



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
187th Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
29 January 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Pour light upon us from above
And fire our hearts with thy strong love.

Music: George Oldroyd

***Ringing of the Bell**

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

***Call to Worship**

Micah 6:8

Leader:

What does the Lord require of us?

People:

To do justice, to love kindness

Leader:

and to walk humbly with God?

People:

May we gather with open minds and hearts.

Leader:

Let us worship the One with whom we walk.

***Processional Hymn 305**

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and Loving God, forgive us for being more concerned with justifying ourselves than with caring for those who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, and those who are persecuted. Forgive us for being petty rather than kind. Enlarge our world view to reflect your heart. 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 go to Sunday school
and Grades 6-7 go to Confirmation
during the Congregational Response.*

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.

First Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8 Pew Bible, OT page 866

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12 Pew Bible, NT page 4

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

Sermon

Kind, Just, and Humble Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Text: "God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

Anthem

What Does the Lord Require of You? *Jim Strathdee*

*Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Mission Statement

Westminster Presbyterian Church believes it is in the world for ministry. With each new day, we affirm our common purpose:

to join in the worshipful praise of God;

to teach the children, to lead and inspire the young, and to call everyone to life-long learning in the church;

to be influential participants in society, by being accountable to the Gospel;

to show the love and compassion of Jesus Christ toward each other, and toward those who are hurting;

to be a caring community welcoming both friends and strangers;

to own our Presbyterian heritage, reformed and always reforming;

and to be prayerfully open to the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

Let the door of this church be a way to service. 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

Hymnal, page 35

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 **The Great Commission** John Carter

Go! Go! Go and preach the gospel. Go into the world and tell the good news. Tell the world how he came to save. Tell them what his message cost. Tell the world how he came to save every single soul who's lost. Tell the world what he came to say: "I am Truth and I am Light!" Tell the world what he came to say: "Love the Lord with all your might!" Tell the world how he healed the lame, how he made the blind man see. Tell the world how he healed the lame, how he set the sinners free.

***Prayer of Dedication** **Merciful God,**
whose kindness is beyond our understanding,
accept the gift of our lives
symbolized in these monetary offerings;
as we respond to your summons to serve.
In the name of Christ, Amen.

***Hymn** **Mission Statement Hymn** *Woodlands*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** **Day by Day** Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord
of thee three things I pray
To see thee more nearly
Love thee more dearly.

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***Voluntary** **Carillon de Westminster** Louis Vierne

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.



MISSION STATEMENT HYMN

A Metrical Paraphrase by
Dale Thomas Rogers, 1994

Walter Greatorex, 1919



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| 1. This church is | in | the world for | min - is - try. | With |
| 2. With one ac - cord, | | re - spond - ing | to your word. | Our |
| 3. This church is | in | the world for | min - is - try. | Res - |
| 4. This liv - ing church, | | re - form - ing, | ev - er new; | give |
| 5. This church is | in | the world for | min - is - try. | With |



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|-----------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| 1. sure | con - | vict - ions | may | our | faith | pro - |
| 2. ad - | or - | a - tion, | hymns | and | prayers | we |
| 3. pon - | sive | to | the | hurts | and | needs |
| 4. height | - en - | ed | vision | that | we | see |
| 5. hope, | faith, | love, | we | praise | the | Lord |
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| 1. claim | the | love | of | God | to | our | com - mun - i - ty; | a |
| 2. bring. | Our | young | we | nur - | ture | in | your | path |
| 3. all. | Seek - ing | so - | lu - | tions | for | so - ci - e - ty, | we | |
| 4. ways. | With | quick - en'd | pulse, | we | con - se - | crate | to | you |
| 5. Hosts. | Serv - ing | all | ways | the | bles - ed | trin - i - ty; | Cre - | |



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| 1. fer - | vent | wit - | ness | to | Christ's | ho - | ly | name. |
| 2. ev - | er - | more | God's | ho - | ly | truths | may | ring. |
| 3. strive | al - | ways | to | heed | the | Gos - | pel's | call. |
| 4. pow - | er'd | lives | to | serve | you | all | our | days. |
| 5. at - | ing | God, | your | Son, | and | Ho - | ly | Ghost. |

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Worship Leader:** Sam Simonson
- **Acolytes:** Macklin Metzger and Abigail Eldridge
- **Greeters:** Ellen and Rance Carpenter
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher) Braden Barton, Sophia Choi, Erin Ekstedt, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Mia Marcy, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Brad Steller
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir; Dale Rogers, organist

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Youth Egg-tastic Mission Trip Fundraiser (Parish Hall)**
Mission participants will serve a delicious Egg-tastic Breakfast prepared by Pat Hymans and team before worship. Come support the Mission and be well nourished for the work of the church at the Annual Meeting following worship. *ALL DONATIONS SUPPORT THE 2023 YOUTH MISSION TRIP.*
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Nursery (lower level)** Infants and toddlers gather in the Nursery. Preschoolers begin in worship with their families and leave during the Congregational Response. This week's Bible Story: "Jesus is Baptized" (Luke 2:41-52). Caregivers: Leigh Milward, Caroline Haynor
- **9:30 a.m. 2022 Pictorial Directory pick up in the West Narthex**
- **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 gather for the story "Filled with Joy" (Matthew 5:1-12). Teachers: Cathy Brower and Erin Winn
 - **Confirmation (Conference Room)** Grades 6 and 7 gather for the lesson "Kingdom Treasures" from the *Echo the Story* curriculum. Teachers: Meridith Bryans and Cara Barnett
- **11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. 184th Meeting of the Congregation (Sanctuary)** The 2023 Confirmation Class is invited to sit with their mentors during the meeting.

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.

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.

2022 PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 – Those members who had their photo taken or submitted a photo may pick up their free copy of the Pictorial Director on Sunday, January 29 at the designated table in the West Narthex. The cost of submitting a photo is \$15 for those who have not yet paid. Those who are not photographed may purchase a directory for \$15.

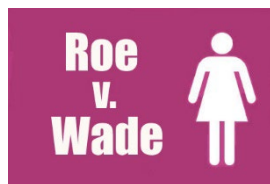
DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KAREN SHERRICK represented Westminster as she attended the ACPE (Association of Partners in Christian Education) Annual Conference this week (January 25-28) in Birmingham, AL. Karen's fifth anniversary as Westminster's Director for Children's Ministry will be recognized on Sunday, February 12.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Meg Kontio (3508 Briana Drive, 62711.) Meg will lead Lesson Five: Sabbath and Servitude.

SYMPOSIUM: WHAT ABOUT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE? Join Dr. Roy Wehrle on **Thursdays, February 2 and 9, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.** in Parish Hall for a two-week symposium on artificial Intelligence.

HUNGER ACTION TEAM will prepare a Springfield Warming Center meal on Friday, February 3.

ALL WOMEN'S NEW BEGINNING BRUNCH will be hosted by the PW and held on **Saturday, February 4 from 10:30 a.m. - noon** in Parish Hall. Rev. Margaret Ann Jessup will speak about the "Wooden It Be Lovely" program. A free-will offering will be collected for the 2023 Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build. Sign up in the West Narthex today or email Jennie at jalt@wpcspi.org.



ADULT ED FORUM:

UNRAVELING ROE: A COMPLICATED RISE AND FALL –

Sundays, February 5, 12 and 19, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon in Parish Hall This forum will explain the legal, political, and societal foundations of the rise and fall of Roe vs. Wade, along with its branching implications on other seemingly protected rights.

The forum will be led by Kate and Michael Morthland, mom and dad to Walter. Kate is a Policy Director and Lobbyist for the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Council. Michael serves as Deputy Chief of Staff for the Illinois Department of Public Health. Kate graduated from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville with a Bachelor's in Science and a Juris Doctorate with a specialization in health law and policy from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Michael graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor's in Music Performance and a Juris Doctorate from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

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.

THE 2023 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT BUILD -The Kickoff will be **Tuesday, March 21, 5:00 p.m.** in Parish Hall. The Blitz Week is tentatively scheduled for **March 27–April 1**. Those who would like to participate as ministry partners must register at habitatsangamon.volunteerhub.com and attend **one session** of Orientation and Training. Westminster (Parish Hall) will host a session on Sunday, February 19 – 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. and Habitat (2744 S. 6th Street) will host sessions on Tuesday, February 7 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 21 – 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 7 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Please sign up and plan to attend!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, January 30

Tuesday, January 31

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM COMPASS

Wednesday, February 1

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in Chancel (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 12:30 PM Reporter (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Bridges (Kitchen)
- 4:15 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
- 4:15 PM Choristers (Music Room)
- 5:30 PM Mission & Community Service Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 7:00 PM Ruth & Naomi (Off Site)

Thursday, February 2

- 2:00 PM Memory Loss Graduate Group (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 6:00 PM Symposium on Artificial Intelligence (Parish Hall)
- 7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, February 3

- 11:00 AM PW Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- 1:00 PM Hunger Action Team (Kitchen)

Saturday, February 4

- 10:30 AM PW All Women New Beginnings Brunch (Parish Hall)
- 11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, February 5 – Mission Sunday

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-5) Confirmation (Gr 6-7)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation (Conference Room)
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
- 5:00 PM Youth Group Worship & Dinner (Parish Hall)

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