



THE 2023 BAY WEEKEND
SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023
10:00 A.M.
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Festal Flourish Gordon Jacobs

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

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Stand firm in the word of the Lord.
People: **Call on God, our refuge and strength.**
Leader: Continue in the truth of the gospel.
People: **Pray and do not lose heart.**
Leader: Come, let us worship the God of every blessing.

***Hymn 694** Great God of Every Blessing Aurelia

***Prayer of Confession** Merciful God, our salvation in whom we trust, you know our daily joys and sorrows and invite us to bring our needs before you. Give us the courage and strength to participate fully and love deeply as we work together to create your vision for a new heaven and earth. Forgive us when we grow idle in our tasks or weary in doing what is right. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

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

***Declaration of Pardon**

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

***Passing of the Peace**

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

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

*Children in grades Pre-K-Grade 5 will go to
Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
Grades 6-7 remain in worship for communion.*

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 100

Pew Bible, OT pages 552

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Pew Bible, NT pages 161-162

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

We Belong to God, We Belong to One Another

Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause

Anthem

O Thou the Central Orb

Charles Wood

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal light of this,
our wintry world. Thy radiance bright awakes new joy
in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and
let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with
rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre 'round Thee
move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of
God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured
grace to each. Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright
beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall
feel eternal day in fellowship with Thee; transforming
day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

**The Presentation and
Dedication of Our Gifts**

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

Offertory

Andante

Percy Whitlock

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Pastor:

Lift up your hearts.

People:

We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor:

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and
praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with
choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and
with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever
sing to the glory of your name:

The people sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader:

You are holy, O God of majesty...Accept this, our sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of
ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and
risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...Hear now the prayer Christ taught us to pray, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

The elements are served without interruption. Partake of the bread as you receive it and hold the cup until all have been served so that we may symbolize our unity in Christ.

Music at the Communion

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

The text is found at 753 in the hymnal.

*Prayer after Communion

Holy and loving God, make each of us an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Through the love of Christ, let your grace overflow in our lives. Strengthen us to be persistent and faithful in our common calling. Amen.

*Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst uns Erfreuen

*Charge and Benediction

*Response

Forth in Thy Name

Orlando Gibbons

*Voluntary

March for St. Cecilia's Day

George Frederick Handel

() The congregation is invited to stand.*

THE 2023 BAY WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 11-12

WELCOMES THE REV. DR. DEBORAH KRAUSE

Professor of New Testament and President, Eden Theological Seminary

Presentation: The Bible in The Public Square: Lifting Voices of Lament, Prophecy, and Praise in a Time of Christian Nationalism and Religious Extremism

Saturday, November 11

Welcome Reception - 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Members are invited to a welcome reception at the home of Drs. Todd and Judy Knox hosted by the Adult Education Committee.

Sunday, November 12

Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Dr. Krause will preach.

Education Forum

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Presentation

All Church Lunch

12:30 P.M. The Westminster family will share in a community meal.



Description: While many imagine that faith is a matter of private belief, Christian faith and Biblical interpretation have long been at the center of North American public square debates about race, social diversity, struggles for human liberation, and other moral discourse. In these days of ascendant Christian nationalism and religious extremism, the Bible (and its authority) are often claimed as a tool for asserting dominance and control. This seminar explores how people of faith might engage the Bible not as a weapon, but as a resource for hearing and sharing voices of lament, prophecy, and praise that speak to God's presence and purpose in the public square. We will consider how to share a Biblical faith that resists domination and strengthens our capacity for joining God's redemptive work of justice, mercy, and love in the world.

Biography: Dr. Krause joined Eden's teaching staff in 1992, served as Academic Dean from 2005-2018, and began as Eden Seminary's president in July 2020. She teaches courses in the gospels, early Jewish exegesis, the Deutero-Pauline and pastoral epistles, feminist-womanist, post-colonial, and postmodern biblical interpretation. An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. Dr. Krause serves the church through social justice advocacy work, teaching, preaching and scholarship. Her academic resume includes Amherst College, B.A., 1984, Eden Theological Seminary, M.Div., 1988, Emory University, Ph.D., 1996.

Please RSVP at wpcspi.org by Thursday, November 9
for the Saturday Welcome Reception and/or the Sunday All Church Lunch.

The Bay Weekend was established in 1974 by the family of Frances and Ed Bay with the formation of the Frances M. Bay Lay Education Fund. This fund has provided the Westminster congregation and community with educational weekends for over 40 years. We are grateful to the Bay Family whose generosity and legacy have nourished our faith for more than four decades, and for the Westminster Endowment Fund which has also contributed to these endeavors.

The Bay Weekend History

- 1974 The Frances M. Bay Fund for Lay Education established.
- 1976 Dr. William Eichelberger, Professor of Louisville Seminary:
A New and Re-newing Quest for Human Dignity
- 1977 Dr. James Sanders
- 1979 Father Henri Nouwen: *Compassion in Medicine and Ministry*
- 1982 Rev. Dr. Howard Rice, Professor of San Francisco Seminary
- 1983 Dr. Gordon Ingram: *Thinking Theologically in the Future Tense*
- 1987 Rev. Shehadah N. Shehadeh of St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem:
Peacemaking in the City of Peace
- 1988 Dr. James H Smylie, Professor of Union Theological Seminary:
Presbyterian Faith and Life: 200 Years and Beyond
- 1990 Dr. Gordon Brubacher, Biblical Resource Center at Taintur, Jerusalem:
The Fragility of Life: The Biblical Response
- 1991 Rev. Dr. William Hudnut, Mayor of Indianapolis: *Faith, Ethics, and Politics*
- 1993 Dr. Peggy Way, Professor at Eden Theological Seminary *Faith is my Compass*
- 1994 Rev. Dr. John Mulder, President of Louisville Theological Seminary: *Presbyterian Presence*
- 1995 Elder Marj Carpenter, Moderator of the 207th General Assembly *Mission! Mission! Mission!*
- 1996 Dr. Ken Lawrence: *Religious Interpretation of Art and Architecture*
- 1997 Dr. Jack Stotts, President of Austin Seminary: *Human Sexuality*
- 1998 Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell, President of McCormick Seminary:
Theological Challenges in the Modern World
- 1999 Dr. George Hunsinger, Professor at Princeton Seminary: *The New Catechism*
- 2000 Dr. Robert Wuthnow, Director of the Center for the Study of Religion
at Princeton University: *Spirituality and Church Vitality*
- 2001 Rev. Dr. Michael K. Kinnamon, Professor at Eden Theological Seminary:
What is the Vision and Future of Christian Ecumenism?
- 2003 Ann Weems, author and poet.
- 2004 Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell, Professor at McCormick Seminary:
Making a Home for Faith & A Backpack of Belonging
- 2006 Ethan Anthony, Architectural Firm of Ralph Adams Cram:
100th Anniversary of Laying the Cornerstone of Walnut and Edwards
- 2011 Dr. Doug White with Rev. William Keagle and Attorney Fred Prillaman
Critical Medical Decisions: Clinical, Ethical and Spiritual Perspectives
- 2016 Mark Yaconelli, Author and Storyteller - *Storytelling: Remembering What Matters*
- 2017 The Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana, Presbyterian Pastor and author - *Sabbath Keeping & Holy Time*
- 2018 Dr. Tom Schwartz, Director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum highlighted
Mr. Hoover's humanitarian efforts in WWI – Title: *Am I My Brother's Keeper?*
- 2019 The Reverend Dr. Clint McCann, Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Seminary
The Psalms for Justice-Seekers and Peacemakers – I am for Peace (Psalm 120:7)
- 2021 Dr. Chad Schrock Associate Professor of English at Lee University
Knowing God in Paradise: C.S. Lewis's Perelandra
- 2022 Dr. Rogers Smith, Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania
Race and Religion in America: The 1960's and Today

MILITARY PLAQUE

In honor of Veteran's Day we highlight the Military Plaque in the East Narthex. The names appearing on the plaque (with the exception of War of 1812-Civil War) are also listed below. We are grateful for the sacrifices and years of service to our country. If you or a family member have served in the military and are not included, please contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org with name, rank, branch and years of service.

World War I Era

Austin B. Bailey
Revelo E. Bailey
Walter S. Bowles
Robert F. Bowles
Robert A. Bunker
Henry Wirt Butler
Robert Butts
Thomas R. Campbell
Russell Canfield
William Dodd Chenery
Harry W. Chisam
Charles Hubert Clark
F. N. Croxon
Leon T. Cummings
C. Russel Davis
Clyde J. Davis
Guy N. Davis
Homer Deaton
Irwin E. Dunlap
John A. Gehlmann
Madge Marie Griffin
Fred E. Gross
Murray S. Hanes
Harry Sloan Haworth
E. Thayer Hemmick
Edward Raymore
Hemmick
Helen M. Hillhouse
Ridgely Hudson
Leonard G. Hunt
J. H. Hunter
Stuart R. James
Allen E. Johnson
Alice L. Kincaid
Herbert E. Kincaid
Homer S. Kincaid
John E. Laughlin
Loree L. Legg
E. M. Lewis
John W. Long
Arthur W. Luers

Carl U. Luers
Harry J. Lumsden
James D. Lumsden, Jr.
Robert C. Matlock, Jr.
A. G. McCutcheon
W. J. McCutcheon
Donals W. McFadden
William H. McKee
Earl Leroy Miller
George W. Mills
Carl O. Montgomery
DeWitt H. Montgomery
Thomas M. Neal
Stuart C. Neilson
Fred C. Neumann
Selmar Taylor Opel
Porter Paddock
Olive Marion Reid
David J. Reid
George Reid
John T. Reinboth
Archibald Rennick
Horace Austin Ruckel
John Garland Ruckel
John W. Scott
David W. Shand
Charles Sharples
Leslie Hall Simpson
John L. Smith
Earl K. Stuart
Delbert Mayo Tilson
John Vandenberg
Frank L. Veara
Elsa M. Warner
Harold V. Welch
Ralph F. Welch
F. Raymond Wood

World War II

George S. Adams*
Robert A. Allison*
Harry Allison
George Arbuckle
George Bailey

Arthur K. Barrer
Richard T. Becker
Evelyn Beckman
Richard J. Bennett
Robert W. Best*
Hayse H. Black
George K. Blanchard
Carl E. Boettcher
Robert G. Bone
Philip C. Bradley
Laurence Breed
Charles G. Briggles, Jr.
McClernard Butler
R. Freeman Butts
Neil S. Callbeck
Robert F. Callbeck
Young Cantrall
William R. Cantrall
Samuel Capie
William Capie
Edgar S. Cheaney
Carolyn Coe
Glen Coler
Robert L. Conn, Jr.
Mark A. Cooper
Maurice D. Cook
John K. Corley
Doris Coulter
Lyman Crannell
Charles D. Cremeans
George William Cullen
Joe C. Cullen
Robert K. Dauner
Ralph S. Davison
John N. DeBoice
William F. DeBoice
Robert W. Deffenbaugh
John B. Dixon
Lovis M. Dixon
Edward W. Duncan
Robert Dunn
Eugene R. Edstrom
O. E. Ehrhardt
John R. Epperly
Robert M. Eyster, Jr.
Frederick Fink
George David Fletcher
Robert Fowler
William Fox
Marion J. French
Ralph W. French, Jr.
Robert Gaetz
Benjamin Goepfert
George W. Good
Keith F. Goodwin

Herbert Goveia*
Charles Greenup
Claude L. Hargrave
Emil J. Hatton, Jr.
Louis Hauptfleisch
Richard Hauptfleisch
Sydney L. Hermann
John Hochevar
Glen Hubbard
Emma Marie Hubbs
Lillian Hubbs
E. R. Irwin
John H. Irwin
J. Richard Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
Robert Jordan
John M. Kimble
Albert T. Krebs, Jr.
John D. Krebs
Guy S. Krummel
Frank B. Kyle
F. Kelly Lawson*
Donald R. Liggett
John R. Liggett
William J. Long, Jr.
Spender D. Lorton
John C. Maldaner, Jr.
William Addis Mayhew
Robert McCutcheon
Harry H. McGraugh
Douglas McLain
John McNelly
Robert R. Neal
Charles A. Nelson
David C. Nichols
Samuel T. Nichols
Thomas H. Norris
Howard Northam
Alvin Ogg
Philip Duff Oyler
W. Alfred Parcell
Robert Parcell
Robert Paulin
D. Walter Pittman
David Prugger
Carl D. Ray
Russell Rayhill
Dean Robert
Henry Robert, Jr.
William P. Roberts
Robert H. Rowe
R. Reid Scaife
James P. Shomaker
Herbert Shultz
Jerome Sivia, Jr.

A. E. Steer
J. L. Stocks
William Stout
Robert Surratt
Donald Tate
Elizabeth Tate
William C. Telford, Jr.
Mark Townsend
Richard W. Townsend
Charles Vance
Lloyd R. Walty
Jackson F. Ward
Edward A. Wattling, Jr.
Ralph W. Wehrenberg
Vernon Westbrook
Wallace F. Wiley, Jr.
George W. Withey
Lynn Wolaver
William S. Wood
Robert Woods
** Killed in the line of duty*

WWII To The Present

William James bb
Corporal
U. S. Marine Corps
1980 – 1983

Jeremy Baier
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
2008 – 2017

George Bale
Sergeant
Air Force Base, U.S. Army
1943 – 1946

Donald M. Barringer, M.D.
Captain
U. S. Army
1942 – 1945

R. Keith. Beatty
Captain
U. S. Air Force
1966 – 1971

Harry Bergmann, M.D.
Brigadier General
U. S. Navy & National Guard
1943 – 1982

Ivan J. Birrer
Colonel
U. S. Army & Reserve
1941 – 1978

George L. Bock
Seaman 1st Class
U. S. Navy
1945 – 1946

Robert Bradford
Staff Sergeant
IL Air National Guard
1960-1966

Joseph L. Bright
Deputy Commander
5th Civil Support Team
U. S. Army
1996 – Present

Noah B. Bright
Cadet
West Point Academy
U.S. Army
2020 – Present

Douglas Glen Brown
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1956 – 1960

Matthew C. Brown
Lt. Colonel
U. S. Air Force
1998 – 2018

Joe D. Burgess
HNN
U. S. Navy
1957-1961

Richard A. Canady
Corporal
U. S. Army
1953 – 1955

Grady M, Chronister
Captain
U. S. Army Reserve
1960-1967

Arthur V. Cochran
Lt. Colonel
U.S. Air Corps/Air Force
1944-1966

Arthur C. Cragoe
Private
U.S. Army Air Corps
1945-1949

Roland D. Cull, M.D.

Lieutenant
U. S. Navy
1964 – 1966

Sam Danna

Sergeant - 82nd Airborne
U.S. Army
2015- Present

C. Randall Davis

Specialist 1st Class
U. S. Army
1954 – 1956

Gerald E. Davis

Airman 2nd Class
U.S. Air Force
1957-1961

Kathy Davison

Major
U. S. Army Nurse Corps
1987 – 1997

Joseph C. Dawkins

Sergeant
U. S. Army
1942 – 1945

Dan C. Dees

Captain
Army Reserve
1955-1965

Louis DiFonso

Private
U. S. Army
1970-1973

Roderick P. Dodds

Lieutenant J.G
U.S. Navy
1944-1946

J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D.

SPC 5
U. S. Army
1944 – 1946

Martin L. Duling

LCDR
U. S. Navy
1948 – 1973

Arthur J. Edwards, Jr.

EM 2nd Class
U. S. Coast Guard
1942 – 1944

Rick Eggebrecht

6th Com. Center
U. S. Army
1968 – 1970

David P. Eldridge

Lieutenant
U. S. Navy Reserves
2003 – 2010

Roger L. Fenstermaker

Staff Sergeant
U. S. Air Force
1952 - 1956

John P. Fixmer III

1st Lieutenant
U.S. Army
1958-1960

Matthew Gilmour

Corporal
U. S. Army
1953 – 1955

Harold (Bud) Green

Army Reserves
SP 4
1970-1977

Harry R. Hanley

Captain
U. S. Army/Air Force
1941 – 1946

Earl W. Henderson Jr.

PFC
U.S. Army
1954-1956

Kenneth H. Hollis

Sergeant
U.S. Air Force
1968-1972

George R. Hughes

Staff Sergeant
U. S. Army Air Corps
1944 – 1946

Kyle C. Huitt

Sergeant
U. S. Marine Corps
2011 – 2016

A. Dale Huston

Lieutenant
Army- Air Defense
1962 – 1964

V. Keith Huston

P.F.C.
U.S. Army
1966-1969

Alan M. Hymans

Staff Sergeant
U. S. Air Force
1969 – 1972

William Irvine

Staff Sergeant
U. S. Air Force
1965 – 1968

David R. Jenkins

Tech Sergeant
IL Air National Guard
1967-1974

John M. Jensen

SLC
U. S. Navy
1944 – 1946

George B. Johnson

P.F.C. -- Signal Corps.
U. S. Army
1943 – 1945

James R. Kendall

Lieutenant
U. S. Navy
1942 – 1946

Christian Kennerly

Major
U. S. Army
2001 – 2022

Jay M. Kennerly

Lieutenant
U. S. Navy
1962 – 1967

Wendell Kessler

Sergeant
U. S. Army
1943 – 1946

Charles W. King, Jr.

Corporal
U. S. Marine Corps
1973 – 1976

Daniel C. Knock

LCDR - U.S. Naval
Academy, Reserve, &
Reserves
1928-1970

Donald C. Kramer
Lieutenant
U. S. Naval Air Corps
1942 – 1945

Robert T. Lawley
Sergeant
U. S. Army
1952 – 1954

Lloyd T. Lewis, D.D.S.
Army Air Corps
1943 – 1946

Thomas A. Lewis, D.D.S.
Lieutenant
U. S. Navy
1963 - 1965

William H. Lienemann, Ph.D,
Lieutenant
U. S. Navy
1954 – 1956

Robert A. Lynn, Ph.D.
Sergeant First Class
U.S. Army
1952 – 1953

Richard T. Maldaner
Staff Sergeant
U. S. Army
1951 – 1953

Daniel D. McCain
Sergeant
U. S. Army
1945 – 1946

Joseph E. McMenamin
Lt. Colonel
Illinois Army National Guard
1981 – 2009

Ray E. Miller, DVM
Staff Sergeant,
Veterinary Svc
U. S. Air Force
1951 – 1955

James L. Nation
Electr. Tech. Mate, 3rd
Class
U. S. Navy
1944 – 1947

Patrick A. Noonan
Captain
U.S. Navy
1939-1984

Stan Papp
SPC-4
U.S. Army
1961-1963

Walter W. Peura
Corporal
U. S. Army
1943 – 1946

Glen D. Pittman, M.D.
Captain
U. S. Air Force
1967 – 1969

George T. Preckwinkle
Major
U. S. Air Force
1944 – 1946

Kevin Proctor
Petty Officer 3rd Class
U. S. Navy
1969 – 1975

Theodore S. Proud
Master Sergeant
U.S. Army
1958-1964

Warren Pursell
Commander
U. S. Navy & Reserve
1943 – 1970

Arlon W. Rahn
Staff Sergeant
U. S. Army
1970 - 1976

Lester Ripka
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1954 – 1955

James H. Rigney
Captain, OD
IL Army Natl Guard
U.S. Army Reserve
1965-1978

Charles L. Ritchie
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army Air Corps
1943 – 1946

Stephen L. Romack
Sergeant
U. S. Army
1970 —1972

Chris Ryan
Captain
U.S. Army
2015-Present

Susan Sackett
Lt. Colonel
U. S. Army
1981 – 2009

William R. Schnirring
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1951 – 1952

Alan Schuermann
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1968 – 1971

D. William Sherrick, M.D.
Captain
U. S. Army Medical Corps
1958 – 1960

William A. Simpson
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1961 – 1964

James A. Singleton, M.D.
Captain
U. S. Army Medical
Corps
1956 – 1958

Andrew R. Smith
Radioman 3rd Class
U. S. Navy
1944-1946

John R. Stahlman
Captain
U. S. Army
1960 – 1967

Harvey B. Stephens
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Air Force Pilot
1955 – 1958

Glenn Stewart
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Air Force Pilot
1955 – 1958

Lionel S. Stirrett
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1962 – 1964

David W. Tungett
Captain
U. S. Navy
1979 – 2009

Matthew M. Tungett
MIDN 1/C
U.S. Naval Academy
Class of 2022

Michael R. Tungett
Major
U. S. Marine Corps
1987 – 1999

Skipton J. Turnbull
Lt. Colonel
U. S. N. – Air National Guard
1968 – 1999

Paul S. VanDeventer
Staff Sergeant
U. S. Air Force
2009 – 2015

Alan J. Stutz, M.D.
Captain
U. S. Army
1964 – 1967

David Sumner, M.D.
Lt. Colonel
U. S. Army
1967 – 1970

Michael Sundquist
PO2
U.S. Coast Guard
1964-1968

Brad Swanson
Sergeant
U. S. Air Force
1963 – 1967

Clifton Tozer
Sergeant
U. S. Marines
1943 – 1947

George N. Warren
Captain
U.S. Army
1952 – 1955

Jesse A. Werner, Jr
Tech. Sergeant
U. S. Air Force/IL National Guard
1958 – 1965

Robert D. Wire
P.F.C.
U.S. Army Reserves
1956 – 1962

Eric D. Wise
Sergeant
U.S. Marine Corps
2011 - 2016

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26
SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.
WITH PIPES AND DRUMS



Westminster will continue the rich tradition of celebrating St. Andrew's Sunday on November 26 with a flourish of bagpipes and drums presenting traditional Scottish music. The Little Entry is the opening procession of the service. The pastors and youth will also process. The Bible underscores the importance of the Word of God in Reformed liturgy, and the cross is central in our faith.

Along with the bagpipes, the drums, and the flag of Scotland, the clergy will wear tartan paraments which were given to Westminster in 1985 in loving memory of Scott Hoff.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgists:** Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Rev. Christian K. Choi
- **Worship Leader:** Sam Batterman
- **Acolytes:** Taryn Barnett and Kate Bryans
- **Bible and Cross Carriers:** Will Hovey and Kristianna Eastvold
- **Greeters:** Randy and Bernie Wiseman
- **Today's Communion Bread** is whole wheat and was lovingly baked by Mary Jo Jenkins
- **Communion Prep Team:** Mary Ray, Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Leigh Milward, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Jim Kontio (Team Leader), Aaron Berkowitz, Bill Deemer, Gregg Humphrey, Becky Huston, Dave Leonatti, Lynn McMenamin, Pat McNutt, Michael Morthland, Mike Nenaber, Karen Sherrick, Eleanor VanDeventer
- **Home Communion Teams:** Mary Ray and Valerie Leonatti, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Mary and Coleman Moore, Kathy Kenyon and Bruce Strom
- **Ushers:** Sabrina Holmes (Head Usher), Melanie Green, Chris Hickman, Richard Leary, Coleman Moore, Jim Rigney, Susan Shaw, Erin Winn
- **Safety Team:** Jim Dolan
- **Music:** Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Videographers:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY

- **9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Nursery (lower level)** Infants and toddlers begin in the Nursery. Preschoolers begin in worship with their families and leave during the Congregational Response. Today's Bible Story: "God Always Welcomes Us Home" *Caregivers: Sally Godbey, Julie Sundquist, Maria Lafrenz*
- **10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (Third Floor Chapel)** Children Kindergarten – Grade 5 begin in worship with their families & leave during the Congregational Response. Today's Lesson: "Parable of Ten Bridesmaids" (Matt. 25:1-13). *Teachers: Kate Morthland, Julie Robbs*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Bay Weekend Presentation (Parish Hall)** The Bible in the Public Square: Lifting Voices of Lament, Prophecy, and Praise in a Time of Christian Nationalism and Religious Extremism, presented by the Rev. Dr. Deborah Krause
- **12:30 p.m. The Westminster Family will share in a community meal (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 of books for checkout from both of our libraries in the West Narthex. Please plan to stop and 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 at www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, please speak to one of the pastors.

HELPING HANDS MEAL was prepared by Cathy Allen and Nancy Canady Friday, November 10.

H.E.A.L. FUND provides “helpful emergency assistance for living” to members of the Springfield community through Contact Ministries and within our church family as needed. Donations are welcome. This fund is highlighted on Communion Sundays.

2024 STEWARDSHIP THEME: GROWING IN GENEROSITY – ROOTED IN FAITH On Sunday, October 29 Westminster celebrated Stewardship Dedication. 2024 pledges were presented in the in the Baptismal Font brass bowl as a symbol of our faithfulness to this covenant community. As of Friday, November 10, 2023 we have received 190 pledges for a total of \$775,058. This is 91% toward our dollar amount goal of \$850,000. Stewardship brochures and pledge cards are located in the pew pockets. You are also welcome to pledge online. Please pledge as soon as possible.



ADOPT A FAMILY GIVING TREE GIFT LIST is available on the church website today! Westminster will again sponsor nine families living in the Contact Ministries transitional shelter. We have added Westminster's anticipated refugee family as the tenth family whom we will help transition as we prepare a home for them. Please sign up for gifts on our website and return gifts to the church unwrapped by Sunday, December 4. Place a tag with the family and gift number on returned gifts.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE gathers **Monday, November 13, 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary King will lead lessons 3 & 4 “A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ” and “Mary and Martha Encounter Jesus” from the 2023 Horizon's Bible Study Sacred Encounters by Olive Mahabir.

FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD'S ANNUAL BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER on **Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.** in Parish Hall. This event is free and attendees are invited to invest in their future work. Venessa Knox, Co-chair of the Transformational Justice Task Force of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good is the speaker.

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, November 14. 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

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CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM meet **Wednesday, November 15** at 4:30 p.m. Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to join us as we welcome our friends from other faith communities. The 2023-24 theme is “Serving our Community.” Our gathering will highlight the importance of caring for all God's creatures and feature a staff member from the Animal Protection League. Our craft will be creating pet toys from recycled socks and T-shirts. Please join us for fun, songs, crafts, music, and a vegetarian meal.

DMA (Don't Mention Age) meets **Friday, November 17** at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck and program at 6:15 p.m. Yves Doumen, garden founder and master gardener, will present "A Visit to the Motherland Gardens." RSVP on the weekly email link, on the website, or by calling the church office.

FAMILY MATTERS "Get Together for Young Families" will meet Saturday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m. on the Third Floor. This new endeavor provides an opportunity to gather young families to support each other, build community, and have fun! Parents will meet for fellowship and discussion in the Tower Room while children enjoy "Veggie Tales" in the Chapel.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM – Reinhold Niebuhr – Join us on **Sundays, November 19 and 26** at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall to explore one of the great reformed theologians of the 20th century. The two-session course will be led by Dr. Roy Wehrle.

ST. JOHN'S BREADLESS BREADLINE FUNDRAISER will be **Sunday, November 19** to benefit St. John's Breadline, which serves hot food 365 days a year to those who need it.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, November 21** at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler library. Carolyn Beatty will host and lead lesson 3 "A Bleeding Woman Encounters Christ" from the 2023 Horizon's Bible Study Sacred Encounters by Olive Mahabir.

ST, ANDREW'S SUNDAY will be celebrated **Sunday, November 26**. Westminster will continue the rich tradition with a flourish of bagpipes and drums presenting traditional Scottish music.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS go up on **Monday, November 27** at 10:00 a.m. in anticipation of the first Sunday in Advent, December 3. If you would like to help, please contact Dale Rogers.

LEGACY OF FAITH PLANNED GIVING RECEPTION on **Tuesday, November 28** from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. the Support and Endowment Committee, chaired by Todd Wise, will host a Legacy of Faith Planned Giving Reception at the home of Christy and Karl Pound (100 Pinehurst Drive, 62704). The purpose of the gathering is to thank those who have remembered Westminster in their will and to invite others to consider this opportunity. All are welcome. Please RSVP with Jennie Alt by November 26.



APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP on **Tuesday, November 28** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Nine Black Robes: Inside the Supreme Court's Drive to the Right and Historic Consequences by Joan Biskupic. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

LYDIA CIRCLE HOSTS A CHRISTMAS GATHERING **Friday, December 1 from 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.** All women of Westminster and their guests are invited to the Village at 3301 Robbins Rd. We will enjoy an afternoon of tea sandwiches, salads, and desserts with a musical program by the St. Andrews Sisters, accompanied by Dale Rogers. The minimum number required is 50 attendees and the max is 80. Please reserve your spot on our website, the church office, or with Nancy Canady. The cost is \$16 and pre-paid reservations are required by November 20 (non-refundable) with checks payable to Nancy Canady.

ADVENT CELEBRATION on **Sunday, December 3**. During the Worship Service in the Sanctuary, Children's Choir will present special music. Following the service, members and friends gather in Parish Hall to create ornaments, sing carols, and enjoy festive refreshments.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, November 13

- 1:00 PM Elizabeth Circle (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Symphony Guild (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:15 PM Strategic Planning Committee (Pastor's Study)

Tuesday, November 14

- 7:30 AM Faith Coalition Fundraiser Breakfast (Parish Hall)
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 12:00 PM Knitters Lunch (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM Compass for Kids (Parish Hall and Classrooms)
- 4:45 PM I.T. Committee (Conference Room)
- 5:00 PM Stewardship Committee (Pastor's Study)
- 5:30 PM Family Ministry Committee (Conference Room)
- 7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Off-Site)

Wednesday, November 15

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 4:00 PM Depression & Bi-Polar Support Group (Conference Room)
- 4:30 PM Children of Abraham (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 PM Session (2nd Floor Classroom)

Thursday, November 16

- 10:30 AM WCP Friendship Feast (Parish Hall)
- 1:00 PM Library Guild (Children's Library)
- 2:30 PM Memory Loss Group (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:30 PM Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 7:00 PM Westminster Choir (Music Room)

Friday, November 17

- 5:30 PM DMA Potluck (Parish Hall)
- 6:15 PM DMA Program (Parish Hall)

Saturday, November 18

- 11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:00 PM Family Matters (Third Floor)

Sunday, November 19

BREADLESS BREADLINE SUNDAY

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Pre-K to Grade 5 (Chapel)
- 10:15 AM Confirmation Prep (Conference Room)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation Class (Conference Room)
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
- 11:15 AM Fair Trade Sale (West Narthex)
- 5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Parish Hall)

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