



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Mission Trip and SNSW Presentation
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
23 June 2024 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Ministry Moment Steadfast Neighbor Presentation Dr. Todd Knox

Voluntary Allemande Craig Penfield

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

***Call to Worship** Braden Barton

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills -
from where will my help come?

People: **My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth**

Leader: God will not let your foot be moved;
the One who keeps you will not slumber

People: **The LORD is your keeper;
The LORD is your shade at your right hand.**

Leader: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

People: **Come, let us follow the One from whom our help comes.**

***Processional Hymn 726** Will You Come and Follow Me *Kelvingrove*

***Prayer of Confession**

James Maeda

Hear us, O God, when we cry out to you. Look upon us with your mercy and loving kindness. We seek to turn away from our past and turn our lives toward you. Forgive us when we have failed or denied you by treating others without dignity or respect. Walk with us and lead us where you would have us go. 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

Abigail Eldridge and Maria Lafrenz

Congregational Response

Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Children in grades Pre-K-Grade 5 will go to Summer Sunday School class following the Congregational Response.

First Scripture Reading

Micah 6:6-8

William Affrunti
Pew Bible, OT page 866

Second Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-8

Liam Kiszely
Pew Bible, NT page 197

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditations

Jumping in with Both Feet

Kristianna Eastvold
Sam Simonson and Mary Ray

Text: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

Musical Response

They'll Know We are Christians by our Love

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

REFRAIN And they'll know we are Christians by our love; by our
love; Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
REFRAIN

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
REFRAIN

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: REFRAIN

*Affirmation 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.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church,
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ
as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives. Amen.**

A Brief Statement of Faith (Part 3)

The Church at Prayer

Aerwyna Eastvold

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

**Prayers of the People
and The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal, page 11

**The Presentation
of Our Gifts**

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

Offertory

Lead with Love

Melanie DeMore

Chorus:

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love put
one foot in front of the other and lead with love.

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love put
one foot in front of the other and lead with love.

Don't give up hope You're not alone don't you give up, keep
movin' on. (Chorus)

Lift up your eyes don't you despair look up ahead the path is there.
(Chorus)

I know you're scared and I'm scared too but here I am right next to
you. (Chorus)

Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Juliana Eastvold

**Holy and Loving God, thank you for joining us on each
road we travel and for confronting us with the truth of
who you are and who you call us to be. Accept these gifts
which are given in gratitude, and carry us forward onto
roads of grace, equality, and justice. Amen.**

***Hymn 727**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Menuet

Leon Boëllmann

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

IN MEMORIAM

Eric Rinehart 02/19/1953 – 06/19/2024

United with Westminster 02/25/1990

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgists:** Mission Trip Participants
- **Acolytes:** Mission Trip Participants
- **Greeter:** Sarah and Bob Zerfas
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher), Mervice Alah Abung, Julie Barton, Deb Fritsch, Greg Humphrey, Melanie Humphrey, Kathy Kenyon, John McNutt
- **Safety Team:** Rich Canady, Alan Schuermann
- **Music:** Youth Mission Team, Dale Rogers, organ
- **Videographers:** 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 Thinks Children are Important" (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 Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** The story is "Parable of the Good Samaritan". *Teachers: Meleah Berkowitz*
 - **Sunday School Children in Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Classroom)** The story is "Jesus was Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit and was Born of the Virgin Mary" (Apostles Creed). *Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz, Sophia Choi*
- **11:15 a.m. Steadfast Neighbor and Mission Trip Reception (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.

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held on **Sundays, July 14 and 21**, 9:00 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on July 28 following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

2024 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK – JUNE 17 - 21

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 report to the congregation today. Projects included power washing, repairing and painting front porches, installing a door, building a fence, and landscape projects. Participating members are listed below.

MINISTRY PARTNERS

Marc Anderson
Linda Andrews
Brownie Anderson
Julie Barton
Jim Dolan
Adam Ekstedt
Joe Fierstos
Bud Green
Doug Green
Noah Green
Vonnie Hinesley
Elliot Huston
Nancy Huston
Peter Kieffer
Charlie King
Mary King
Tim Kluge
Todd Knox

Richard Leary
Camille Massey
Jim McDonough
Lynn McMenamin
Claudia Nash
Doug Nelson
Trudy Nelson
Tom Owen
Jim Parker
Julie Robbs
Diane Rutledge
Andy Sherrick
John Stafford
Brad Steller
Jeanne VanGieson
Pete VanGieson
Becky Wernlund
Rev. Paul Wernlund

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNER

Bill Steele

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Melanie Green
Al Hymans
Pat Hymans
Kathy Kenyon
Priscilla Kluge
Pat McNutt
Gail Olson
Jeanne Pittman
Betsy Ruklick

STAFF PARTNERS

Jennie Alt
Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Krista Steller
Gary Warnick

2024 YOUTH MISSION TEAM LEAD WORSHIP! Thirteen youth and 11 adult mentors participated in Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO) at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church.

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

William Affrunti
Braden Barton
Juliet Boutelle
Aerwyna Eastvold
Juliana Eastvold
Kristianna Eastvold
Abigail Eldridge
Liam Kiszely

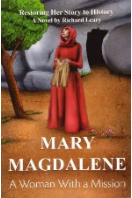
Maria Lafrenz
James Maeda
Sidney Miller
Matthew Scott
Sam Simonson

ADULT PARTICIPANTS:

Mary Ray (Leader)
Andrew Affrunti

Beth Allen
Tad Allen
Lindsay Boutelle
Cathy Brower
Susan Day
Bill Deemer
Kyle Duffy
Dave Leonatti
Kevin Simonson

This year the youth raised \$12,490 toward their mission trip including \$1,550 at the Eggastic Breakfast, \$4,305 at the Trivia Night, and \$2,127 during the Car Wash/Bake Sale. The youth received \$1,088 from the Pentecost Offering and \$3,420 from donations. Thank you to the collaboration and teamwork of our youth, their parents, adult mentors, and this generous congregation.



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.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS JUNE 25 – JULY 4 The Presbyterian Church (USA) 226th General Assembly begins with online committee meetings June 25-27. Dr. Kieffer and other commissioners travel to Salt Lake City June 28 and meet in person for plenary from June 29-July 4. The first item of business will be to elect Co-Moderators and then make decisions on behalf of the PC(USA) including the election of the new Stated Clerk.

The theme of GA226, "Live into Hope," is based on the hymn of the same name by Jane Parker Huber. Daily themes have been chosen based on verses of the hymn.

WESTMINSTER SUMMER CHOIR - The Summer Choir will meet on Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for Sunday, July 14 and August 4 for Sunday August 11. If you have contemplated joining the choir, this is a great time to give it a try. The regular season of the choir will begin on Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. and will hold its annual retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 14. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates for the choir.

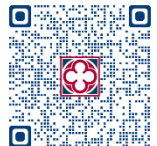
CONTACT MINISTRY BACKPACK COLLECTION Once again WPC will partner in ministry with Contact Ministries through a backpack collection. This year's backpacks will be filled with school supplies and distributed to the children served by Contact Ministries. We will collect backpacks through Sunday, August 11. Last year, we collected 192 backpacks! Please drop your donated backpacks in the basket located in the West Narthex.



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 in July. Please sign up using/clicking the QR code here or contact Jennie Alt for details.



MEALS ON WHEELS AUGUST 5-9 AND AUGUST 12-16 Westminster members are needed to assist the Daily Bread program by delivering hot meals prepared by Senior Services at 701 S. Mason St. This service of kindness is best done in pairs and the expected time commitment is about an hour to an hour-and-a-half, starting at 9:30 a.m. To sign up, click/use the QR code or use this [SignUpGenius link](#).



THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, June 24

- 9:30 AM King's Daughter's Board Meeting
(Parish Hall)
- 2:00 PM Visitation for Eric Rinehart(West Narthex)
- 3:00 PM Eric Rinehart Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 PM APNC Interview
(Pastor's Study)

Tuesday, June 25

- 226th General Assembly Committee Meetings
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club (Library)

Wednesday, June 26

- 226th General Assembly Committee Meetings
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 4:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support
(Conference Room)
- 4:00 PM Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force
(Pastor's Study)
- 5:00 PM Deliver meal to Helping Hands

Thursday, June 27

- 226th General Assembly Committee Meetings

Friday, June 28

- 226th General Assembly Travel Day

Saturday, June 29

- 226th General Assembly Convenes In Salt Lake City

Sunday, June 30

- 226th General Assembly in Salt Lake City
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-Grade 5)

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