



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
6 August 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment      Compass for Kids      Vyvyan Wesley

Voluntary      Fugue in C Major      Dietrich Buxtehude

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

\*Call to Worship      from Psalm 145

Leader:      The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People:      **The Lord is good to all, and the Lord's compassion  
is over all that the Lord has made.**

Leader:      The Lord is near to all who call,  
to all who call in truth.

People:      **Our mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,  
and all will bless the Lord's holy name forever and ever.**

Leader:      Let us praise the Lord, the Almighty, with all we are.

\*Processional Hymn 450      Be Thou My Vision      *Slane*

\*Prayer of Confession      Mighty and compassionate God, you have drawn us to yourself through your unconditional love. Yet, in our own distractions, we have prioritized our interests over being in solidarity with those who are in need. Rather than extending your grace, we have turned away those who need you. Forgive us, O Lord. Direct us to do your will by the power of your Spirit that all may experience transformation through the love of Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

**\*Sung Response**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Hymnal, Back Cover

**\*Declaration of Pardon**

**\*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**

**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**

Genesis 32:22-31

Pew Bible, OT page 30

**Second Scripture Reading**

Matthew 14:13-21

Pew Bible, NT page 16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Power of Magnetic Love

Rev. Christian K. Choi

*The text: "Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them  
something to eat.'"*  
*Matthew 14:16*

## Anthem

### Grant Peace, We Pray

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, in our time peace, oh,  
send us. For there is none on earth but thee, none other to  
defend us. Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

from Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you  
that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death –  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Church at Prayer

Choir: 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.

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** Stop By, Lord, Stop By Doris Wesley Bettis  
Stop by, Lord, stop by. Somebody needs one touch from  
you, Lord, oh, stop by, Lord, stop by.  
I need thee, oh, I need thee, Jesus, I need thee.  
Somebody needs one touch from you, Lord,  
oh, stop by, Lord, stop by.

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Generous God, it is your agape love that has made us who we  
are. Therefore, we return the portion of ourselves, our time,  
and our blessings to you. Just as you multiplied the offering of  
fish and the loaves that were freely given for others, we pray  
that you would multiply our gifts to be used to feed the world  
with your love. Amen.

**\*Hymn 833** O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go *St. Margaret*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Closing Response** Forth in Thy Name Orlando Gibbons  
Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know, in all I think or speak or do.

**\*Voluntary** Sonata II: Allegro Maestoso Felix Mendelssohn

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

*In the Reformed Tradition, the Exchange of Peace follows the Declaration of Pardon and is a response to God's forgiveness. This exchange of signs and words of unity and of Christ's peace is an ancient greeting. This is a time when we extend to one another what we ourselves have received from God in Christ. You may shake hands and say "The peace of Christ be with you" or simply "Peace be with you," the greeting of Jesus Christ to his disciples after his resurrection. By exchanging the Peace of Christ to one another, we witness to God's reconciling love.*

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Flowers in the Chancel** are given in loving memory of Heather Huitt and in honor of her birthday from Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle
- **Greeter:** Kelly Robertson
- **Worship Leader:** Kristianna Eastvold
- **Acolytes:** Sam Batterman and Juliana Eastvold
- **Ushers:** Sabrina Holmes (Head Usher), Melanie Green, Chris Hickman, Richard Leary, Camille Massey, Coleman Moore, Jim Rigney, Erin Winn
- **Safety Team:** Marilyn Rigney
- **Music:** Westminster Choir, Jay Kennerly, soloist, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox. Sam Simonson, Krista Steller

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play & Bible Story. This week's lesson: "God Made Feelings" *Caregivers: Lynn McMenamin, Christy Pound*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 3** begin in worship with their families & go to Summer Sunday school (Third Floor Chapel) following the Congregational Response. Today's lesson: "The Mustard Seed" *Teacher: Karen Sherrick*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12 noon Adult Education Summer Forum (Parish Hall)** This term describes the new economic policies that President Biden and his administration are employing. This is a sea change from the fully free market policies of the last several decades for both parties. The new policies are fashioned to account for the changed nature of the world and rise of China. Leader: Dr. Roy Wehrle.

**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 refugees, immigrant people and children in other lands, and back-to-school books 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.

**ADULT EDUCATION SUMMER FORUM** – Join Dr. Roy Wehrle today at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall for a forum on **Bidenomics**:

**ANNUAL MISSION TRIP REUNION** is today from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., participants of the 2023 Mission Trip will gather for a reunion and a potluck dinner at the home of Christy and Carl Pound (100 Pinehurst Drive 62704). Remember to bring a dish to share. Freshman and sophomores are invited to bring dessert, juniors and seniors to bring a salad or side dish, and adult leaders to bring chips and a drink. We will serve hot dogs and burgers. We look forward to sharing memories, photos, youth will share how their experience changed them.

**CONTACT MINISTRY 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. We have currently received 118 toward our goal of 190 backpacks! Please drop your donated backpacks in the basket located in the West Narthex.

**ADULT EDUCATION SUMMER FORUM** -On Sunday, August 13, Dr. Roy Wehrle will present a forum on **Big Developments in China**: Looking at contemporary Chinese policies will give members a view of several paths forward into the future based on current China policies and a taste of some of the ramifications for us and the rest of the world related to China's policies.

**DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)** will meet Friday, August 18 at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck and program at 6:15 p.m. Raymond Bruzan, will speak on his book Have Violin Will Travel, which is about life of American violinist Louise Persinger. Books are available for purchase, and include a children's book. RSVP using the weekly email link, on the website, or by calling the church office.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** –On Sunday, August 20, the children and youth of Westminster are invited to bring their backpacks to the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the blessing of backpacks as our children and youth begin a new school year. Along with a blessing, each will receive a monogrammed carabiner with a Bible verse for their backpack as a reminder of God's loving presence on their journey throughout this school year.

**SPLASH INTO THE NEW YEAR!** On Sunday, August 20, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., incoming Junior and Senior High Youth are invited to a swim party at the Batterman Home (1620 Outer Park Dr.) as we kick off a new year together. Friends are always welcome and encouraged. Please bring a towel!

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER COOKOUT** - Men of the congregation and their spouses/partners are invited to a summer cookout at the Grigsby/Hale Farm (15594 Rogge St, Tallula 62688) on Saturday, August 26 at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Jennie Alt and let her know whether you will bring a side dish, dessert, or drink. Those who want to come early to fish are welcome.

**YOUNG FAMILY GATHERING** On Sunday, August 27, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., young families (parents and children ages birth through grade five) are invited to a swim party at the Kieffer home (26 Island Bay Lane) as we splash into a new year together, celebrate the ministry of Karen Sherrick and welcome the ministry of Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz. Please bring a towel and snack to share! Friends are always welcome and encouraged.

# 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](mailto: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

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

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

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Your Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, August 7

### Tuesday, August 8

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
12:00 PM Knitters' Lunch (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Wednesday, August 9

- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)  
4:45 PM Fiscal Committee (Pastor's Study)

### Thursday, August 10

- 12:00 PM PEO BF Meeting (Parish Hall)  
2:30 PM Memory Loss Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
3:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support  
(Conference Room)

### Friday, August 11

- 7:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands

### Saturday, August 12

### Sunday, August 13

Holy Communion

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School Pre K – 2  
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*

**Caroline Haynor**  
*Nursery Worker*

**Ellen Carpenter**  
*Parish Nurse*

**Pat Hymans**  
*Hospitality Coordinator*

**Lisa Runkle**  
*Financial Administrator*

**Jennie Alt**  
*Church Administrative Assistant*

**Krista Steller**  
*Communications Coordinator*

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

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

**James Capler, Terry Gietl,  
Bill Hibbert, Steve Stapleton**  
*Part-time Custodians*