIRMATION (Grades 6 - 8)** begins **Sunday, September 18 11:15 a.m.– 12:00 noon** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom. Confirmation is the process through which youth affirm the vows made at their Baptism and become active members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Three-year Confirmation class provides 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.



**FAIR TRADE SALE** on **Sunday, September 18**, following worship, Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts and other items will be sold in the West Narthex to support just, environmentally sound products, and small producers.

**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.

**CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM** will meet **Wednesday, September 28** from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the Islamic Society of Springfield (3000 Stanton St.). Children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 and Youth in Grade 6 through Grade 12 are invited to join children and youth from other faith communities to build friendships, learn about one another, and share a vegetarian meal. 2022-2023 theme is: “Caring for the Earth.”



THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ARE INVITED TO  
THE EIGHTH 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](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org).

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, September 12

1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle

### Tuesday, September 13

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
12:00 PM Knitters Lunch (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
3:00 PM Compass for Kids (Parish Hall)

### Wednesday, September 14

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel  
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)  
4:00 PM Bridges grades 3-5(Kitchen)  
4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
5:30 PM Board of Deacons (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
5:30 PM Session Coordinating (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Thursday, September 15

4:00 PM IL Pres Home Service (Off site)  
5:15 PM Nominating Committee (Pastor's Study)  
6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
7:30 PM Choir

### Friday, September 16

6:30 PM DMA Potluck (Parish Hall)  
7:15 PM DMA Program (Parish Hall)

### Saturday, September 17

9:00 AM PEO Food Drive for Little Pantries  
11:00 AM Church Mice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Sunday, September 18

10:00 AM Worship Service – Milestone Members  
10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K to Grade 5  
11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale  
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)  
11:15 AM Confirmation Class (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

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