



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Sacrament of Communion  
14 July 2024 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

**Voluntary** Pavane Robert Elmore

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

**\* Call to Worship** 2 Sam. 6:5,14

Leader: Come, let us worship God with the passion  
and joy of King David and all the people.  
**People: who sang and danced before the ark of the covenant.**  
Leader: Come, let us worship our Savior with songs of praise.  
**People: God has blessed us in our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who joined us in the dance of life.**  
Leader: Come, let us praise God's Holy Name. Amen.

**\*Hymn 4** Holy God, We Praise Your Name *Grosser Gott*

**\*Prayer of Confession** Holy, holy, holy Lord, you are the God of glory. We  
confess that we often forget that your holiness is  
dangerous. We take our impurities for granted, make  
excuses for the sins we commit, and expect you to  
overlook the harm we cause while still demanding justice  
from others. Forgive us and return us to a right  
relationship with you for the sake of your Son, Jesus  
Christ. Hear now our silent prayer 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 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19** Pew Bible, NT page 280-281

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Mark 4:35-41** Pew Bible, NT page 39

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

**Meditation**

Dance of Change Rev. Dr. Blythe D Kieffer  
*Text: "David and all the house of Israel were dancing before  
the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps  
and tambourines and castanets and cymbals." II Samuel 6:14-15*

**Anthem**

Love is the Spirit of this Church Thomas Matthews  
Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law.  
This is our great covenant; to dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

## 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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

The text for the anthem is found at 630 in Glory to God

### \*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**

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

Timothy Strand

**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**

Holy and loving God, thank you for joining us in the dance of life. May the nourishment we receive in this sacrament empower us to honor and celebrate change in our midst and to move forward to forge new frontiers of mercy and inclusivity in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the dance. Amen.

**\*Hymn 157**

I Danced in the Morning

*Lord of the Dance*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Closing Response**

Day by Day

Harold Friedell

**\*Voluntary**

Gigue Fugue

Johann Sebastian Bach

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Mary Lynne Cleverdon 09/13/1941 – 07/10/2024  
United with Westminster 06/01/1975

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald Boutelle
- **Worship Leader:** Aerwynna Eastvold
- **Acolytes:** Harper and Reese Huston
- **Bible and Cross Carriers:** James Maeda and William Affrunti
- **Greeters:** Mary and Charlie King
- **Today's Communion Bread** is Honey Oat Bread and was lovingly baked by Mary Moore.
- **Communion Prep Team:** Ann Collins, Priscilla and Tim Kluge, Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray, Krista Steller
- **Elders Serving Communion:** Judy Knox (Team Leader), John Cross, Kristianna Eastvold, Rachael Hickman, Gregg Humphrey, Dave Leonatti, Pat McNutt, Mary Ray, Christy Pound, Julie Robbs, Greg Swanson, Sarah Zervas
- **Music:** Dale Rogers, Organist, The Westminster Choir
- **Ushers:** Greg Boutelle (Head Usher), Sophia Choi, Sabrina Holmes, Todd Lafrenz, Jim Parker, Bill Schlosser, Susan Shaw, Bernie Wiseman
- **Safety Team:** Todd Knox
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox and Krista Steller

## EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:00 a.m. New Member Class (Pastor's Study)** Those interested in membership at Westminster and learning more about the PC(USA) are welcome to join Dr. Kieffer in her study.
- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery)** This week's Bible Story: "Jesus' Miracle Fed Many People" (Jesus Feeds a Crowd) *Caregivers: Maria Lafrenz, Lynn McMenamin*
- **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 Two Sons". *Teachers: Meleah Berkowitz, Linda Purves*
  - **Sunday School Children in Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Room)** The story is "On the Third Day He Rose Again" (Apostles Creed). *Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz, Cathy Brower*
- **11:15 a.m. Summer Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)** presents "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. Dr. Roy Werhle is the presenter.

## 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 Westminster, please speak to Dr. Kieffer. New Member Classes will be held **today and next Sunday, July 21**. 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.

**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.

**HELPING HANDS MEALS** - Westminster prepares two meals each month for Helping Hands at their 2200 Shale Street. On Friday, Westminster provided 60 bagged meals for the Helping Hands residents to enjoy on the weekend. Thanks to Pat Hymans, Mary King, Judy Prillaman, Krista Steller, and Jeanne Van Gieson for preparing the bagged meal in July.

**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.

**CLEAN HEATING FORUM** will be presented by the Faith Coalition for the Common Good Environment Justice Committee this **Tuesday, July 16 AT 5:30 p.m.** in Parish Hall. Members and friends are invited to this informational meeting.

**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.

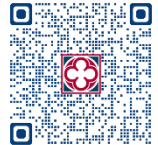


**APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP** meets **Tuesday, July 23 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library to discuss Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

**YOUTH MISSION TEAM REUNION PARTY** will be **Saturday, July 27 at 5:30 p.m.** at Susan and Scott Day's Home (47 Fairview Lane, 62712). Everyone is invited to come out to enjoy the lake and outdoor games. Pulled Pork sandwiches will be provided. Please bring the following: Grade 8- Sides Grades 9-10, Desserts, Grade 12 – Drinks. Please let Mary Ray know if you are unable to attend.



**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. Sign up is available today in the West Narthex, at [wpcspi.org](http://wpcspi.org), or use the QR code.



**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! So far this year, **we have collected 31**. Please drop your donated backpacks in the basket located in the West Narthex.

**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 is September 1. Applications are available on our website on the Mission and Services page. Please contact Jeanne VanGieson, 217-341-9255 for more information.

**FAIR TRADE** There will not be a Sunday sale in July. All of the Equal Exchange products (coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts, etc.) can be purchased any day the church office is open.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

## **THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER**

### **Monday, July 15**

12:00 PM Refugee Subcommittee Meeting  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)

### **Tuesday, July 16**

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
4:45 PM I.T. Committee (Conference Room)  
5:30 PM Environmental Justice – Clean Heating  
Forum (Parish Hall)

### **Wednesday, July 17**

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)  
4:00 PM Depression and Bi-Polar Support Group  
(Conference Room)

### **Thursday, July 18**

### **Friday, July 19**

5:30 PM DMA Potluck  
6:15 PM DMA Program

### **Saturday, July 20**

### **Sunday, July 21**

9:00 AM New Member Class (Pastor's Study)  
10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 AM Sunday School PreK-Grade 5 (Sanctuary)

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## **WESTMINSTER STAFF**

**The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer**  
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**  
Part-time Custodian