



**\*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 Pre-K– Grade 5 will go to their Summer Sunday school  
class following the Congregational Response.*

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 84:1-7 Pew Bible, OT page 543

**Second Scripture Reading**

II Corinthians 4:5-9, 16-17 Pew Bible, NT page 180-181

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Bewildered, We See the Face of God** Dr. Roy Werhle  
*Text: We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but  
not driven to despair, <sup>9</sup> persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but  
not destroyed, II Corinthians 4:8-9*

**Solo**

Meditation Jules Massenet

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*A Brief Statement of Faith (Part I)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news  
to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

**The Church at Prayer**

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**

Peace

Sigurd M. Ogaard

**\*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 and loving God, thank you for shedding your  
grace on each of us. May we reflect your loving and  
generous presence through these gifts which we dedicate  
in Christ's name. Amen

**\*Hymn 338**    O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*Materna*

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Voluntary**    Variation on The Star-Spangled Banner    Charles Callahan  
(\* ) The congregation is invited to stand.

### **SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER**

- **Sunday Liturgists:** Rev. Gerald Boutelle, Kristianna Eastvold, Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz
- **Acolytes:** Kate Bryans and Taryn Barnett
- **Greeters:** Meridith and Jim Bryans
- **Music:** Linda Andrews, organist, Ioana Popescu, violinist
- **Ushers:** George Botanga (Head Usher), Mervice Alah Abung, Julie Barton, Deb Fritsch, Melanie Humphrey, Kathy Kenyon. Julie McDonough, John McNutt
- **Safety Team:** Peter Van Gieson
- **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: "Jesus Taught and Healed People" *Caregivers: Maria Lafrenz, Erin Winn*
- **10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Sunday School** Children begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
  - **Kindergarten – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** The story is "Parable of the Prodigal Son." *Teachers: Meleah Berkowitz, Sara Eldridge*
  - **Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Classroom)** The lesson is "Jesus Suffered Under Pontius Pilate, Was Crucified, Dead and Buried" (The Apostles Creed). *Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz, Cathy Brower*

**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 from our Adult and Children's libraries which are available for checkout. Please plan to stop by to peruse the books and resources.

## 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](http://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 Rev. Boutelle.

**TODAY WE WELCOME DR. ROY WEHRLE** to our pulpit. Roy is an elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and has served numerous roles within the Great Rivers Presbytery including leading the theological fitness interview with Dr. Kieffer paving the way for her to be called by Westminster in July of 2013. Roy received a B.A. from Washington University and a Ph.D. in Economics from Yale. He has served as Artillery Officer, US Army, Economic Counselor to the US Ambassadors in Laos & Vietnam and Deputy and Associate Director for AID in both countries; Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Vietnam, 1967/8, Senior Economist, President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisors, Member of Rockefeller Latin America Advisory Team for President Nixon, Senior Economist, Brookings Institution, and Visiting Professor at Harvard University, CEO of HEMA, INC -- healthcare cost containment service for corporations, Author of four volume Climate Policy Study for Greenleaf, Chicago, and faculty at Sangamon State, University of Illinois, and Millikin University in Decatur. Roy retired as Emeritus Professor of Economics at UIS.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS JUNE 25 – JULY 4** The Presbyterian Church (USA) 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly began with online committee meetings June 25-27. In person plenary is being held in Salt Lake City, UT 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 by Jane Parker Huber which is our opening hymn this morning. Daily themes have been chosen based on verses of the hymn.

**DRS. KIEFFER** are in Salt Lake City this week representing Westminster at the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Blythe will have responsibilities as a member of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP** gathers on **Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Knitters will meet at Noon for a monthly brown bag lunch on July 9 with drinks provided. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.

**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 8 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.

**JOIN THE SOUND CELEBRATION CHORUS AND LAND OF LINCOLN CHORUS** for an outdoor concert held at Duncan Park on **Saturday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m.** Bring your lawn chairs, drinks, snacks, and enjoy an hour of fun and upbeat acapella music. You may see a couple Westminster members!

**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.

**SUMMER ADULT ED FORUM** - On **Sunday, July 14, at 11:15 a.m.** in Parish Hall, Dr. Roy Wehrle will present "The World Order and the Global South." This forum will provide an opportunity to view the world through the eyes of various countries in the southern hemisphere such as Brazil, India, Indonesia, Turkey, and African nations.

**DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) WILL** meet **Friday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m.** for a potluck and program at 6:15 p.m. Peggy Dyson, Executive Director of The Educational Center for the Visually Impaired, will speak on who they serve, how they serve, and what the community can do to help. RSVP with weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office.

**THE APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP** meets **Tuesday, July 23 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library to discuss Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.



**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](#).



**CONTACT MINISTRY BACKPACK COLLECTION** - WPC will once again 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.

**GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JULY MENU** *Canned Spaghetti or Pasta Meal, Peas, Canned Fruit in Juice/Water, Rice Mixes or Instant Rice (No baby food, please.)* Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

**FAIR TRADE** – There will not be a Sunday sale in July. All of the Equal Exchange products (coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts and other items) can be purchased any day the church office is open. Thank you for supporting the environmentally sound products and small producers.



**ENDOWMENT MISSION GRANT APPLICATIONS** - The Mission and Community Service Committee will review grant applications for funding from Westminster's Mission Endowment at its September 4 meeting. The deadline for submission of grant proposals for consideration September 4 is September 1. Applications are available on our website where information on organizations who have received grants is also located. Please contact Jeanne VanGieson, 217-341-9255 for more information.

# 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](mailto: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

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

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

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Your Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, July 1

9:00 AM Garden Club (Parish Hall)

### Tuesday, July 2

10:30 PM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### Wednesday, July 3

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)  
12:30 PM Reporter Mailing (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
4:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support Group  
(Conference Room)

### Thursday, July 4

Church Office Closed for Independence Day

### Friday, July 5

Church Office Closed for Independence Day

### Saturday, July 6

### Sunday, July 7

Parish Nurse Ministry (Church Office)  
The Sacrament of Baptism

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK- Grade 5  
(Third Floor Chapel)

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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**  
Director for Youth

**Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz**  
Co-Directors for Children's Ministry

**Katie Moore**  
Director for Children's Music

**Erin Winn**  
Nursery Coordinator

**Emily Rowley, Keri Tate**  
Cooperative Preschool Staff

**Ellen Carpenter**  
Parish Nurse

**Pat Hymans**  
Hospitality Coordinator

**Lisa Runkle**  
Financial Administrator

**Jennie Alt**  
Church Administrative Assistant

**Krista Steller**  
Communications Coordinator

**Gary Warnick**  
Building and Property Manager

**James Capler, Terry Gietl**  
Part-time Custodians