



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Trinity Sunday  
Baccalaureate Sunday  
4 June 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary

Meditation

Brenda Portman

**\*Ringing of the Bell**

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

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,  
People: we behold in the splendor of creation  
your majesty and our responsibility.  
Leader: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,  
People: we behold in the face of Jesus Christ  
your divinity and our humanity.  
Leader: O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,  
People: we behold in the Spirit of truth and advocacy  
your glory and our calling.  
Leader: Bound to you forever, we will praise your name.  
People: Let us worship with reverence and awe.

**\*Processional Hymn 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

*Nicaea*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Yet, we put aside your splendor, seeking our own power and gain. We set aside our responsibility for the earth entrusted to our care. We lack respect for the dignity of all people who are created in your image. Forgive us, we pray. Call us to care for one another so that all your people flourish. 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** Education and Compass Leadership Recognition

**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 1:1-24 Pew Bible, OT page 1

**Second Scripture Reading** Matthew 28:16-20 Pew Bible, NT page 34  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Unbroken Circle Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Text: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*  
*II Corinthians 13:13*

**Anthem** Hymn to the Trinity Dale Wood  
O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Surpassing thought and fantasy,  
That God the son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortal's sake.  
For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
For us his daily works he wrought,  
By signs and words and actions, thus  
Still seeking not himself, but us.  
All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity, whom we adore  
Forever and for ever more.

## Recognition of High School Graduates

### 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

#### 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

##### Deep Peace

Elaine Hagenberg

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.

#### \*Offertory Response

##### Doxology

Hymnal, 606

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy Trinity, who has made us in your image, help us to see your goodness in all things and all people. You are both infinite and intimate, known and unknowable, transcendent and transparent. May confidence that you live within us deepen our capacity to listen to one another, to live in peace, and to serve with intelligence, imagination, energy, and love. Accept these gifts which we present in gratitude for the wonder and mystery of your name.**

#### \*Hymn 295

##### Go to the World

*Sine Nomine*

## \*Charge and Benediction

### Closing Response

#### Day By Day

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Harold Friedell

### \*Voluntary

#### Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Music: Brenda Portman

(\*) 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

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Christian Choi
- **Greeters:** Jeanne and Peter VanGieson
- **Worship Leader:** Kristianna Eastvold
- **Acolytes** TBD
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher) Mervice Alah Abung, Terry Haynor, Melanie Humphrey, Mary King, Julie McDonough, John McNutt, Bruce Strom
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady and John Stafford
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organ
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox. Bill Deemer, Sam Simonson

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **8:45 a.m. – Youth Mission Trip Adult Leaders Meeting (Library)**
- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week's lesson: "Wonder Together" *Caregivers: Linda Caupert, Andy Sherrick*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 2** begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school (**Third Floor Chapel**) following the Congregational Response. This week's lesson: "The Sower" (Luke 8:4-15) *Teacher: Karen Sherrick*
- **11:15 a.m. – Baccalaureate Reception (Parish Hall)** Thank you to the Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons for hosting the reception.
- **11:30 a.m. – Westminster Choir Brunch at the Home of Meg and Jim Kontio**

## EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

The following members will be recognized today during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. In their honor, we have purchased **ten flocks of chicken gift donations**, which include a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks along with the training that will empower Heifer families to turn this donation into a lifetime of opportunity. We are grateful for their “eggtastic” work nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Graham Elementary School students.



**NURSERY GUILD:** Linda Caupert, DeeDee Duffy, Carolyn Dungan, Sara Eldridge, Sally Godbey, Nancy Huston, Priscilla Kluge, Judy Knox, Meg Kontio, Val Leonatti, Lynn McMenamain, Christy Pound, Sue Scaife, Julie Sundquist

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND BRIDGES MENTOR:** Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Sophia Choi, Adam and Chelsea Ekstedt, Sara Eldridge, Kate Morthland, Linda Purves, Julie Robbs, Erin Winn, Pat Roller

**CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH GROUP LEADERS:** Cara Barnett, Meridith Bryans, Joe Fierstos, Mary Ray, Susan Day

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Rev. Jerry Boutelle, Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Dr. Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold, Rev. Christian Choi, Katie and Michael Morthland, Jay Kennerly, Dr. Peter and Rev. Dr. Blythe Kieffer, Dale Rogers, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Dr. Roy Wehrle

**COMPASS FOR KIDS:** Cathy Allen, Cathy Brower, Emily Brower, Kristianna Eastvold, Kris Gates, Aggie Lafrenz, Mia Marcy, Bryce Pound, Matthew Scott

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### MONDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 5-9

Children ages 4-11 will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and delicious snacks. **Vacation Bible School Ministry Partners will meet Monday, June 5 at 8:30 a.m. to receive their assignment for the week.**

**REGISTRARS:** Pat Roller and Kathy Moore, **PHOTOS:** Bob Fox

**ASSEMBLY LEADER:** Karen Sherrick **BIBLE STORY:** Dr. Kieffer

**ART/CRAFTS:** Pat McNutt **GAMES:** Jack Sherrick, Isaac Alt, Mario Berg

**MUSIC:** Katie Moore and Eleanor VanDeventer **SNACK:** Pat and Al Hymans

**CHEF MASTERS:** **Pre-kindergarten-Grade 1:** Julie Sundquist, Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz, Kathy Bacon, Maria Lafrenz **Grades 2-3:** Camille Massey, Joe Fierstos and Mariah Scott **Grades 4-5:** Val Leonatti and Julie Robbs,



**BIBLE DRAMA TEAM:** Charlotte and William Affrunti, Abigail Eldridge, Sophia Loshe, Juliana and Aerwynna Eastvold

**MISSION:** The Central Illinois Foodbank. We will be collecting: Canned Tuna, Boxed Meal to put tuna in, Canned Fruit in juice/water, Canned Veggies,

**REGISTER BY SCANNING OR CLICKING THE QR CODE.**

## BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY CELEBRATED TODAY

Today we will recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will follow worship in Parish Hall. Congratulations to these young people and Godspeed as they continue the adventure of life. Those attending will receive two gifts from their faith community: a Swiss Army Knife (packed with sage advice for graduates) and a hand-knitted scarf lovingly created by members of the Knit 2 Purl 4 Fellowship.

**Braden Barton** from SEHS attending Lincoln Land Community College

**Emily Brower** from SHS attending University of Illinois School of Journalism

**Aerwyna Eastvold** from SHS attending Lincoln Land Community College

**Louisa Eldridge** from SHS attending Tulane University

**Caroline Haynor** from SHS attending Illinois College

**Tyler Holman** from GHS attending Illinois State University

**Mia Marcy** from SHS attending University of Wisconsin at Madison

**Sidney Miller** from SHS attending St. Louis University

**Maria Pennell** from WHS attending Coastal Carolina University

**Bryce Pound** from SHS attending Penn State University

**Matthew Scott** from SHS attending University of Illinois

**Amelia Tungett** from RHS attending Indiana University

## CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!

**Claire Bess** B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology and a B.A. in Geography from Augustana College - She will attend the University of Pittsburgh for her master's in public health policy.

**Maytal Booth** B.A. in Medicine, Health, & Society (magna cum laude) from Vanderbilt University - Maytal is the granddaughter of Lynne Cleverdon.

**Benjamin Brower** A.A. from Lincoln Land Community College

**Samuel Brower** A. A. from Lincoln Land Community College

**William Drake** B.A. in Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of IL - Will is the grandson of Bob Bradford.

**Daniel Fogarty** B.A. in Business at the Carroll School of Management from Boston College - Daniel is the grandson of Dr. Alan and Marty Stutz.

**Will Formea** B.A. in Communications and Legal Studies from the University of Illinois –Springfield Will is working at MASCO Packaging in Springfield.

**Matthew Knox** B.A. in Computer Science from Duke University - Matthew will work as a software engineer at a company called Yext in New York, NY.

**Kaitlin Kruger** B.A. in Psychology at the University of Iowa - Katie will pursue med school or physician assistant program following a gap year.

**Robert Moore, III** M.Div. from Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI – Robert is the son of Mary and Coleman Moore.

**Olivia Pennell** B.A in Dance and a B.A. in Communications from the University of Kansas - Olivia will move to Chicago to pursue her career.

**Benjamin Rogers** B.S. in Animal Science from University of Illinois - Ben will continue in the School of Veterinary Medicine and is the nephew of Dale Rogers.

**Miranda Schneider** B.F.A. in Animation from the School of Visual Arts - Miranda will teach animation in a high school in Harlem, NY.

**John "Jack" Sherrick** J.D. from Columbia Law School - Jack will move to Washington D.C. to work for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission FERC.

**Ryan Stutz** B.A. in Economics from Vanderbilt University - Ryan is the grandson of Dr. Alan and Marty Stutz.

**Matthew Tungett** M.A. in Aerospace Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy - Matthew will continue his training to be a pilot in the U.S. Navy.

**Emily Vasconcelles** M.A. of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from University of the Cumberland - Emily is interviewing for a job in the surgical field.

**Talen Vogler** B.S. in Biology from San Diego State University - Talen will attend Creighton University for an accelerated bachelor's degree in nursing.

**John "Jack" Zerfas** B.A. in Business from Miami University at Ohio - Jack will move to Chicago and work for Arrive Logistics.

## 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.

**PW THANKS ALL WHO JOINED IN BLANKETS+ \$1,465** has been received..

**PENTECOST OFFERING** raised **\$1,165**. Thanks to all who gave to this denominational offering which unites the church by helping youth begin their life with a solid foundation of faith. **\$466** stay within Westminster and our portion will support the 2023 Youth Mission Trip.

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP** On June 6, Knitters will meet at the home of Sue Cull (111 Linden Lane) at 1:00 p.m. Carpooling is encouraged. Light refreshments will be provided. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.

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

**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.

**2023 YOUTH MISSION TRIP** - The entire team will meet Sunday, June 11 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. **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. Those going on the mission trip will be commissioned on June 18.



**ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT FRIDAY, JUNE 16 AT 6:00 PM** 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, 62712). Please RSVP (online or Sunday mornings) and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

**SERVICE WEEK JUNE 19-23.** The team will meet Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 p.m. to review projects. 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! Scan or click the QR code to sign up. We began the service week the summer of 2020.



## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, June 5

8:30 AM VBS Team Meeting  
9:15 AM VBS

### Tuesday, June 6

9:15 AM VBS  
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (Off Site)  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)

### Wednesday, June 7

9:15 AM VBS  
7:00 PM Ruth & Naomi Circle (Off Site)

### Thursday, June 8

9:15 AM VBS  
3:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support  
(Conference Room)

### Friday, June 9

9:15 AM VBS  
5:00 PM Meal Delivered to Helping Hands Shelter

### Saturday, June 10

### Sunday, June 11

Parish Nurse Ministries (Church Office)  
10:00 AM Holy Communion  
10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 2)  
11:15 AM Mission Trip Meeting (Parish Hall)

## 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*

**Deb Watts Elliott**  
*Saturday Worship Pianist and  
Music Coordinator*

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

**Caroline Hayner**  
*Nursery Worker*

**Ellen Carpenter**  
*Parish Nurse*

**Pat Hymans**  
*Hospitality Coordinator*

**Emily Rowley**  
*Cooperative Preschool Teachers*

**Lisa Runkle**  
*Financial Administrator*

**Jennie Alt**  
*Church Administrative Assistant*

**Krista Steller**  
*Communications Coordinator*

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

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