

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH**  
Founders' Sunday  
May 21, 2023

**Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build**



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

## Welcome and Announcements

**Ministry Moment**      Steadfast Neighbor      Dr. Todd Knox

**Voluntary**      Prelude in G Major      Johann Sebastian Bach

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

**\*Call to Worship**      Psalm 90:1-2, 14, 17

**Leader:** Lord, you have been our refuge

**People:** **from one generation to another.**

**Leader:** Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the sea were born,

**People:** **from age to age you are God.**

**Leader:** Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,

**People:** **so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

**Leader:** May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,

**People:** **as we seek to live humble and joyful lives.**

**\*Processional Hymn 611**      Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee      *Hymn to Joy*

**\*Prayer of Confession**      Holy and loving God, who bends down to lift infants,  
whose understanding is unsearchable, who renews the  
strength of those who wait, and who brings life out of  
death, thank you for the wonder and mystery of who you  
are. Forgive us for not honoring you in the way we live  
our lives. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

**\*Sung Response**      Lord Have Mercy Upon Us      Hymnal, Back Cover

**\*Declaration of Pardon  
and Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
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**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Donald Fishel

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to God's name.**

*Students in grades Pre-K – 5 will go to Sunday school and Grades 6-7 will go to Confirmation Class during the Congregational Response*

**First Scripture Reading**

Ephesians 4:1-7, 9-16

Pew Bible, NT page 193- 194

**Second Scripture Reading**

John 18:33-37

Pew Bible, NT page 113

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Lord of Love

The Rev. Dr. Lonnie H. Lee

**Anthem**

O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord, my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, they will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

**\*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 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**

Hymnal, page 35

**\*Hymn 301**

Let Us Build a House

*Two Oaks*

**Presentation of our Gifts**

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

## Offertory

### Bless This House

May H. Brahe

Bless this house, O Lord, we pray. Make it safe by night and day.  
Bless these walls, so firm and stout, keeping want and trouble out.  
Bless the roof and chimneys tall. Let thy peace lie over all.  
Bless this door that it may prove ever open to joy and love.  
Bless these windows shining bright, letting in God's heavenly light.  
Bless the heart a-blazing there, with smoke ascending like a prayer.  
Bless the folk who dwell within. Keep them pure and free from sin.  
Bless us all that we may be fit, O Lord, to dwell with thee.  
Bless us all that one day we may dwell, O Lord, with thee.

## \*Offertory Response

### Doxology

Hymnal, 606

## \*Litany of Dedication

Leader: Seeking to put God's love into action, the Endowment Anniversary Campaign began on Founders' Sunday, 2015.  
People: **Striving to be an anchor in our neighborhood, the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor launched in 2020,**  
Leader: By investing in ourselves and our neighborhood, we are a part of building community and offering hope.  
People: **This year we are honored to partner with Habitat to build a home with a solid and loving foundation.**  
Leader: By wisdom a house is built,  
and by understanding it is established;  
People: **by knowledge the rooms are filled with all that is precious and pleasing.**  
Leader: With joyful and humble hearts,  
we dedicate the Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build.  
People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Voluntary

### Symphony I: Finale

Louis Vierne

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

## ALBERT HALE CIRCLE

The **ALBERT HALE CIRCLE** is listed below and includes pledges, gifts, pre-campaign gifts and planned gifts. Reverend Hale, pastor from 1839-1866, laid the cornerstone for the legacy of faith and sure foundation we are building together in the Westminster Support and Endowment Fund.

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### New since last published

\* Pre-campaign gift

† Planned gift



### **WESTMINSTER SUPPORT AND ENDOWMENT FUND:**

#### **BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH**

In May of 2015, on the 180th Founders' Sunday, Westminster dedicated the Building a Legacy of Faith Twenty-Year Anniversary Endowment Campaign and established the ALBERT HALE CIRCLE. During the five-year campaign the market value of Westminster's Support and Endowment Fund grew from **\$1.9 to \$8.1 million**. As of March 31, 2023, the market value of the Support and Endowment Fund was **\$8,047,495**. *This does not include planned gifts.*

Support and Endowment brochures can be found in the pew pockets. We continue to welcome donations and testamentary gifts to the Westminster Support and Endowment Plan.

*Support and Endowment Committee: Chair, Todd Wise, Jim Bryans, Christy Pound, Dr. Diane Rutledge, Dale Smith, Lucy Preckwinkle Stafford. Advisory Members: Randy Germeraad, Jeff Wilday.*

# FOUNDERS' DAY PICNIC RECEPTION

Join us following worship in Parish Hall  
as we celebrate the  
Steadfast Neighbor Habitat House

**The gathering will include:**

## Musical Presentations

It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood  
The Gentlemen of the Choir

Make our Garden Grow, and Build a House  
Diane Dietz and Adam Miller

He is the Rock  
Westminster Choir

## Picnic-style lunch

*Table decorations are construction hard hats.*

## PowerPoint Presentation

*The Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build Journey*

## Earth Care Repurpose Activity

*Prepared by Susan Shaw and the Earth Care Team.  
Children will repurpose gently used T-shirts and socks  
into puppets and toys for our pets.*

## Brief History of Steadfast Neighbor Habitat House

Westminster's Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor was initiated in 2020 following a successful "Building a Legacy of Faith" Anniversary Endowment Campaign which increased our endowment from \$1.9 million in 2015 to \$8.1 million in 2020. This Steadfast Neighbor theme fulfilled the vision of our congregation, who voted to remain in our present location and to be a steadfast presence in this neighborhood 20 years earlier.

During our first Service Week in 2020, members noticed the dilapidated home at 626 S. Glenwood and began to dream about buying the property and demolishing the blighted buildings. The Strategic Planning Committee researched its owner and after the necessary process, the City of Springfield acquired the property for auction in the Spring of 2022. Within the guidelines provided by Session and in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity, the application was submitted by Colleen Stone, Executive Director, on May 31, 2022, with a symbolic bid of \$34. Based on the story in Jeremiah the seventeen shekels of silver in today's currency honors the covenant of community within our neighborhood.

The City of Springfield demolished the rear building. Westminster provided the funds to demolish the front building. We are thrilled to partner with Habitat for Humanity, the Capler Family, our neighbors, and participating Presbyterian congregations in this Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build.

## Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build Individual Financial Donations

Nancy Ashbaugh  
Sandy Bellatti  
Carolyn and Richard Berning  
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## Grants and Gifts from Churches and Organizations

Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church – Springfield  
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Presbyterian Women of Westminster  
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Bless This House Benefit by Westminster Choir  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

## In-Kind Donations

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## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given in memory of Marilyn and Leroy Tungett and in honor of her birthday from their children, Linda, Eleanor, and Michael.
- **Sunday Liturgists:** Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle, Rev. Christian K. Choi, Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Guest Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Lonnie H. Lee
- **Worship Leader:** Sam Simonson
- **Acolytes:** Taryn Barnett and Kate Bryans
- **Bible Carrier & Cross Carrier:** Kristianna Eastvold and Will Hovey
- **Greeters:** Randy and Bernie Wiseman
- **Ushers:** Sabrina Holmes (Head Usher), Kristianna Eastvold, Melanie Green, Chris Hickman, Richard Leary, Camille Massey, Jim Rigney, Erin Winn
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady and Marilyn Rigney
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 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 lesson is "Share God's Love Everywhere" (Matt 28:16-20) Caregivers: *Caroline Haynor and Leigh Milward*
- **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 "Praying to God" (John 17:1-11). Teachers: *Julie Robbs and Karen Sherrick*
  - **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation (Conference Room)** The lesson is "Paul" of the *Echo the Story* curriculum. Teachers: *Mary Ray and Joe Fierstos*
- **11:15 a.m. – Founders' Picnic Reception (Parish Hall)**

**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 in the West Narthex including books on ecology and family from our Adult and Children's libraries which are available for checkout. Please plan to stop by to peruse the books and resources.

## 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.

**WE WELCOME THE REV. DR. LONNIE LEE** as our guest preacher this morning. Dr. Lee served as Westminster's 17<sup>th</sup> Senior Minister from 1995-2012. Dr. Lee studied at the University of Kansas, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Austin Theological Seminary. His second book will soon go to press. Entitled, The Huguenot-Anglican Refuge in Virginia. Using American and European sources, Dr. Lee illuminates the previously unknown history of a Huguenot-Anglican settlement and explores the complex experiences and challenges faced by this non-English immigrant group in British North America. It is always a joy to welcome Lonnie and Barbara home to Westminster.

**SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLAQUE** highlighting the site of the first Session of the House of Representatives in 1839-1840 after the Illinois Capital was moved from Vandalia to Springfield at our second building. Thank you to Jerry Smith for making this gift possible.



**PW SPONSORS BLANKETS+ DURING MAY** PW and Springfield's Church Women United sponsor Blankets+ (formerly Blanket Sunday) during May. Church World Services provides blankets, tents, and food in the wake of a disaster; tools and seeds for refugees returning home; wells for families in drought prone areas and gardens; literacy training and microcredit for women. During May, make checks payable to Westminster (memo: Blankets+) or donate online.

**PENTECOST OFFERING** - This is the fourth year Westminster will participate in the Pentecost denominational offering which unites the church by helping youth begin their life with a solid foundation of faith. **Forty percent of all gifts stay within Westminster and our portion will support the 2023 Youth Mission Trip.**



**CHILDRENS BOOKS** (K-Grade 5) are being collected to be placed in the Book Nook at Graham Elementary School next to our Little Pantry. The box is in the West Narthex. Thank you to Will Hovey who is building the Book Nook for his Eagle Scout Project.

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP** meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. A brown bag lunch will be held at noon on the second Tuesday, June 13. Beverages and dessert will be provided. You do not need to be a member or attend Westminster to join our group. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.

**THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP** meets Tuesday, May 23 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss That Is Not Who We Are: Populism and Peoplehood by Dr. Rogers A. Smith. Dr. Smith was our 2022 Bay Weekend Speaker. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.



**WESTMINSTER'S MEMORIAL GARDEN** is a place of peace and repose for the ashes of those interred within its walls. Each Memorial Sunday, Westminster's Memorial Garden is highlighted. The cost of an individual inurnment in the South wall is \$1,000 for a member or their immediate family and \$2,000 for friends of Westminster. Persons desiring to reserve space may complete an application form located in the West Narthex and on our website.

**MILITARY PLAQUE** Each Memorial Sunday, the Military Plaque in the East Narthex is highlighted. A slide show of the Military Plaque is posted on our website. We are grateful for the sacrifices and years of service to our country by each person listed. If you or a family member have served in the military and are not included, please contact Jennie Alt at [jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org) with name, rank, branch, and years of service.

**NURSERY COORDINATOR LEIGH MILWARD** will be recognized next Sunday, May 28 as she completes her service to our youngest children. Leigh has served since September of 2021 and is retiring to spend her weekends visiting her daughters who live outside Springfield. The Nursery Guild will serve during the summer months. We hope to fill the position by September. If you are interested, contact Karen Sherrick, Director for Children's Ministry.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins on May 28! Children preschool age through second grade will share the Parables of Jesus through the Young Children and Worship curriculum.

**WESTMINSTER GATHERING AT CONCORDIA** - Members of Westminster will gather at Concordia Thursday, June 1 with the Pastors and the Director of Music and the Arts. Communion is at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12 noon.

**DMA \*DATE CHANGE\*** will meet the first Friday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck and Program at 6:15 p.m. The Osprey Rescue Program will present a program on the history of the organization and what they do. RSVP with weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office.

**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY** is June 4. All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 4 bulletin and the June Reporter. Please contact Jennie Alt as soon as possible via email ([jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org)) with information or fill out the web form on the church website.

**RUTH AND NAOMI** will meet Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Folse (2 Virginia Lane, 62712). Anne Haaker will lead Lesson Nine: Sabbath and Community.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOOD TRUCK PARTY JUNE 5-9 FROM 9:15 A.M. TO NOON**

Children age 4 to age 11 are invited to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! The following persons are providing leadership at the street party: Director



and Assembly Leader: Karen Sherrick, Bible Story: Dr. Kieffer,

Art/Crafts: Pat McNutt, Games: Jack Sherrick, Music: Katie Moore, Snacks: Pat Hymans

This street party helps children build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs - and also to serve as the hands of God for ensuring that the needs of others are met. Register by scanning the QR Code.



**SOUND CELEBRATION CHORUS** performs Saturday, June 10, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Hoogland Center for "70 Years of Celebrating the Sound." Members include Sue Baker and Mary Gail Romack.

**MISSION TRIP CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** will be Sunday, June 18. All Mission participants will arrive at church at 9:30 a.m. in this year's mission T-shirts. Bring a bucket for the Car Wash and baked goods for the Bake Sale! Julie Sunquist will organize the bake sale. Dave Leonatti and Mary Ray will organize the car wash. Those going on the mission trip will be commissioned on June 18.

## ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT FRIDAY, JUNE 16 AT 6:00 PM



boat rides.

Consider Yourself Part of the Family! The Ninth Annual All-Church Cookout to welcome new members and recognize milestone members will be Friday, June 16, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers' (26 Island Bay Lane, 62612). Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee. The congregation is invited! Please RSVP (online or Sunday mornings) and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. New members and milestone members will be our guests. The evening will include a sing-along and

## 2023 YOUTH MISSION TRIP JUNE 24 – JULY 1

The destination will be Selma, AL as we rebuild following the January 2023 tornados and visit civil rights museums and monuments. Participants are reading the book Just Mercy by attorney Bryan Stevenson in preparation for their journey. This year's shirt is being designed by Emily Brower. There are 19 youth and 8 adults going on this year's trip. Youth will report to the congregation during worship on Sunday, July 2.



## STEADFAST NEIGHBOR UPDATE



**HABITAT BUILD** – The next scheduled work opportunity dates for ministry partners are May 22-26 for installation of cabinets, doors, and baseboards. Lunch will be provided. Sign up on the Habitat website. [habitatsangamon.volunteerhub.com](https://habitatsangamon.volunteerhub.com). **The House Dedication will be Thursday, June 22 at 5:00 p.m. at the new home.**

## SERVICE WEEK JUNE 19-23

### TEAM MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 5:30 P.M.

We are recruiting for this year's neighborhood outreach the week of June 19 - 23. This year's focus will be repairing and painting front porches. Additionally a team is creating flower pots for neighbors front porches. Please consider joining us for one or more days as we spread goodwill in the neighborhood! You may sign-up at [wpcspi.org](https://wpcspi.org). and let us know which days you are able to serve. We began the service week the summer of 2020.

## MATCHING GRANTS

The Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force has received 25 matching grants before the April 15 deadline. Neighbors will complete their projects by November 27, 2023 will be reimbursed 50% of the cost up to \$1,500. We began our matching grant program four years ago in 2020.

**LITTLE PANTRY** - Thanks to those who continue stocking our neighborhood micro pantry daily, on the grounds of Graham Elementary. We have dates available in June. If you are interested in helping, sign up using the QR code here, or use the link (<https://bit.ly/3C4s0vS>). The Little Pantry was installed May, 2020.



## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, May 22

- 11:30 AM King's Daughters Annual Luncheon Meeting  
6:00 PM Compass Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, May 23

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
3:00 PM COMPASS  
6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club (Library)  
7:00 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Music Room)

### Wednesday, May 24

- 10:00 AM Pastors pray in Chapel  
11:00 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)  
1:00 PM Warming Center Meal Prep (Kitchen)

### Thursday, May 25

- 3:00 PM Depression & Bipolar Support Group (Conference Room)  
6:00 PM Preschool Celebration of Stars (Parish Hall)  
7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, May 26

- 6:00 PM WCP Celebration of our Starz (Parish Hall)

### Saturday, May 27

- 11:00 AM Zohfoni Wedding (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, May 28

- 10:00 AM Pentecost Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Third Floor Chapel)

### Monday, May 29

Church Office Closed in honor of Memorial Day

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