

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God*

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JULY 10, 2022

9:30 A.M.

*“I by my works will show you my faith.”*

*James 2:18b NRSV*

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

*\*All who are able may stand.*

*Prelude*

Luke Tyler

*Welcome*

Bonnie Sue Lewis  
WPC Director of Christian Formation

Leader: God be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

*\*Greeting Our Neighbors*

*\*Introit GTG #614*

“Great Are You, Lord”

*\*Call to Worship*

Tom Stovall

Leader: Welcome to all who have come in search of something;

People: *We have come to seek the living God.*

Leader: Happy are those who find a way and follow that path;

People: *We do not make this journey by ourselves.*

Leader: Blessed are those who give their lives over to their Creator.

People: *In faith, in trust, with hope, let us worship God.*

*\*Opening Prayer*

Tom Stovall

*\*Hymn GTG #315*

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

*Invitation to Confession*

Tom Stovall

*Unison Prayer of Confession*

*Holy God, we admit that all is not right, in our hearts and in our world. We look to the darkness and not to the light. We look for what is broken, and not at what is being mended. We look to criticize and not to praise. We look at ourselves and not to You. Turn us around so that we look at possibility, at hope, at promise, at grace, at healing, at love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

(Moment of silence for personal reflection)

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Tom Stovall

Leader: ... God gives you new life.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

*\*Response GTG #595* “Holy, Holy, Holy (“Santo, Santo, Santo)”

*Time with Younger Disciples*

Glinda Manternach, Storyteller

*Prayer for Illumination*

Tom Stovall

*Scripture:* Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV)

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37 He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*Scripture:* James 1:19-25, James 2:8, 14-18 (NRSV)

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bickel

19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, ‘You have faith and I have works.’ Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*Sermon*

“Is The Sermon Done Yet?”

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bickel

*\*Hymn GTG #203*

“Jesu, Jesu”

*\*Affirmation of Faith*

(from the Confession of 1967))

Lisa MacNaughton

*Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in [humankind] and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.*

*Joys & Concerns*

*Prayers of the People*

Lisa MacNaughton

WPC Care Coordinator

*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*

Tom Stovall

*Offertory*

Luke Tyler

*\*Response GTG #708 vs. 1*

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Tom Stovall

*\*Hymn GTG #300*

“They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

*\*Benediction*

The Rev. Dr. Ken Bickel

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

*\*Response GTG #741 vs. 1*

“Guide My Feet”

*Postlude*

Luke Tyler

Our guest preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Ken Bickel. He is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College, Princeton Theological Seminary and Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ in Pennsylvania 45 years ago today. Before his retirement, Ken served as the Senior Minister at First Congregational UCC here in Dubuque for 26 years. In retirement Ken enjoys family, pickleball, golf, reading and traveling. Ken is married to the Rev. Nancy Bickel who will be a guest preacher here in August.

**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 in memory of Bruce Meriwether.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** - Please consider providing Chancel Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, special event or just to brighten up the altar. This is a perfect time of year to share your garden flowers. Call Mary Kay in the church office to sign up 563-583-1729.

**IT'S HAPPENING! CREATOR'S CAMP** runs every Wednesday through August 10th! We meet at St. Luke's UMC, 1199 Main Street, from 1:00-4:00. All 4-12 year-olds are welcome to join us and friends from St. Luke's, First Presbyterian, and First Congregational churches for learning about God's creation and then creating everything from worm towers to pizza to puppets! To register, go to this link: <https://forms.gle/bdrv3GNGgW7nJH5F9> There is no cost. Any questions? Contact Bonnie Sue Lewis at [bonniesue@wpcdbq.org](mailto:bonniesue@wpcdbq.org) or the church office (563-583-1729).

**THIS WEDNESDAY, PAUL UZEL, GREEN TEAM MEMBER** WILL LEAD THE KIDS IN A GREEN LEARNING ACTIVITY OF BUILDING WORM TOWERS FOR COMPOSTING at St. Luke's UMC. Contact Rich Henderson at 563-580-6289 if you would like to help.

**WPC'S BOOK CLUB'S NEXT READ** is *Educated* by Tara Westover. The Book Discussion will be **July 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Charlotte's Coffee House** on White St. Please RSVP to Deb Seiffert.

*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.



**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, Dr. Charles Barland 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 drop your items in the green bin outside the church office marked Synod School Mission Donations 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*



Dear friends,

Our family would like to thank everyone who was so supportive this past week with prayers, phone calls, cards, food, flowers, memorials, and those who helped with the funeral service for Bruce. Our Westminster family is the best.

Shirley Meriwether

**WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: JULY 10, 2022**

Church Office Number: 563-583-1729	For Emergency call Lisa MacNaughton 563-279-4545
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Pastor: Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet  
 Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins  
 Director of Christian Formation: Bonnie Sue Lewis  
 Care Ministry Coordinator: Lisa MacNaughton  
 Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler  
 Adult Handbells Director: DeLano Cain-Watson  
 WPC Band & Beginner Handbells: Sally Stulken  
 Greeters: Ross and Sally Madden  
 Hospitality Coffee Set Up: Carolyn Dausener

Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz  
 Custodian: Tim Till  
 Digital Storytelling Director: Clare Kysely  
 Worship Technology: Monson Cong Nguyen  
 Adult Choir: Steve Peake  
 Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler  
 Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler  
 Ushers: Julie Woodyard & Merrill Crawford  
 Clean Up: Lizz Tyler

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Prayers for Arlys Williams now recovering at home from a short hospital stay

- Prayers for Steve and Gini Gordon and family who are grieving the loss of Steve’s wife, Karen on Wed., June 29<sup>th</sup>. Services will be held at a future date in Alaska. Cards may be sent to: Steve Gordon, 3820 Robin St., Anchorage, AK 99504 and/or Gini Gordon.
- Pray for all the victims and families affected by gun violence.
- Please pray for Elaine Woodrum’s 11 year old grandson’s friend, Bennett Lewis, who has been diagnosed with bone cancer.
- 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.
- 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.

*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 10<sup>TH</sup> THRU JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>**



**Sunday, July 10**

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, July 11**

8:00 a.m. Harvesting, K

**Tuesday, July 12**

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

7:00 p.m. Grief Support Grp., Library

7:00 p.m. Organ Fundraising Concert  
by NISOM's Heartland Harmony, SA

**Wednesday, July 13**

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

**Thursday, July 14**

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

**Saturday, July 16**

9:00 a.m. Cable Car Quilters Event, FH

**Sunday, July 17**

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home

**GREEN TEAM TIP**

**Keep Your City Clean** Go outside and pick up trash. You can invite family, friends and neighbors to join you for a walk. Have fun, fellowship and increase the litter removed from our community.



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



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

Your will speaks for you after death.  
Have you included a bequest to  
Westminster Presbyterian Church 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.-1:00 p.m. however,  
Becky will be OFF next Wed., July 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**TIM TILL will be OFF Mon., July 11th**