

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend  
15 January 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Voluntary

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

Spiritual

### \*Ringing of the Bell

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

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 36

Leader: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,  
your judgments are like the great deep.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God.  
All people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: **May we feast on the abundance of your house and  
drink from the river of your delights,  
for with you is the fountain of life.**

Leader: Come, let us lift every voice and sing of liberty.

### \* Processional Hymn 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift Every Voice*

### \*Prayer of Confession

O Holy One, who wondrously calls us into being,  
Forgive us, not just for a lack of belief in you  
but for a lack of belief in who we are. Forgive us for  
negative conclusions and false humility that would have us  
hide away and not hear the calls for creative love and  
justice, that you place ever before us. Self-giving God,  
restore in us the undying courage of Christ and the  
ennobling presence of the Holy Spirit. 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**

**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**

Isaiah 61:1-4

Pew Bible, OT page 691-692

**Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 4:16-19

Pew Bible, NT page 61

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

To Know Jesus is to Know Justice

Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins

*Text: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." Luke 4:18*

## **Anthem** Hymn to Freedom

Oscar Peterson

When will we be free? Oh, when will we be free?  
When every heart joins every heart and together yearns  
for liberty, that's when we'll be free.  
When everyone joins in our song and together  
singing in harmony, that's when we'll be free.  
When every hand joins every hand all together,  
that's when we'll be free.  
Any hour, any day, don't you know the time will  
surely come when all will live in dignity,  
that's when we'll be free.

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

*From A Brief Statement of Faith*

**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.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**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. 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**

**Hold On**

African-American Spiritual

Keep your hand on the plow, hold on!  
Noah, Noah, let me come in, the doors all fastened and  
the windows pinned. Keep your hand on the plow, hold on!  
Your done lost your track, you can't plow straight and keep  
a-looking back. If you wanna get to heaven let me tell you  
how, just keep your hand on the gospel plow, hold on!  
Mary, Mary had a golden chain, every link spelled my Jesus'  
name. Keep on climbing and don't you tire, every round  
goes higher and higher. Keep your hand on the plow,  
hold on! Hold on!

**\*Offertory Response**

**Doxology**

Hymnal, 606

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**We give you thanks, loving God, that you give the gift of  
generosity and that from you comes desire to live rightly  
and with love. Guide us in the use of these gifts, dedicating  
them to share good news, love, and justice with every  
nation. Enable us to be gifts as well, carrying the Christ to  
all people we encounter. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 720**

**Jesus Calls Us**

*We Are Called*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Closing Response**

**Forth in Thy Name**

Orlando Gibbons

**\*Voluntary**

**Wade in the Water**

African-American Spiritual

(\* ) The congregation is invited to stand.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgists:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Worship Leader:** Kristianna Eastvold
- **Acolytes:** James Maeda and Sam Batterman
- **Greeters:** Sarah Zerfas
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, St. Andrews' Sisters, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher) Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Erin Ekstedt, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Mia Marcy, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Charlie King
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.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: "Young Jesus in the Temple" (Luke 2:41-52). Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (Third Floor Chapel)** Children Kindergarten – Grade 5 begin in worship with their families & leave during the Congregational Response for Sunday School. Today's lesson is "Called by God" (1 Corinthians 1:1-9). Teachers: Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)** presents "Advocacy and Spirituality," led by the Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins. There is an intimate relationship between spirituality and advocacy. To live a spiritual life, one lives for the benefit of all of life including humanity and creation. It is through advocacy that change occurs for the betterment of all and grants a sense of spiritual fulfillment.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE has prepared a cart including books on Black History from both our Adult and Children's libraries in the West Narthex which are available for checkout. Please plan to stop by to peruse the books and resources.

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.

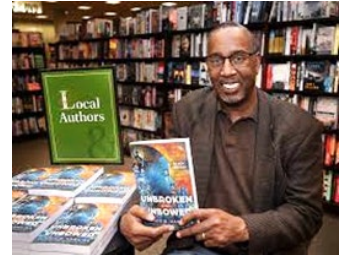
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](http://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.

### **MLK CELEBRATION AT WESTMINSTER WORSHIP AND ADULT ED PRESENTATION**

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

Today we welcome the Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins as our guest preacher at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Rev. Hawkins will present an Adult Education Forum following worship from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. 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 is the Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C. He 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. Copies of Rev. Hawkins' book will be available for those who would like to purchase one. The cost is \$30.00.

**THE 48<sup>TH</sup> 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. 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. Thank you to those who signed up to represent Westminster at this community gathering.

**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.

**ADULT ED FORUM: 1908 SPRINGFIELD RACE RIOT** taught by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz will conclude on Sunday, January 22, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon in Parish Hall.

**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.

**THE HELPING HANDS** meal this past Friday was prepared by the Bryans and Swanson families. Thank you! Westminster prepares a meal for 50 homeless men on the second Friday of each month. February – December dates are available for those who would like to partner in this meaningful ministry. The link to sign up can be found at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org).

**HUNGER ACTION TEAM** will prepare a monthly meal for the Springfield Warming Center on Wednesday, January 25.

**WESTMINSTER'S LITTLE PANTRY** - Thank you to all who stock Westminster's Little Pantry at Graham School. Please check SignUpGenius (<https://bit.ly/3C4s0v5>) for open dates in January.

**THE 2023 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT BUILD** is an exciting new endeavor in 2023 and plans are in place for the Blitz Week tentatively scheduled for March 27–April 1. Those who would like to participate as ministry partners must register at [habitatsangamon.volunteerhub.com](http://habitatsangamon.volunteerhub.com) and need to complete **one session** of Orientation and Training. Those dates are:

Habitat for Humanity Office Entrance (2744 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street)

Tuesday, January 17 – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21 – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church (533 S. Walnut Street)

Sunday, January 22 – 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. (Parish Hall)

Sunday, February 19 – 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. (Parish Hall)

**EGGTASTIC BREAKFAST MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER** - All youth attending the 2023 Mission Trip are expected to work the annual Mission Trip Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, January 29. **Plan to arrive by 8:00 a.m. and work through the morning!** The Mission participants will prepare and serve a delicious Egg-tastic Breakfast before worship. Come support the Mission and be well nourished for the work of the church at the Annual Meeting following worship!



**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**

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, January 16

Church Offices Closed for MLK Birthday  
8:30 AM Martin Luther King Breakfast (Off Site)

### Tuesday, January 17

9:30 AM Lydia Circle (Library)  
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Conference Room)  
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
1:00 PM Library Guild (Children's Library)  
3:00 PM COMPASS for Kids  
4:45 PM I.T. Committee (Conference Room)  
5:30 PM Family Ministry (Conferenced Room)

### Wednesday, January 18

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)  
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)  
4:00 PM Bridges (Kitchen)  
4:15 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)  
5:00 PM Choristers (Music Room)  
5:30 PM Session (Parish Hall)

### Thursday, January 19

5:00 PM Wards 5&6 Community Meeting (Parish Hall)  
6:00 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, January 20

### Saturday, January 21

11:00 AM Church Mice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
11:00 AM Memorial service for MaryAnne Singleton  
(Sanctuary)  
12:00 PM Memorial Luncheon for Mary Anne Singleton  
(Parish Hall)

### Sunday, January 22

8:45 AM Habitat Build Orientation/Training (Parish Hall)  
10:00AM Worship Service  
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Sanctuary)  
10:15 AM 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Tower)  
11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)  
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)  
11:15 AM 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class (Conference Room)  
5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Parish Hall)

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## WESTMINSTER STAFF

**The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer**  
*Pastor and Head of Staff*

**The Reverend Christian K. Choi**  
*Associate Pastor for Parish Life*

**The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle**  
*Parish Associate*

**Dale T. Rogers**  
*Director of Music and the Arts*

**Katie Moore**  
*Director for Children's Music*

**Karen Sherrick**  
*Director for Children's Ministry*

**Leigh Milward**  
*Nursery Coordinator*

**Caroline Haynor**  
*Nursery Worker*

**Ellen Carpenter**  
*Parish Nurse*

**Pat Hymans**  
*Hospitality Coordinator*

**Emily Rowley, Keri Tate**  
*Cooperative Preschool Director*

**Lisa Runkle**  
*Financial Administrator*

**Jennie Alt**  
*Church Administrative Assistant*

**Krista Steller**  
*Communications Coordinator*

**Gary Warnick**  
*Building and Property Manager*

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**Eddie Hubbard**  
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