



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sacrament of Communion
Father's Day
16 June 2024 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Steadfast Neighbor Commissioning

Voluntary

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

J. S. Bach

*Ringing of the Bell

The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.

* Call to Worship

Psalm 1

Leader:

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed,
which is the smallest of seeds on earth.

People:

**It grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs
and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.**

Leader:

Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

People:

**Thanks be to God whom we worship with reverence
and joy.**

*Processional Hymn 370

This is My Father's World

Terra Beata

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and Loving God, you have taught us to live by faith, not sight, and you have made a mustard seed the measure of your kingdom. Give us your eyes of compassion and wisdom that we may see beyond the immediate into the mystery and wonder of your kingdom. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more into the people you call us to be. 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 Hymnal, Back Cover
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 Pre-K– Grade 5 will go to Summer Sunday school
following the Congregational Response.*

First Scripture Reading II Corinthians 5:6-10 Pew Bible, NT page 181

Second Scripture Reading Mark 4:26-34 Pew Bible, NT page 38-39
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation Seed Bearers Rev. Dr. Blythe D Kieffer
*Text: "With what can we compare the kingdom of God...It is like a
mustard seed..."* Mark 4:30-31a

Solo

Father's Day

from *Children of Eden*

Sleeping there, like angels, innocent and simple. I think that she's got my nose. I think he's got my dimple. In my own image, from my likeness are they spring. They will keep me company. They will keep me young. That's what it means to be a father. Planning their future as you watch you children sleep. That's what it means to be a father. I never knew that I could feel a love so deep.

**The Presentation and
Dedication of our Gifts**

*At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass
the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.*

Offertory

The Lord is My Light

Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then, shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom, then, shall I fear?

Psalm 27

***Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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.

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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

Communion Music

Seed, Scattered and Sown

Dan Feiten

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.

Gluten-free bread is available in the center of the plate.

***Prayer after Communion**

God, you are the gardener of all creation. You planted this world with the seeds of your love and grow them with your faithfulness. We are your harvest; we find our meaning and sustenance in you. May our minds listen to your calling, may our hearts be attuned to your will, may our feet follow you in the world. Amen.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Festal Song

Rebecca de Velde

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald Boutelle
- **Worship Leader:** Macklin Metzger
- **Acolytes:** Charlotte Affrunti
- **Greeters:** Ellen and Rance Carpenter
- **Today's Communion Bread** is French Boule and was lovingly baked by Emily Brower.
- **Communion Prep Team:** Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Leigh Milward, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Scott Day (Team Leader) John Cross, Jim Dolan, Tara Fritsch, David Jenkins, Jay Kennerly, Tim Kluge, Vena Long, Christy Pound, Jeanne VanGieson, Brinton Wilkey, Sarah Zerfas
- **Music:** Linda Andrews, organist, Adam Miller, tenor
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher), Mervice Alah Abung, Julie Barton, Deb Fritsch, Melanie Humphrey, Kathy Kenyon. Julie McDonough, John McNutt
- **Safety Team:** John Stafford
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon** **Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery)** This week's Bible Story: "Jesus Welcomes Children" (*Jesus Blesses Children*) *Caregivers: Erin Winn*
- **10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Children** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
 - **Children in Kindergarten – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** The story is "Parable of the Pearl of Great Value". *Teachers: Meleah Berkowitz, Sophia Choi*
 - **Sunday School Children in Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Classroom)** The story is "I Believe in Jesus Christ, God's Only Son, Our Lord" (Apostles Creed). *Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz, Chelsea Ekstedt*

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

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 Westminster, please speak to Dr. Kieffer. New Member Classes will be held **Sundays, July 14 and 21**.

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.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP meets on **Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.

2024 YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO NOLA: JUNE 15-22 **THEME: JUMPING IN WITH BOTH FEET – LOVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR:** Thirteen youth and eleven adult mentors left at 6:30 a.m. yesterday on their bus trip to Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO) at the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church. The team will also visit the World War II Museum in NOLA and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum in Jackson, MS. Please keep them in your prayers this week and join us next Sunday as they lead worship.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK JUNE 17-21



The steadfast team of ministry partners will be commissioned today and begin their service week tomorrow. During the work week, the team gathers each morning at 8:00 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects included power washing, repairing and painting front porches, replacing doors, and landscaping. Join us next Sunday for their report to the congregation during worship. Participating members are listed below.

Ministry Partners: Linda Andrews, Brownie Anderson, Julie Barton, Jim Dolan, Joe Fierstos, Bud Green, Noah Green, Vonnie Hinesley, Nancy Huston, Elliot Huston, Peter Kieffer, Charlie King, Mary King, Tim Kluge, Todd Knox, Richard Leary, Jim McDonough, Claudia Nash, Tom Owen, Jim Parker, Camille Massey, Doug Nelson, Trudy Nelson, Julie Robbs, Diane Rutledge, John Stafford, Brad Steller, Mike Sundquist, Jeanne VanGieson, Pete VanGieson, Becky Wernlund, Rev. Paul Wernlund, **Neighborhood Partners:** Bill Steele **Hospitality Team:** Melanie Green, Al Hymans, Pat Hymans, Kathy Kenyon, Priscilla Kluge, Jeanne Pittman, Betsy Ruklick, **Staff Partners:** Jennie Alt, Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Krista Steller, Gary Warnick

THE APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP meets **Tuesday, June 25** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Mary Magdalene, A Woman with a Mission by Dr. Richard Leary. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz. As curator of geology at the Illinois State Museum, Richard has published many scientific articles. Richard is an active Westminster member and credits the adult education ministry at Westminster for inspiring his interest in Christian history and Mary Magdalene. His book is available for purchase in the church office for \$15.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet **Friday, June 21 at 5:30 p.m.** for a potluck and program at 6:15 p.m. Erica Smith, Executive Director for Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, will speak about “Healing Amid War: Supporting Healthcare Access in Ukraine.” Erica will also speak about the resilient people she met while in the Ukraine. RSVP with weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office.

NOMINATIONS WELCOME

THE 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now receiving nominations for the following positions of leadership at Westminster.

DEACON (CLASS OF 2027)

ELDER (CLASS OF 2027)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2025)

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2027)

Nominations may be placed in the offering plate, emailed to the committee chair, Eleanor VanDeventer, at 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 18, 2024. Nominees will be presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 13, 2024.

2024 Nominating Committee members: *Eleanor VanDeventer (Chair), Michael Nenaber, Brad Steller, Alan Stutz, Carolyn Swanson, Julie Sundquist, and Bernie Wiseman*

Name of Nominee _____

Recommended for (check choice)

Deacon Elder Nominating Strategic Planning

1. Qualities that would make this person a good church officer

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

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

Your Name (optional) _____

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, June 17

Youth Mission Trip – New Orleans
Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

Tuesday, June 18

Youth Mission Trip – New Orleans
Steadfast Neighbor Service Week
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:00 PM Westminster Preschool Board Meeting
(Tower Classroom)

Wednesday, June 19

Juneteenth

Youth Mission Trip – New Orleans
Steadfast Neighbor Service Week
4:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support Group
(Conference Room)

Thursday, June 20

Youth Mission Trip – New Orleans
Steadfast Neighbor Service Week

Friday, June 21

Youth Mission Trip – New Orleans
Steadfast Neighbor Service Week
12:00 PM Steadfast Neighbor Celebratory Lunch
5:30 PM DMA Potluck
6:15 PM DMA Program

Saturday, June 22

Youth Mission Trip Return from New Orleans

Sunday, June 23

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-5 (Sanctuary)
11:00 AM Mission Trip Reception

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