



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mission Trip Presentation
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
02 July 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

*Call to Worship

Braden Barton

Leader:

We gather in the presence of the Risen Christ,
**who made himself known to the disciples
as they traveled on the road to Emmaus.**

People:

Leader:

Thank you for opening our eyes and speaking to us
on the roads we travel.

People:

**Strengthen us to lift our voices as advocates for the
oppressed and those long silenced.**

Leader:

Inspire us to continue the cry for liberty and justice
within our country and the world.

People:

Come, let us lift every voice and worship God.

*Processional Hymn 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

*Prayer of Confession

Kristiana Eastvold

Hear us, O God, when we cry out to you. Look upon us
with your mercy and loving kindness. We seek to turn
away from our past and turn our lives toward you.
Forgive us when we have failed or denied you by treating
others without dignity or respect. Walk with us and lead
us where you would have us go. 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. Amen.

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back Cover

Children's Sermon Maria DeJong and Maria Lafrenz

Congregational Response Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

*Children in grades Pre-K-3 will go to Summer Sunday School
class following the Congregational Response.*

First Scripture Reading Micah 6:6-8 Carter Magalis
Pew Bible, OT page 866

Second Scripture Reading Luke 24:28-35 Luke Elston
Pew Bible, NT page 90

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditations Road to Selma Aerwyna Eastvold, Emily Brower
Bryce Pound, Louisa Eldridge, Matthew Scott,
Caroline Haynor and Mary Ray

*Text: They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within
us^{d&j} while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening
the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32*

Musical Response

Come, Live in the Light!

We are Called

Come, Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

REFRAIN: We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more. REFRAIN

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

*Affirmation of Faith

Sam Simonson

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and
neighbor, and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church,
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen.**

A Brief Statement of Faith (Part 3)

The Church at Prayer

Sam Simonson

Soloist: Surely the presence of the Lord 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 the Lord is in this place.

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with your spirit.**
Leader: Let us pray.

**Prayers of the People
and The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal, page 11

**The Presentation
of Our Gifts**

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

Offertory

Battle Hymn of the Republic

William Steffe

The text for the solo is 354 in the hymnal.

Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Will Hovey

Holy and Loving God, thank you for joining us on each road we travel and for confronting us with the truth of who you are and who you call us to be. Accept these gifts which are given in gratitude, and carry us forward onto roads of grace, equality, and justice. Amen.

***Hymn 338**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Triumphal March

Dudley Buck

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Elder Dr. Donald William Sherrick 10/16/1930 – 06/26/2023

United with Westminster 06/07/1964

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgists:** Mission Trip Participants
- **Acolytes:** Sam Batterman and James Maeda
- **Greeter:** Jeanne Pittman
- **Ushers:** Jim Parker (Head Usher), Sophia Choi, Kathy Kenyon, Keith Hamilton, Julie McDonough, Susan Shaw, Bob Stuart, Jess Weitzel
- **Safety Team:** Marilyn Rigney, Alan Schuermann
- **Music:** Youth Mission Team, Eleanor VanDeventer, soprano, Dale Rogers, organ
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon** Infants, toddlers, 2- & 3-year-olds (Nursery) gather for play, songs, and Bible stories. The story this week is: “Everyone Gets Upset.” *Caregivers: Meleah Berkowitz, Sally Godbey*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** Children Pre-K – Grade 2 begin in worship with their families & go to Summer Sunday school in the Third Floor Chapel following the Children’s Sermon for Summer Sunday school. The story this week is: “The Generous Landlord” (Matthew 20:1-16) *Teacher: Karen Sherrick*

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.

THE 2023 YOUTH MISSION TEAM LEADS WORSHIP TODAY! Twenty youth joined adult leaders **Tad Allen, Cathy Brower, Susan Day, Kyle Duffy, Dave Leonatti, Nichole Magalis, Kevin Simonson** and Interim Director for Youth, **Mary Ray** on a mission to Selma, Alabama, where they rebuilt homes following the January 2023 tornadoes and visited civil rights museums and monuments. Each participant read [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stevenson. Youth participants include:



Braden Barton

Sam Batterman

Emily Brower

Maria DeJong

Aerwyna Eastvold

Kristianna Eastvold

Abigail Eldridge

Louisa Eldridge

Luke Elston

Caroline Haynor

Will Hovey

Liam Kiszely

Maria Lafrenz

James Maeda

Carter Magalis

Macklin Metzger

Sidney Miller

Bryce Pound

Matthew Scott

Sam Simonson

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported the 2023 Youth Mission through our fundraisers and the Pentecost Offering! We could not do it without you. This year the youth raised **\$2,023 at the Eggstastic Breakfast, \$6,422 at the Trivia Night, and \$2,082 during the Car Wash/Bake Sale. The youth received \$466 from the Pentecost Offering. These total \$10,993** thanks to the collaboration and teamwork of our youth, their parents, adult mentors, and this generous congregation.

WESTMINSTER SUMMER CHOIR - The Summer Choir will meet on Thursday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for Sunday, July 9. If you have contemplated joining the choir, this is a great time to give it a try. The regular season of the choir will begin on Thursday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. and will hold its annual retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 9. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates for the choir.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS & CONSULTATION will be available next Sunday, July 9, by our Parish Nurse, Ellen Carpenter.

DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY will gather Thursday, July 20, 6:00 p.m. for a potluck and communion at the Kieffer Home (26 Island Bay Lane, 62712). We will review and select our 2023-2024 curriculum as we begin the ninth year of our journey studying scripture together. Spouses are invited to the July 20 gathering. New members are always welcome.

CONTACT MINISTRY BACKPACK COLLECTION - Once again WPC will partner in ministry with Contact Ministries through a backpack collection. This year's backpacks will be filled with school supplies and distributed to the children served by Contact Ministries and at a special vaccine event hosted by Blue Cross Blue Shield in late August. We will collect backpacks through Sunday, August 13. Last year, we collected 190 backpacks! Please drop your donated backpacks in the basket located in the West Narthex.



MEALS ON WHEELS JULY 10-14 AND JULY 17-21. There are a few openings for ministry partners to participate. This service of kindness is best done in pairs and the expected time commitment is about an hour to an hour-and-a-half, starting at 9:30 a.m. To sign up, click/use the QR code.



SALVATION ARMY CENTER MONTHLY MEAL – Westminster Hunger Action Team members will prepare bagged meals for the Cooling Center on Wednesday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Krista Steller to participate.



LITTLE PANTRY NEEDS MINISTRY PARTNERS - Thank you to the devoted ministry partners who regularly stock and clean Westminster's Little Pantry located at Graham Elementary School daily. Ministry Partners are needed to join the team of dedicated members in July. Please sign up using/clicking the QR code here or contact Jennie Alt for details.

REFUGEE MINISTRY PRESENTATION SUNDAY, JULY 30

Rachael Hickman and Jess Weitzel, co-chairs of the Refugee Subcommittee, will present a Ministry Moment during worship on Sunday, July 30 followed by an informational meeting at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. Come and learn about Westminster's vision to host a refugee family who will call Springfield their new home. Session approved the framework of this subcommittee's plan in May to work through Welcome Corps, a government program initiated this year, (www.welcomecorps.org).

Desserts and refreshments will be provided at this informational meeting as we learn more about Welcome Corps, the anticipated timeline, additional resources needed, and next steps towards hosting a refugee family.

NOMINATIONS WELCOME

THE 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now receiving nominations for the following positions of leadership at Westminster.

DEACON (CLASS OF 2026)

ELDER (CLASS OF 2026)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2024)

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2026)

Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, emailed to the committee chair, Eleanor VanDeventer, at ehuitt@yahoo.com or placed in the Nominating Committee's mailbox on the wall in the West Narthex by the Edwards Street doors. Please complete it by August 13, 2023. Nominees will be presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 8, 2023.

2023 Nominating Committee members: *Eleanor VanDeventer (Chair), Mary King, Michael Nenaber Brad Steller, Alan Stutz, Carolyn Swanson, and Julie Sundquist*

Name of Nominee _____

Recommended for (check choice)

Deacon Elder Nominating Strategic Planning

1. Qualities that would make this person a good church officer

2. Past experience/current interests and activities in the church

3. Helpful information: special skills, training, employment, community involvement, etc.

Your Name (optional) _____

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, July 3

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

Thursday, July 6

3:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support

7:00 PM Westminster Choir

Friday, July 7

Saturday, July 8

5:00 PM Host Wichita Youth Mission Team Overnight
(Youth Room)

Sunday, July 9

Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Checks (Church Office)

10:00 AM Worship Service

10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-2)

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Communications Coordinator

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