

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God*

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JULY 3, 2022

9:30 A.M.

*“My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance;” (NRSV)*

*TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME! Thanks for joining us for worship.*

*\*All who are able may stand.*

*Prelude*

*Welcome*

MargaretAnne

Leader: God be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

*\*Greeting Our Neighbors*

*\*Introit GTG #507 (vs 5)*

“Come to the Table of Grace”

*\*Call to Worship*

Leader: We gather this morning to remember our call;

People: *“To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.”*

Leader: We bring with us the events of the week, in the world and in our lives,,

People: *“Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.”*

Leader: We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.

People: *With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith, let us worship God.*

*\*Opening Prayer*

MargaretAnne

*\*Hymn GTG #301*

“Let Us Build a House Together”

*Invitation to Confession*

MargaretAnne

*Unison Prayer of Confession*

*God of grace and love, have mercy on us for the wrong we have done. Show us where our service is needed. Help us set aside our prejudice and bias. Fill us with a longing to know you better. Forgive us our lukewarm responses. Kindle in us passion for your work. Set us free from sin and fear. Send us out to be your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our leader, our guide, our savior, our friend.*

*Amen.* (Moment of silence for personal reflection)

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

MargaretAnne

Leader: ... God gives you new life.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

*\*Response GTG #582* “Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*Time with Younger Disciples*

MargaretAnne

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Sermon*

“Spirit of Love: Loving Self”

MargaretAnne

*Scripture:* Romans 12:1-2, 9-21 (NRSV) **12** I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.<sup>[a]</sup> **9** Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; **10** love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. **14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly;<sup>[a]</sup> do not claim to be wiser than you are. **17** Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. **18** If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God,<sup>[b]</sup> for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” **20** Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*\*Hymn GTG #340*

“This is My Song”

*\*Affirmation of Faith*

(adapted from the Belhar Confession)

MargaretAnne

*We believe in one holy, universal Christian Church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen*

*Joys & Concerns*

MargaretAnne

*Prayers of the People*

MargaretAnne

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*Invitation to Discipleship*

MargaretAnne

*Offertory GTG 710*

“We Lift Our Voice”

Luke Tyler

*\*Doxology - screen*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

MargaretAnne

*\*Hymn GTG #339*

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

*\*Benediction*

MargaretAnne

*...and all God's people said: Alleluia! Amen.*

*\*Response GTG #80*

“You Shall Go Out With Joy”

*Postlude*

Luke Tyler

**For Pastoral Care Needs  
call (563) 279-4545**

*This number will connect you to the pastor or the on-call staff person for pastoral care. Take a moment now to save this number in your cellphone for easy access!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL FLOWERS – the beautiful flowers today are provided by Jim and Pat Edwards in honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. **Congratulations!**

THESE DAYS, *Daily Devotions for Living by Faith* – for the months of July, August & September are here. Pick up a copy in the Narthex.

THE GARDEN TEAM thanks you for bringing in milk jugs and toilet paper rolls. **WE NO LONGER NEED PLASTIC JUGS...but do still need toilet paper rolls.**

WPC'S BOOK CLUB'S NEXT READ is *Educated* by Tara Westover (see the description below.) Arlys Williams will be hosting this discussion at her home at Oak Park Place on **Wednesday, July 20th at 3:30 pm**. Bring your own beverage. The address is 1331 Oak Park Place, Apt 363. Please RSVP. Deb

***Educated: A Memoir*** by Tara Westover. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home. **NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW* • ONE OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE YEAR • BILL GATES'S HOLIDAY READING LIST • FINALIST: National Book Critics Circle's Award In Autobiography and John Leonard Prize For Best First Book • PEN/Jean Stein Book Award • Los Angeles Times Book Prize**



**Please join us and pass the word!**

NISOM AND HEARTLAND HARMONY are having an **Organ Fundraising Concert on Tuesday, July 12 at 7 PM** here at Westminster. The concert will feature musical selections from Heartland Harmony, Dr. Luke Tyler and others.

## Synod School Mission Collection

This year's mission collection at Synod School is for the Dorothy Day House in Rochester, Minnesota ([dorothydayrochester.mn.org](http://dorothydayrochester.mn.org)). Let's show our support, Westminster! Below is a list of things that can be donated (please bring them to the church no later than 9:30am on July 24th) and the Westminster folks who are going to Synod School will deliver them! If you have questions about Synod School or this compassion collection, see Bonnie Sue Lewis or Lisa MacNaughton.

Full-size Toothpaste	Toothbrushes (individually packaged)	Travel-size Deodorant
Travel-size Shampoo	Travel-size Conditioner	Travel-size Lotion
Other travel-size toiletries	Full-size bath soap	Coffee

## Are You Going to Synod School This Summer?

*Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. We seek to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. The week is designed for laity and clergy, and individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children.*

We are so excited to have a group of Westminster friends who will be going to Synod School this year in Storm Lake, Iowa! Ordinarily Synod School annually draws more than 600 people of all ages from 27 states, to come together to worship, learn, grow, and have fun! We can't wait to see what Synod School has in store for our Westminster attendees!

If you've registered for Synod School and plan to attend this year, we want to keep in touch! Text the word STORM (as in, Storm Lake!) to the number (563) 227-8441. This will let us know that you're going to Synod School and give us a way to keep in touch during our week together in Storm Lake!

## Pray for our Pastor

During the next two weeks, Pastor MargaretAnne will be doing some continuing education. Over that time period, she'll be doing A LOT of reading and studying, to help inform our collaborative ministry in the coming year. Please be in prayer for her (and Mollie) as they take some time away from Dubuque, visit family, rest, and do a lot of swimming! But also pray that these next 2 weeks of reading and study will be uplifting, encouraging, and enlightening for MargaretAnne.

If you would like to read along with her, she'll be reading the following books: *A Bigger Table* by John Pavlovitz, *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger, *Faith After Doubt* and *Do I Stay Christian* by Brian McLaren, *Essential Church?* by Thom Rainer, *I Am a Church Member* by Thom Rainer, *The Rebirthing of God* by John Philip Newell, *Sustainable Youth Ministry* by Mark DeVries, *The Unchurched Next Door* by Thom Rainer, *The Unstuck Church* by Tony Morgan, *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage* by Mark Achtemeier, and *Transforming* by Austen Hartke.

### **Pastor MargaretAnne's Summer Schedule**

*Continuing Education (Out of Office) — July 5-18*

*Synod School with Westminster participants — July 24-30*

*Vacation — July 19-23, July 31-August 22*

## WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: JULY 3, 2022

Church Office Number: 563-583-1729 | For Emergency call Lisa MacNaughton 319-471-0649

Pastor: Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet	Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz
Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins	Custodian: Tim Till
Director of Christian Formation: Bonnie Sue Lewis	Digital Storytelling Director: Clare Kysely
Care Ministry Coordinator: Lisa MacNaughton	Worship Technology: Monson Cong Nguyen
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler	Adult Choir: Steve Peake
Adult Handbells Director: DeLano Cain-Watson	Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler
WPC Band & Beginner Handbells: Sally Stulken	Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler
Greeters: Tom and Linda Stovall	Ushers: Bonnie Sue Lewis & Carolyn Dausener
Hospitality Coffee Set Up: Alice Bentley	Clean Up: Rich Henderson

Communion Servers: Randy Roos, Joyce Uzel, Doug Cheever, Jean Cheever, Laura Roussell, Glinda Manternach, Mike Jozefowicz, Merrill Crawford

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Shirley Meriwether and family who are grieving the loss of their husband and father, Bruce Meriwether. Services were held at Westminster Friday & Saturday.
- Pray for all the victims and families affected by gun violence.
- Prayers for Chuck Whalen who will be having surgery for a cancerous abdominal tumor on July 11.
- Prayers for Bill Peck who is recovering at home and receiving physical therapy.
- Prayers for Howard Wallace who is now on Palliative Care thru Hospice.
- Prayers for Nancy Wallace who will be having a Lumpectomy on July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Prayers for Tom Stovall who is receiving chemo treatments for prostate cancer.
- Prayers for Carol Althoff's continuing struggle with cancer.
- Prayers for Gini Gordon's, daughter-in-law, Karen Gordon who is now on Hospice.
- Please pray for those who are victims of the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine and a for a peaceful end to the violence. Pray that through the response of the faith community that the survivors and those offering assistance be reminded of the hope that is found in Jesus Christ.
- Continued prayers for Terry Flynn & Lesley Buse's son, Mark who is battling an auto-immune disorder and cancer. Mark is doing well. Still getting regular check-ups...and everything has been fine. Thank you for all your prayers...they are working.
- Prayers for our aging members and their caretakers.

*If you would like to have your name on our Bulletin Prayer Request list or want to be added to the Prayer Chain for prayers, please advise the church office (583-1729).*

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:**  
**JULY 3 THRU JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**



**Sunday, July 3**

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, July 4**

**4<sup>th</sup> Holiday – Office Closed**

**Tuesday, July 5**

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

6:30 p.m. NISOM Rehearsal, SA

**Wednesday, July 6**

1:00 p.m. Creator's Camp for Kids

**Thursday, July 7**

5:30 p.m. YL Class, FH

7:00p.m. Tri-State Wind Sym Rain Site SA

**Sunday, July 10**

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

**GREEN TEAM TIP**

**Practice Green Shopping** Make your next shopping trip green. Patronize second-hand stores where you can find all kinds of products to reuse or repurpose. Also, patronize fair trade stores where you can buy ethically sourced products.



**SUPPORT THE YOUTH PROGRAM BUY SCRIP!**  
**YOUR FAVORITE STORE IS MISSING FROM THE LIST! See Lisa**



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

Is God's will for Westminster  
Presbyterian Church remembered in  
your will?

**Westminster Office Hours**

**Please call first.**

Monday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**\*BECKY'S SUMMER HOURS will be Mon.,  
Tues., Wed. from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**