



SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JANUARY 8, 2023

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Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Andante Tranquillo Peter Warlock

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the beginning, at creation,
the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep

People: **In the waters of the flood,
God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

Leader: God caused the waters to part
so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

People: **Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.**

Leader: Come, let us sing glory to the Name of God
and rejoice in new beginnings.

***Processional Hymn 10** Sing Glory to the Name of God *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

***Prayer of Confession** God, older than we can imagine, yet ever new;
you have come into the world
and yet we have not recognized you.
Forgive us for our lack of vision and insight,
and open our eyes to see you here and now,
that we may receive your grace
through Jesus our Christ.
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

Students in preschool – Grade 5 will go to their Sunday school class and Grades 6-7 will go to Confirmation during the Congregational Response.

Congregational Response

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
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.

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First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Pew Bible, OT pages 670-671

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Pew Bible, NT page 3

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

Meditation

In Whom God Delights

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Text: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights... Isaiah 42:1

Anthem

River in Judea

Jack Feldman

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago,
And it's a singing, river that my soul cries out to know.
Hallelujah!

***Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

Pastor: Holy and loving God, we give you thanks for nourishing and sustaining all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life.

People: Through the waters of the sea you led your people Israel out of bondage, into freedom in the land of your promise.

Pastor: You sent Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit.

People: Through the baptism of his death and resurrection you set us free from the bondage of sin and death; and give us cleansing and rebirth.

Pastor: We rejoice that in our baptism, you have called us into being, given each of us a name, claimed us as your own, and that by your grace we are born anew.

People: By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to welcome and nourish the children in this faith community.

Pastor: Now God journeys with us, in us, before us, from the place of our baptisms and into the world. Amen.

Let us remember our baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Remain standing and remember your baptism.)

***Solo Baptized in Water**

Gaelic Melody

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise -
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children -
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

The Presentation of Our Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

Flute Tune

Thomas Arne

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

*Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

*Ordination and Installation of Officers

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,

People: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

Pastor: To each is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: to be used for the common good.

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: and individually members of it.

The Presentation of Elected Church Officers

Session: *Dr. Scott Day, Jim Dolan, Gregg Humphrey, Dr. Judy Knox,
Amanda Kurmann, Pat McNutt, Dr. Mike Nenaber,
Jeanne VanGieson, Youth Elder – Will Hovey*

Board of Deacons: *Julie Pittman McDonough, Keith Hamilton, Chris Hickman,
Sabrina Holmes, Melanie Humphrey, Kathy Kenyon,
John McNutt, Coleman Moore, Erin Winn,
Youth Deacon – Kristiana Eastvold*

Constitutional Questions

*The pastors shall ask the constitutional questions to
the elders and deacons.*

*Questions to the Congregation

Pastor: Do you, as members of the church, accept these individuals as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: **We do.**

Pastor: Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

People: **We do.**

*Laying on of Hands

The candidates for ordination kneel. Ordained elders are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

*Ordination Prayer

*Declaration of Ordination and Installation

***Hymn 69** I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am

*Charge and Benediction

***Closing Response**

Forth in Thy Name

Orlando Gibbons

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know,
in all I think or speak or do.

***Voluntary**

New Era

Nigel Ogden

(*) The congregation is invited to stand

SESSION

Class of 2023

Aaron Berkowitz
Mal Hildebrand
Robyn Hovey
Becky Huston
James Kontio
Lynn McMenamin
Mary Ray
Krista Steller

Class of 2024

Jay Kennerly
Tim Kluge
Dave Leonatti
Michael Morthland
Christy Pound
Karen Sherrick
Eleanor VanDeventer
Sarah Zerfas

Class of 2025

Scott Day
Jim Dolan
Gregg Humphrey
Judy Knox
Amanda Kurmann
Pat McNutt
Mike Nenaber
Jeanne Van Gieson
Will Hovey (youth)

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2023

Erin Ekstedt
Terry Haynor
Mary King
Richard Leary
Julie Pittman McDonough
Bruce Strom
Bob Stuart
Jess Weitzel

Class of 2024

Mervice Alah Abung
George Botanga
Sophia Choi
Melanie Green
Camille Massey
Jim Parker
Jim Rigney
Susan Shaw

Class of 2025

Keith Hamilton
Chris Hickman
Sabrina Holmes
Melanie Humphrey
Kathy Kenyon
John McNutt
Coleman Moore
Erin Winn
Kristianna Eastvold (youth)

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Worship Leader:** Will Hovey
- **Acolytes:** Macklin Metzger and Abigail Eldridge
- **Greeters:** Sally Godbey
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher) Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Erin Ekstedt, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Mia Marcy, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Pete VanGieson
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Nursery (lower level)** Infants and toddlers begin in the Nursery. Preschoolers begin in worship with their families and leave during the Congregational Response. This week's Bible Story: "The wise men followed a star to find Jesus" (Matthew 2:1-12). Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children Kindergarten – Grade 7** begin in worship with their families & leave during the Congregational Response for:
 - **Sunday School (Third Floor Chapel)** Kindergarten – Grade 5 The story is "Very Happy" (Matthew 3:3-17). Teachers: Cathy Brower, Karen Sherrick
 - **6th & 7th Grade Confirmation (Conference Room)** The lesson is "Kingdom Ways" of the *Echo the Story* curriculum. Teachers: Cara Barnett and Meridith Bryans
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**
 - **8th Grade Confirmation (Conference Room)** will go over "Who Is Your Lord?" from PCUSA's *Big God Big Questions* Confirmation Curriculum. Led by Rev. Choi
 - **Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)** presents "Springfield 1908 Race Riot" This forum, led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, will discuss the history of the riot, the way it was perceived at the time, research into the causes and motivations of the rioters and the long-term effects of the riot, which included the founding of the NAACP.
 - **Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter** will check Blood Pressures in the Church Office.
- **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Youth Group (Parish Hall/Youth Room)** will explore "Reformed Theology: If the World Belongs to God, Why Do I have to Worry about it?" from PCUSA's Faith Questions curriculum. Led by Rev. Choi, Susan Day, Michael Morthland, and 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 www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining, please speak to a pastor.

WI-FI HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM is available in our Sanctuary. A basket is located at each Sanctuary entrance with instructions to install the app for those with Bluetooth enabled hearing aids, lanyards, and hearing amplifier packets for those with regular hearing aids, hearing amplifier packets and disposable earbuds for those without hearing aids. Please return the lanyards and hearing amplifier packets at the end of worship. For assistance, ask an usher.

A NEW LOOK FOR CONFIRMATION - We begin 2023 with the sixth and seventh graders meeting during worship to study the Old and New Testaments and the eighth graders meeting from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon with a pastor to learn Presbyterian beliefs and history. Thank you to Cara Barnett, Meridith Bryans, Joe Fierstos and Mary Ray who will teach the 6th and 7th grade class and Peter Kieffer, Judy Knox, Marilyn Rigney, Brad Steller, and Jeanne VanGieson who are serving as mentors to our eighth graders.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, January 9** at 1:00 p.m. in the second-floor classroom. Lynne O' Shea will lead Lesson 5 "Sabbath and Servitude" and Lynn McMenamin will lead devotions.

K2P4 KNITTERS The group will resume on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023** with a brown bag lunch. Questions - call Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.

BRIDGES, CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CHORISTERS resume on Wednesday, January 11 at 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively.

MEN'S BREAKFAST meets **Thursday, January 12** at 8:00 a.m. Dr. Peter Kieffer will speak on the History and Theology of Bread. Jay Kennerly will provide breakfast and Tim Kluge has devotions.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR resumes **Thursday, January 12** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

THE HELPING HANDS on Friday, January 13 will be prepared by the Bryans and Swanson families. February – December meals are available and the link to sign up can be found at www.wpcspi.org.

DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY resumes on Thursday, January 19, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. This year's curriculum is Disciple Fast Track Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study.

THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets **Tuesday, January 24** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Sonorous Desert: What Deep Listening Taught Early Christian Monks - and What it Can Teach Us by Kim Haines-Eitzen. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

WESTMINSTER'S LITTLE PANTRY - Thank you to all who stock Westminster's Little Pantry at Graham School. Please check SignUpGenius (<https://bit.ly/3C4s0vS>) for open dates in January.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

ANNUAL MEETING

8:30 – 9:45 A.M. EGG-TASTIC BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Members are invited to an egg-tastic breakfast that will be served by youth attending the 2023 Youth Mission Trip. Sausage for the breakfast is donated by Mary Jo and David Jenkins. 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

2022 ANNUAL REPORTS from the Session and Deacon Committee chairs are **due Thursday, January 12, 2023 by noon**. Please submit your reports to Jennie Alt jalt@wpcpi.org. They will be included in the 2022 Annual Report.

WESTMINSTER HOSTS MLK COMMUNITY GATHERING

Saturday, January 14, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Opening Remarks: 1908 Race Riot National Monument

Senator Dick Durbin

Teresa Haley, President Springfield NAACP

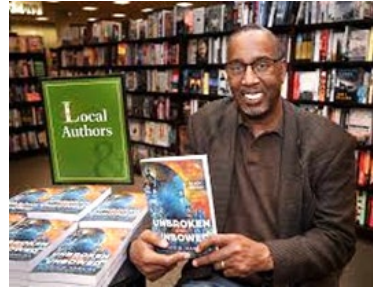
Presentation: The History of Black Protest in America

The Rev. Jimmie Hawkins,

Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Office of Public Witness in Washington, DC

Brunch will be served.



WORSHIP AND ADULT ED PRESENTATION

Sunday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins will preach at 10:00 a.m. and present an Adult Education Forum following worship from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Rev. Hawkins will preach on “Jesus and Justice” and his forum will highlight the relationship between advocacy and spirituality. This will be geared toward Presbyterians as we learn more about Jimmie’s role as Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness.

REV. HAWKINS’ BIO:

Rev. Hawkins earned a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies from North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC); a Master of Arts in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (Richmond, VA); and a Master of Divinity from Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (Atlanta, GA).

Rev. Hawkins served as Treasurer on the Church World Service global board and as a board member of the National Council of Churches. He was a board trustee with Union Presbyterian Seminary. He is a tri-chair of the Washington Interreligious Staff Community and the Heads of Washington Offices. He has chaired several interfaith/ecumenical and non-profit boards and currently serves as Director of Presbyterian Ministries at the United Nations.

His book, Unbroken and Unbowed: A History of Black Protest in America, published by Westminster John Knox Press, came out in February 2022.

THE ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST

Monday, January 16

The 48th Annual MLK Breakfast will be held Monday, January 16, 8:30 a.m. at the Wyndam Hotel. This year’s speaker is Dr. Gerald McWorter, Professor Emeritus, Department of African American Studies and School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Westminster continues our support as a Platinum Sponsor, donating \$1,500 (\$1,000 from the Endowment Scholarship Fund and \$500 from the Peace and Global Witness collection for local ministry.) It is symbolic and meaningful for us to have a presence at this community celebration especially in light of our rich history as advocates for racial justice and equality. If you would like to join the pastors and attend, please contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org. For more information, check the Frontiers’ website at springfieldfrontiers.org.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, January 9

- 9:00 AM Garden Club (Parish Hall)
1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, January 10

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
12:00 PM Knitters' Lunch (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM COMPASS for Kids
5:00 PM Habitat Steering Committee (Youth Room)
5:30 PM WCP Board Meeting (Pastor's Study)
6:30 PM WCP Parent /Member Meeting (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, January 11

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
12:00 PM PW Board Meeting Lunch (Kitchen)
4:00 PM Bridges (Kitchen)
4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:00 PM Choristers (Music Room)
5:30 PM Board of Deacons (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, January 12

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
12:00 PM PEO BF Meeting (Parish Hall)
7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, January 13

- 5:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands Shelter

Saturday, January 14

- 10:00 AM MLK Community Gathering with Rev. Jimmie Hawkins
11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom))

Sunday, January 8

- 10:00AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Sanctuary)
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)

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