



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Trinity Sunday
26 May 2024 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Memorial Garden David Mitchell

Voluntary Holy Spirit, Light Divine Healey Willan

***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.

***Response of Praise**

Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end, Amen, Amen.

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response

Listen, Listen, God is Calling Neno Lake Mungu
**Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.**
*Students in preschool – Grade 5 will go to their Sunday school class
following the Congregational Response.*

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 Pew Bible, OT pages 635-636

Second Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17 Pew Bible, NT page 94
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

When the Spirit Moves Rev. Ann Schwartz
*Text: "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of
it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes."
John 3:8a*

Anthem

Every Time I Feel the Spirit Traditional Spiritual
Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain my Lord spoke.
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
I looked around me; it looked so fine:
I asked the Lord if all was mine.
Come, Holy Spirit, flow down on me,
I need your presence to set me free.
Teach me to follow, teach me to pray;
Help me to walk that narrow way.

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

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.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

Elegy

Hubert H. Parry

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Trinity, who has made us in your image. 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 who you are. Amen.

***Hymn 331** God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand *National Hymn*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Closing Response** Forth in Thy Name Orlando Gibbons

***Voluntary** Allegro Maestoso Dennis Bédard

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

In Memoriam

Robyn Elaine Newton
12/23/1947 – 05/10/2024
United with Westminster 02/13/1977

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Flowers in the Chancel** are given in memory of Marilyn & Leroy Tungett and in honor of her birthday from their children, Linda, Eleanor & Michael.
- **Flowers in the West Narthex** are given in celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Melissa and Erik Hoffstetter.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Blythe Denham Kieffer
- **Worship Leader:** Kristianna Eastvold
- **Acolytes:** Lucy Bassett and Kate Bryans
- **Greeter:** Lindsay, Brooke, and Juliet Boutelle
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Ushers:** Greg Boutelle (Head Usher), Kyle Duffy, Melanie Green, Chris Hickman, Joyce King, Camille Massey, Bill Schlosser, and Erin Winn
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady, Brad Steller
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon** **Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery)** This week's Bible Story: "God Gives Us Another Chance" (Jonah) *Caregivers: Erin Winn, Maria Lafrenz*
- **10:15 – 11:00 a.m.** Children begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
 - **Sunday School Children in Kindergarten – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** The story is "Holy Encounter" (Isaiah 6:1-8). *Teachers: Meleah Berkowitz, Sophia Choi*
 - **Sunday School Children in Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Classroom)** The story is "Holy Encounter" (Isaiah 6:1-8). *Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz, Cathy Brower*

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE has prepared a cart in the West Narthex including books from our Adult and Children's libraries which are available for checkout.

Please plan to stop by to peruse the books and resources.

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.

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.

WE WELCOME LEAD PRESBYTER THE REV. ANN SCHWARTZ to our pulpit today. Rev. Schwartz joined the Great Rivers Presbytery staff as our Lead Presbyter in 2023. Prior to this position, Ann served as Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church in Danville, Illinois (2016 – 2023), staff Chaplain at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois (2014-2016) and Co- Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hoopston, Illinois (1999-2012). Ann is married to the Rev. Wade Meranda, also a PCUSA pastor. They have two adult daughters. She loves traveling and exploring new places, reading, writing, walking, cooking, and spending time outside. Ann was a commissioner to the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis. We are grateful for Ann's leadership in our presbytery and for her willingness to step into our pulpit on May 26.



PW SPONSORS BLANKETS+ DURING MAY PW and Springfield's Church Women United sponsor Blankets+ (formerly Blanket Sunday) during May. Church World Services provides blankets, tents, and food in the wake of a disaster; tools and seeds for refugees returning home; wells for families in drought prone areas and gardens; literacy training and microcredit for women. During May, make checks payable to Westminster (memo:

Blankets+) or donate online.

MILITARY PLAQUE Next Sunday, May 26, the Military Plaque in the East Narthex will be highlighted. A slide show of the Military Plaque is posted on our website. We are grateful for the sacrifices and years of service to our country by each person listed. 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.

WESTMINSTER MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our Memorial Garden was dedicated on September 23, 2001 and is a place of peace and repose for the ashes of those interred within its wall. Paved paths and benches offer opportunity for private meditation. A traditional Celtic cross depicts the post resurrection appearances of Christ when he appeared in the garden and was a gift of Mary Alice Davis in loving memory of her husband.

Each Memorial Sunday, Westminster's Memorial Garden is highlighted. Recent additions include a south wall in 2018, a brick trim to complement the southside landscape designed by the late Bill Donels. We are grateful to the Memorial Team of the Landscape Guild, led by Dr. Scott Day, who lovingly tend to the garden.

The cost of an individual inurnment in the South wall is \$1,000 for a member or their immediate family and \$2,000 for friends of Westminster. Persons desiring to reserve space may complete an application form located in the West Narthex and on our website. In 2016, a page was added to the Church website with biographical information about those inurned in the garden. The Memorial Garden Committee: *David Mitchell, Chair, Scott Day, Sue Donels, Marci Irvine, Jim McDonough, and Jeanne Pittman.*



THE APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets Tuesday, May 28 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Moonlight, Murder & Small Town Secrets by KC Hart. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.



CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT ON FRIDAY, MAY 31

The Tenth Annual All-Church Cookout to welcome new members and to recognize milestone members will be **Friday, May 31, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffer Home.**

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED! Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee. Please RSVP on SignupGenius or by calling Jennie Alt at 217-522-4415 and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

<https://www.wpcspi.org/fmrsvp-all-church-cookout.html>

New members and Milestone Members will be recognized at the gathering and will be our guests. The evening will include a sing-along and boat rides.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE REV. DR. AND MRS. JAMES AND SILVEY BARGE will be Saturday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary with a lunch reception following in Parish Hall.

THE REV. DR. JOHN S. KAY, who served as Westminster's Associate Pastor (1984-1990), will officiate with Dr. Kieffer at the Barge Memorial Service on Saturday and be our guest preacher next Sunday, June 2.

2024 YOUTH MISSION TEAM FINAL MEETING will be next Sunday, June 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. All paperwork and fees are due at that time.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, JUNE 2 Graduating high school seniors are honored during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will be held in Parish Hall following worship. All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 2 bulletin and the June Newsletter. Please contact Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) with information by Friday, May 24.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS JUNE 2 Children in Kindergarten through Grade 2 will continue to meet in the Third Floor Chapel with Meleah Berkowitz and Ministry Partners in a study of the Parables. Children in Grade 3 through 5 will continue to meet in the Third Floor Tower Classroom with Aaron Berkowitz and Ministry Partners in a study of the lectionary readings.

EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION will be Sunday, June 2 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. In their honor, we will purchase a **dairy cow**. Heifers bring health, prosperity, and peace. Heifer cow gift donations can change lives, giving hope to families in even the most difficult of circumstances. We are grateful for their “moo-valous” work nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Graham Elementary School students.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR The end of the choir season will again be crowned with a festive brunch next Sunday, June 4, at the home and garden of Meg and Jim Kontio.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP FIRELIGHT JUNE 3-7, 2024 from 9:15 a.m. to noon, children ages 4 to grade 5 will gather to experience God's love surrounded by water, trees, and rolling hills! Campers learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Each day, we will explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. We will also learn ways we can connect with and put our trust in God whenever we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world. Registration is open at <https://wpcspi.mycokesburyvbs.com/>.



RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, June 5** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pat Wheat (11 Pickering Lane, 62712). Christy Pound will lead the devotional *Finding Faith in the Mundane* by Kathleen Norris (pages 363-368).



YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER: CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE will be **Sunday, June 9** from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. We hope members support the Youth Mission Team for their final two fundraisers before they depart for NOLA. Arrive early with your car for the youth to clean them and stop by the table of delicious baked goods prepared by members of the youth mission team and their parents.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK JUNE 17-21 We invite you to join us for one or more days during the third week of June as we spread goodwill throughout the neighborhood. If you are interested, sign-up at wpcspi.org. and let us know which days you are able to serve. Questions: Contact Todd Knox at hardknox1@mac.com. **The Steadfast Neighbor Team Meeting** will be Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.



WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, May 27

Church Office Closed – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 4:30 PM SNE Mission Task Force Meeting
(2nd Floor Classroom)
- 6:00 PM Apostles Read (Library)

Wednesday, May 29

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 12:30 PM Reporter Mailing (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support Group
(Conference Room)
- 6:15 PM Membership Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee (Pastor's Study)

Thursday, May 30

- 7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, May 31

- 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Robyn E. Newton
(Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Memorial Luncheon (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 PM All Church Cookout at the Kieffer home

Saturday, June 1

- 11:00 AM Memorial Service for the Rev. Dr James and
Mrs. Silvey Barge (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Memorial Luncheon (Parish Hall)

Sunday, June 2

Parish Nurse (Church Office)

- 9:00 AM Mission Trip Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Summer Sunday School PreK-5 (Chapel)
- 11:15 AM Baccalaureate Reception (Parish Hall)
- 12:00 AM Annual Choir Brunch (Off site)

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