



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
18 June 2023 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Youth Mission Trip Commissioning

Voluntary Trumpet Voluntary in D William Goodwin

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

***Call to Worship** Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.
It is God who made us, and we are God's.

People: **We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving
and God's courts with praise.

People: **For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Let us worship with reverence and awe.

***Processional Hymn 370** This is My Father's World *Terra Beata*

***Prayer of Confession**

Our Heavenly Father, your love for us is unconditional, and you tell us that all people are your beloved. Yet, we are quick to judge others and hesitant to see others as ourselves, a child of God. We seek the ease of selfishness over sharing your blessings with our siblings in Christ. Forgive us, and in your mercy, transform us that we may show the love and mercy you have poured upon us. 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

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 18:1-15

Pew Bible, OT page 14

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Pew Bible, NT page 9-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Last Laugh Rev. Christian K. Choi

Text: The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old? Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due, season, and Sarah shall have a son.'"
Genesis 18:13-14

Solo Give Me Jesus African-American Spiritual

When I come to die, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world; give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.
You may have all this world, with its troubles and cares,
For of this I am sure, give me Jesus.

Steadfast Neighbor Ministry Partner Commissioning

The Church at Prayer

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

Prayers of the People

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 Andante con moto C. S. Lang

***Offertory Response** Doxology Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication** God of wonder, you appeared to Abraham as three persons; you reveal your fullness in your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit fills your people with love, power, and grace. Accept the gifts of our lives and labor as we share the good news of the kingdom of God and learn to live in the light. Amen

***Hymn 490** Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters *Beach Spring*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** God is My Strong Salvation Gordon Young

(*) 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. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
- **Greeters:** Linda and Ed Caupert
- **Worship Leader:** Bryce Pound
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher) Mervice Alah Abung, Terry Haynor, Sabrina Holmes, Melanie Humphrey, Mary King, John McNutt, Bruce Strom
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady and Julie James
- **Music:** Lyle VanDeventer, bass, Linda Andrews, guest organist
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox. Sam Simonson, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Youth Mission Trip Car Wash and Bake Sale (Paring Lot and West Narthex)** Led by Dave Leonatti, Julie Sundquist and Mary Ray
- **9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Infants, toddlers, 2 & 3 year olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week's lesson: "God Finds Us" *Caregivers: Carolyn Dungan, Kate Morthland*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 2** begin in worship with their families & go to Summer Sunday school (**Third Floor Chapel**) following the Congregational Response. Today's lesson: "Something Big from Something Small" (Matt. 13:33) *Teacher: Karen Sherrick*

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 food, garden and hunger mission to tie into VBS, as well as patriotic and Fathers /families 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. 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: JUNE 24-JULY 1

THEME: WALK TO SELMA

Today twenty youth will be commissioned during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The week of June 24-July 1, they join adult leaders **Tad Allen, Cathy Brower, Susan Day, Kyle Duffy, Dave Leonatti, Nichole Magalis, and Kevin Simonson** led by **Mary Ray** (Interim Director for Youth) on a mission to Selma, Alabama, where they will rebuild following the January 2023 tornadoes and visit civil rights museums and monuments. 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

The WPC youth are grateful for the congregation's continued support and prayers and look forward to **leading worship on Sunday, July 2.**

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.

MISSION TRIP CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER are today, 9:30

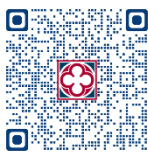


-11:30 a.m. We hope members will support the Youth Mission Team for their final two fundraisers before they depart for Selma. Give the youth permission to clean your car (or pay them not to clean it) and stop by the table of delicious baked goods prepared by members of the youth mission team and their parents. Thanks to **Dave Leonatti** for organizing the Car Wash and to **Julie Sundquist** for organizing the Bake Sale.



THANK YOU FOR "WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT" from the following members who are writing a note for each day of the mission trip to one of the participants: Brownie Anderson, Meridith Bryans, Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Ellen Carpenter, Deb Coontz, Sue Cull, Bill Deemer, Dee Dee Duffy, Joe Fierstos, Tara Fritsch, Mary Jo Jenkins Carole Kennerly, Peter Kieffer, Judy Knox, Todd Knox, Val Leonatti Becky Martin, Lynne McMenamin, Leigh Milward, Christy Pound, Marilyn Rigney, Julie Robbs, Diane Rutledge, Karen Sherrick, Brad Steller, Krista Steller, Jeannie VanGieson, Sarah Zerfas. This is a cherished Westminster tradition. Notes are due to Mary Ray today.

PLEASE SIGN-UP TODAY TO DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS JULY 10-14 AND JULY 17-21.



Each Summer, Westminster partners with Senior Services of Central IL to deliver food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Daily Bread - Meals on Wheels program. This year's dates are July 10-14 and 17-21, where you can sign up for one day, all ten days, or number of days you are available to help. This service of kindness is best done in pairs and the expected time commitment is about an hour to hour-and-a-half, starting at 9:30 a.m. For more information and sign up, click/use the QR code.



GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JUNE MENU

Canned tuna, boxed meals to use with tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, Granola Bars, Dry Cereal (No baby food, please.) Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank (CIFB). Thank you to Ed Caupert, Jim Rigney, Mike Sundquist, and Bernie Wiseman for delivering the food to the CIFB.

SALVATION ARMY COOLING CENTER MEAL – Hunger Action Team members and friends will prepare bagged meals for the Salvation Army Cooling Center this Wednesday, June 21 at 1:00 p.m. Those who would like to participate are invited to contact Krista Steller at ksteller@wpcspi.org.

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 as we enter the summer months. Please contact Jennie At to sign up.

FAIR TRADE will be next Sunday, June 25, following worship. Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts and other items will be sold in the West Narthex to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers. Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson oversee this ministry.

APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets Tuesday, June 27 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Evicted by Matthew Desmond. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY will gather for a potluck and communion Thursday, July 13, 6:00 p.m., at the Kieffer Home. We will select our 2023-2024 curriculum as we begin the ninth year of studying scripture together. Spouses are invited to the July 13 gathering. New members are always welcome.

2023 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK – JUNE 19 - 23

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 14:58



The steadfast team of ministry partners will be commissioned in worship. During the work week, the team will gather each morning at 8:30 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects include power washing, repairing and painting front porches, and creating flowerpots for the front porches of participating neighbors. Lunches will be prepared by Pat Hymans' Hospitality Team and served at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Following lunch each day the teams will return to their sites to complete the day's work. The team will gather for a celebratory lunch and awards presentation on Friday. A report to the congregation including photos will be presented Sunday, June 25. The 2023 Steadfast Neighbor team includes:

Ministry Partners

Ed Caupert
Dick Cordier
Scott Day
Susan Day
Barry Denham
Bud Green
Keith Hamilton
Melissa Hostetter
Christie Hovey
Georgina Hudspeth
Nancy Huston
Huston Grandchildren
Mary King
Charlie King
Peter Kieffer
Tim Kluge
Mathew Knox

Todd Knox
Richard Leary
Todd Lafrenz
Maria Lafrenz
Vena Long
Camille Massey
Tom Owen
Mary Peura
Mary Ray
Jim Rigney
Julie Robbs
Diane Rutledge
Bill Schlosser
Krista Steller
Brad Steller
Mike Sundquist
Jeanne VanGieson
Pete VanGieson

Becky Denham Wernlund

Rev. Paul Wernlund

Neighborhood Partner

Bill Steele

Hospitality Team

Lucy Bassett
Nancy Canady
Melanie Green
Priscilla Kluge
Al Hymans
Pat Hymans
Kelly Robertson
Staff Partners
Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Rev. Christian K. Choi
Jennie Alt
Gary Warnick

THE STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION RESCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 29 AT 5:00 P.M.

Members of the congregation are cordially invited! The dedication has been delayed one week for final preparation and will take place Thursday, June 29, 5:00 p.m. at the new home located at 626 S. Glenwood.

The Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join them in a **"Housewarming Sprinkle"** by purchasing a gift from Target and bringing it to the dedication. Paris and James Capler have listed items on their Target Registry that would benefit them in their new home. If you are unable to attend the dedication, drop your gift in the Church Office.



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, June 19

8:30 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

Tuesday, June 20

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10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)

1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)

1:00 PM Library Guild

Wednesday, June 21

8:30 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

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

1:00 pm Warming/Cooling Center Meal

Thursday, June 22

8:30 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

3:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support
(Conference Room)

Friday, June 23

8:30 AM Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

Saturday, June 24

6:30 AM 2023 Youth Mission Trip departs

Sunday, June 25

2023 Steadfast Neighbor Service Week Report

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM Summer Sunday School Pre K – 2

11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)

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

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James Capler, Terry Gietl,

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