



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
New Member Recognition
28 July 2024 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

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| Ministry Moment | Steadfast Neighbor Renovation | Dr. Todd Knox |
| Voluntary | Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng | Michael Burkhardt |
| *Ringing of the Bell | <i>The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.</i> | |
| *Call to Worship | from Psalm 105 | |
| Leader: | O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's holy name. | |
| People: | Sing praises and tell of God's wonderful works. | |
| Leader: | Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. | |
| People: | Remember the wonderful works God has done. | |
| Leader: | Seek God's presence and strength continually. | |
| People: | Come, let us raise our voices in song and praise. | |
| *Processional Hymn 267 | Come, Christians, Join to Sing | <i>Madrid</i> |
| *Prayer of Confession | God of grace, you are always more ready to forgive our shortcomings than we are willing to admit them. You call us to be accountable. Forgive us when we live as if we are above the law, and forgive us for the unjust laws that limit the potential of our brothers and sisters. Empower us to do better. 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

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

First Scripture Reading

II Samuel 11:1-15

Pew Bible, OT page 284

Second Scripture Reading

John 6:1-21

Pew Bible, NT pages 97-98

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Above the Law

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: "...In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to
battle...David remained at Jerusalem." II Samuel 11:1*

Anthem

It's a Wonderful World

Bob Thiele

I see trees of green, Red roses too, I see them bloom For me and
you And I think to myself What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue, And clouds of white, The bright blessed day, The
dark sacred night, And I think to myself What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow, So pretty in the sky, Are also on the faces
Of people going by, I see friends shaking hands, Saying, "How do
you do?", They're really saying I love you.

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow. They'll learn much more Than
I'll ever know, And I think to myself, What a wonderful, world, Yes,
I think to myself, What a wonderful world, Ooh, yes

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Prayer of Welcome

We, as a church of Jesus Christ, lovingly receive you to our communion. We welcome you to this fellowship with us, in the blessings of the gospel, and we promise to treat you with Christian affection, to watch over you with tenderness, and to offer our prayers on your behalf.

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

We All Are One in Mission *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

We are all one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

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

Largo

G. F. Handel

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Eternal Father, thank you for the gift of limits you have set within our lives and in the mighty ocean deep. Accept these offerings which we dedicate in the name of the One who walked upon the sea. May we follow where Christ leads, freeing the wealth of nations for the service and vision of your kingdom. Amen.

***Hymn 8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Hymn to Joy

Albert Travis

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle
- **Greeters:** Marty and Alan Stutz
- **Worship Leader:** Sam Batterman
- **Acolytes:** Taryn Barnett and Kate Bryans
- **Ushers:** Greg Boutelle (Head Usher), Sophia Choi, Kathy Kenyon, Todd Lafrenz, Jim Parker, Bill Schlosser, Susan Shaw, Bernie Wiseman
- **Safety Team:** Alan Schuermann, John Stafford
- **Music:** Linda Andrews, organist, Ioana Popescu, violinist
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bob Fox, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. Special Session Meeting (Library)** to receive new members.
- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, preschoolers (Nursery)** This week's Bible Story: "Jesus Knows Us and Calls Us by Name" (Jesus, the Good Shepherd) *Caregiver: Erin Winn*
- **10:15 – 11:00 a.m.**
 - **Sunday School Children in Kindergarten – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. The story is "Parable of the Great Banquet" *Teachers: Meleah Berkowitz, Julie Robbs*
 - **Sunday School Children in Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Classroom)** will begin in worship with their families & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response. The story is "And Will Come Again to Judge the Living and the Dead." (The Apostles Creed) *Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz, Linda Purves*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are is in our Welcome Brochure located in the pew pockets and on our website at www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew during the offertory and pass to your neighbor in the pew.

NEW MEMBERS were received this morning at a Special Session meeting. We welcome:

Linda Andrews and Claudia Nash by Reaffirmation of faith. Linda earned a music degree from Western Illinois University and a Master's in Church Music from Northwestern University. Her sponsor is Dale Rogers. Claudia earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a master's degree in biology from Western Illinois University. Her sponsor is Krista Steller.

Michella Arnold by Reaffirmation of Faith. Michella was born and raised in Palembang, South Sumatra, Indonesia. She completed degrees in International Relations and Philosophy from Gadjah Mada University. Her husband Ben Arnold will serve as her sponsor.

WE WELCOME LINDA ANDREWS as our guest organist today as Dale Rogers travels in Scotland.

WE WELCOME THE REV. GERALD BOUTELLE as liturgist this morning as Rev. Christian Choi is on temporary leave through 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.

CORN PICKING AT GRIGSBY FARMS - The annual sweet corn harvest for area food pantries and homeless shelters will be this Wednesday, July 31. Look for an email with details regarding the time.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR RENOVATION OF 518 S. GLENWOOD PROPERTY

Thanks to the Steadfast Neighbor Renovation team, Westminster's 518 S. Glenwood Rental Property will be available for sale this month. Income from the sale will repay the Support and Endowment Loan. Session designated \$30,000 within the 2024 Steadfast Neighbor Mission budget to invest in the renovation.

Members and friends are invited to a final workday on Saturday, August 3, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch served. Members and friends are welcome to an Open House next Sunday, August 4 following worship.

Thank you to the following ministry partners who have been a part of the renovation: Brownie Anderson, Lindsey, Juliet, and Brooke Boutelle, Rich Canady, Ellen Carpenter, Jim Dolan, Joe Fierstos, Bud Green, Marci Irvine, Charlie King, Jim McDonough, Lynn McMenemy, Tom Owen, Julie Robbs, Mike Sundquist for their labor of love. We are especially grateful to Ed Caupert for bringing his craft to the details of painting this home, and to Tim and Priscilla Kluge and Pete VanGieson who have led the effort and served as Project Managers throughout the renovation.



MEALS ON WHEELS AUGUST 5-9 AND AUGUST 12-16 Westminster members assist the Daily Bread program by delivering hot meals prepared by Senior Services at 701 S. Mason St. We have four routes to fill on August 7 and 8. Sign up is available today in the West Narthex, or at wpcspi.org.

HISTORIC WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION hosts the 2024 National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 6, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Westminster**. Head West sub sandwiches, ice cream treats, chips, and beverages provided. Join in this annual neighborhood gathering.

SUMMER CHOIR will rehearse **Thursday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m.** to prepare for **Sunday, August 11**. If you have considered 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 hold its annual retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 14. Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates for the choir.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER COOKOUT **Saturday, August 10, at 5:00 p.m.** Men of the congregation and their spouses/partners are invited to the Grigsby/Hale Farm (15594 Rogge St, Tallula 62688). Please RSVP to Jennie Alt and let her know whether you will bring a side dish, dessert or drink. Those who want to come early to fish are welcome.

SUMMER ADULT ED FORUM presents "Democracy in the World Today" **Sunday, August 11 at 11:15 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Join Dr. Roy Wehrle in a discussion about democracy.

COLLEGE AGE BRUNCH is scheduled for **Sunday, August 11 at 11:15 a.m.** Plan to meet Mary Ray, Director for Youth, in the West Narthex and walk to Boone's for brunch.

CONTACT MINISTRY BACKPACK COLLECTION continues through **Sunday, August 11**. This year's backpacks will be filled with school supplies and distributed to the children served by Contact Ministries! So far this year, **we have collected 101**. Please drop your donated backpacks in the basket located in the West Narthex.



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, July 29

Tuesday, July 30

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 3:00 PM Strategic Planning and Property Joint Meeting
- 3:30 PM Property Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 4:30 PM Support and Endowment (Pastor's Study)
- 5:30 PM Budget Committee (2nd Floor Classroom)

Wednesday, July 31

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

Thursday, August 1

- 3:30 PM Personnel Committee (Pastor's Study)

Friday, August 2

Saturday, August 3

Sunday, August 4

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School K – Grade 5

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The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Pastor and Head of Staff

The Reverend Christian K. Choi
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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
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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