

WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Mission Sunday  
5 February 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

**Ministry Moment**      Mission and Community Service      Peter VanGieson

**Voluntary**      Allegretto Pensoso      Edward Elgar

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

**\*Call to Worship**      Matthew 5:13-20

Leader: We are called to walk in the way  
of justice and righteousness,  
**People: for we are the salt of the earth!**  
Leader: We are called to love kindness and  
to bring a new hope in God,  
**People: for we are the light of the world.**  
Leader: Come, children of God;  
let our singing and prayers reflect the love of God!  
**People: Let us worship the Lord.**

**\*Processional Hymn 733**      We All Are One in Mission      *Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*

**\*Prayer of Confession**      Holy and loving God, through your gentle Spirit, mold our lives each day to grow more firmly into the image of Christ. We confess we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. Forgive us and help us to find a more inclusive way of living, that the doors of our hearts and Westminster's are welcoming, open, and a way to service. May we love your people in all we say and do. Hear now our silent prayers of confession. Amen.

**\*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.**

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

**First Scripture Reading**

Matthew 5:13-20

Pew Bible, NT page 4

**Second Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Pew Bible, NT page 166-167

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Christ-Centered People

Rev. Christian K. Choi

*"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."*

*1 Corinthians 2:2*

## Anthem

### Christ's Flock

Martin Shaw

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed,  
From Christ's own flock let concord hate expel:  
O Christ's own flock let love be so embraced,  
As we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell.

Christ is the author of all unity,  
from whence proceedeth all felicity.  
O sing unto this glittering glorious King.  
O praises bring from every living thing.  
Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!

## \*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967, 9.07

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to Godself.  
We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us.  
Christ is the eternal Son of the Father,  
who became human and lived among us  
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.  
Christ is present in the church  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to continue and complete his mission.  
This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
is the foundation of all we confess  
about God, humanity, and the world.  
Therefore, the church calls all people  
to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

## The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of our God is in this place,  
I can feel God's mighty power and his 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** If Thou But Trust in God Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*Offertory Response** Doxology Hymnal, 606

**\*Mission and Community  
Service Litany of Dedication**

**Leader:** Holy and loving God, you have loved us beyond measure.

**People:** **You have called us as the body of Christ to work together for the common good and to reach beyond ourselves in mission and community service.**

**Leader:** Generous God, you have endowed us with your holy spirit and with a variety of gifts to fulfill a variety of services with love and common purpose.

**People:** **We bring to you all the gifts you have given us—our treasure, our talents, and our very selves.**

**Leader:** Make us, with all that we are and all that we have, into steadfast and tender-hearted disciples, members of Christ's body and the church of Westminster whose doors are a way to service.

**People:** **We ask this in the name of the Holy Trinity, grateful for the light of the kingdom and the challenge to shine with the joy and love of the Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 749** Come! Live in the Light! *We Are Called*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Closing Response** Day by Day Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

**\*Voluntary** Grand Choeur Alexandre Guilmant

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Elder Jesse Arthur Werner, Jr. 11/17/1936– 01/30/2023  
United with Westminster 02/26/1995

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Flowers in the Chancel** are given in loving memory of our mother, Faye Hildebrand, by her children Pat Hildebrand-Culler and Mal Hildebrand.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Worship Leader:** Louisa Eldridge
- **Acolytes:** Maria DeJong and Ned Moore
- **Greeters:** Cathy Brower and Sam Brower
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Eleanor VanDeventer, Soprano, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Ushers:** Sabrina Holmes (Head Usher) Chris Hickman, Richard Leary, Camille Massey, Coleman Moore, Jim Parker, Jim Rigney, Erin Winn
- **Safety Team:** Alan Schuermann
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon 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: "Jesus is Baptized" (Luke 2:41-52). 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 "Salt and Light" (Matthew 5:13-20). Teachers: Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz
  - **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Conference Room)** The lesson is "Jesus' Encounters" of the *Echo the Story* curriculum. Teachers: Joe Fierstos and Mary Ray
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**
  - **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Conference Room)** will go over "Will You Devote Yourself to the Church's Teachings?" from PCUSA's *Big God Big Questions* Confirmation Curriculum. Led by Rev. Christian Choi
  - **Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)** presents "**Unraveling Roe: A complicated Rise and Fall** The first of three sessions on the topic, the 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. Led by Kate and Michael Morthland
- **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Youth Group (Parish Hall/Youth Room)** will explore "What Do Other Religions Believe about Jesus?" from PCUSA's *Faith Questions* Curriculum. Dinner provided by Christy Pound. Led by Rev. Choi, Susan Day, and Mary Ray

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

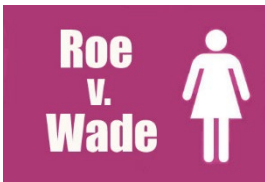
**WE WELCOME VISITORS!** Information about who we are is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org). Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining, please speak to a pastor.

**MISSION SUNDAY CELEBRATED TODAY!** This is the eighth Mission Sunday which began in 2016. A booklet including a comprehensive list of the 2022 mission supported by Westminster and the members of the committees who serve is available today. The total Mission Giving for 2022 is **\$374,027**. This giving is divided among the Operating Fund, Special Offerings, Presbyterian Women, and the Support and Endowment Mission Funds.

**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** - Those members who had their photo taken or submitted a photo may pick up their free copy of the Pictorial Director after the service today 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.



### **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.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN** gather on **Thursday, February 9 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell will be the speaker. Rich Canady will provide breakfast and Mike Shaw will give devotions. RSVP with the weekly email link, on our website, or by calling the church office.

**SYMPOSIUM: WHAT ABOUT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?** Join Dr. Roy Wehrle on **Thursday, February 9, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.** in Parish Hall for the second of a two-week symposium on Artificial Intelligence.

**DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KAREN SHERRICK** Karen's fifth anniversary as Westminster's Director for Children's Ministry will be recognized on Sunday, February 12.

**PARISH NURSE ELLEN CARPENTER** will check blood pressures in the Church office after the service on Sunday, February 12.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** meets **Monday, February 13 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary Peura will lead devotions and Beth Kincaid will lead Lesson Six: Sabbath and Hospitality.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** meets **Tuesday, February 21 at 9:30 a.m.** in Ziegler Library. Sharon Turner will be the hostess and Betsy Ruklick will lead Lesson Six: Sabbath and Hospitality.

**WESTMINSTER GATHERING AT CONCORDIA** Members & friends of Westminster will gather **Thursday, February 23** with the Pastors and the Director of Music and the Arts. Communion is at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 noon.

**THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP** meets Tuesday, February 28 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss January's book, Sonorous Desert: What Deep Listening Taught Early Christian Monks - and What it Can Teach Us by Kim Haines-Eitzen. New members are always welcome! 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 February.



**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](http://habitatsangamon.volunteerhub.com) and attend **one session** of Orientation and Training. Please sign up and plan to attend!

Westminster (Parish Hall) will host a session on Sunday, February 19 – 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.

Habitat (2744 S. 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

### **THEME: THE EMPTY POT**

**5:45 P.M. CHICKEN ALFREDO AND CAESAR SALAD DINNER IN PARISH HALL**

**6:30 P.M. WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY**

We begin our Lenten Journey with dinner followed by a family centered worship service:

- Liturgy and music presented by Bridges children and Choristers
- Meditation by Dr. Kieffer
- The Imposition of Ashes
- Holy Communion by Intinction

This year's Ash Wednesday meditation will include the children's book The Empty Pot.

Small clay pots will be distributed as a reminder of our humanity.

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, February 6

9:00 AM Garden Club of Springfield (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, February 7

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
3:00 PM Compass for Kids  
7:00 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Music Room)

### Wednesday, February 8

10:00 AM Jesse Werner Visitation  
11:00 AM Jesse Werner Memorial Service (Sanctuary)  
12:00 AM Memorial Reception for Jesse Werner  
(Parish Hall)  
4:00 PM Bridges (Kitchen)  
4:15 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)  
4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (Conference Room)  
5:00 PM Choristers (Music Room)  
5:30 PM Board of Deacons (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
5:30 PM Session Coordinating (Pastor's Study)

### Thursday, February 9

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)  
1:00 PM PEO BF Meeting (Parish Hall)  
6:00 PM Symposium on Artificial Intelligence  
(Parish Hall)  
7:30 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, February 10

6:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands Shelter

### Saturday, February 11

11:00 AM Church Mice (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Sunday, February 12

Souper Bowl of Caring  
Parish Nurse Ministry  
10:00 AM Worship Service – Holy Communion  
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre K-5) Confirmation (Gr 6-7)  
11:15 AM Confirmation - Gr 8 (Conference Room)  
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (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*

**Mary Ray**  
*Interim Director for Youth*

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

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

**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*

**Terry Gietl, Bill Hibbert  
Eddie Hubbard, Steve Stapleton**  
*Part-time Custodians*