

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God*

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## “God’s Big Eraser”

AUGUST 14, 2022

9:30 A.M.

*“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28 (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 #375* (vs 1)

“Shall We Gather at the River”

*\*Call to Worship*

Julie Woodyard

Leader: In the east and west, the north and south

People: *God creates beauty and life.*

Leader: From all corners of the globe

People: *God calls us to love and to live and to follow.*

Leader: In our homes and our hearts, in this church and in the world

People: *We sing and serve, we hope and we pray.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

*\*Opening Prayer*

Julie Woodyard

*\*Hymn GTG #303*

“God of Grace and Glory”

*Invitation to Confession*

Julie Woodyard

*Unison Prayer of Confession*

*Gracious God, too often we remake you in our own image, we assign your wrath to our enemies, we claim our causes as your own, we box you in and explain you away. Forgive us. Confound us with your glory and stun us with the measure of your love. Above all, rain down your grace upon us so that we will be made new, made more and more in the likeness of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

*(Moment of silence for personal reflection)*

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Julie Woodyard

Leader: ... God gives you new life.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

*\*Response GTG #587*

“Alleluia” (Celtic)

*Time with Younger Disciples*

Linda Stovall, Storyteller

*Prayer for Illumination*

Julie Woodyard

*Scripture:* Galatians 3:23-29 (NRSV)

23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*Scripture:* Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)

Rev. Nancy Bickel

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ 24 He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ 26 He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ 27 She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ 28 Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*Sermon*

“God’s Big Eraser”

Rev. Nancy Bickel

*\*Hymn GTG #774*

“There is Now a New Creation”

*\*Affirmation of Faith*

(The Apostles’ Creed)

Lisa MacNaughton

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his 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.*

*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*

Julie Woodyard

*Offertory*

Luke Tyler

*\*Response GTG #708 (vs.1)* "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Julie Woodyard

*\*Hymn GTG #760* "Bring Many Names"

*\*Benediction*

Rev. Nancy Bickel

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

*\*Response GTG #747* "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

*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 – This week’s beautiful flowers are provided by Pam Adam’s from her garden. Thanks Pam!

RIDES NEEDED: Adele Kluesner would like a ride from Sunset Park to church on Sundays. Please call Lisa MacNaughton at 563-279-4545 if you can help. She will arrange a schedule. Thanks!

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CLEANING UP THE COFFEE CUPS AFTER CHURCH the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – contact Rich Henderson, if you are able to help.

FILL THE BAG: St. Mark’s Youth Enrichment is seeking funds to "fill the bag" for school supplies for each school child. It takes them \$47 to do this because of the way they order. The average family will spend about \$150 to do this. This is a great way to help families in need. Donation can be sent to: St. Mark Youth Enrichment at 1201 Locust Street in Dubuque, Iowa 52001.

## WPC’S BOOK CLUB’S NEXT READ

### *The Telling Room: A Tale of Love, Betrayal, Revenge, and the World’s Greatest Piece of Cheese*

by Michael Paterniti

In the picturesque village of Guzmán, Spain, in a cave dug into a hillside on the edge of town, an ancient door leads to a cramped limestone chamber known as “the telling room.” It was here, in the summer of 2000, that Michael Paterniti found himself listening to a larger-than-life Spanish cheesemaker named Ambrosio Molinos de las Heras as he spun an odd and compelling tale about a piece of cheese. An unusual piece of cheese.

By the time the two men exited the telling room that evening, Paterniti was hooked. Soon he was fully embroiled in village life, relocating his young family to Guzmán in order to chase the truth about this cheese and explore the fairy tale–like place where the villagers conversed with farm animals, lived by an ancient Castilian code of honor, and made their wine and food by hand.

What Paterniti ultimately discovers there in the highlands of Castile is nothing like the idyllic slow-food fable he first imagined. Instead, he’s sucked into the heart of an unfolding mystery, a blood feud that includes accusations of betrayal and theft, death threats, and a murder plot. As the village begins to spill its long-held secrets, Paterniti finds himself implicated in the very story he is writing. Equal parts mystery and memoir, travelogue and history, *The Telling Room* is an astonishing work of literary nonfiction by one of our most accomplished storytellers. A moving exploration of happiness, friendship, and betrayal, *The Telling Room* introduces us to Ambrosio Molinos de las Heras, an unforgettable real-life literary hero, while also holding a mirror up to the world, fully alive to the power of stories that define and sustain us. **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*“For I was hungry and you gave me food.”*

On Saturday, August 27th we will hold our 9th Hunger Outreach food distribution day to fight hunger and food insecurity in our community. We hope to serve over 200 families and provide over 15,000 lbs. of food.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON HUNGER OUTREACH TEAM!**

We need at least 30 volunteers from 8:00-11:00 a.m. in the parking lot to provide traffic control, unload the food truck, greet and register our participants, and load food into their cars. Sign up at the Information Station at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office, or contact Tom Stovall at [563-581-7220](tel:563-581-7220) or at [tomstov@aol.com](mailto:tomstov@aol.com). Please feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors to help. ***SIGN UP TODAY!***



**ADULT CHOIR**

The adult choir was able to return from the COVID hiatus to sing a couple times last spring. We were 'small but mighty'! Fall offers new opportunities. If you enjoy singing consider joining us! We plan to begin rehearsals Wednesday evenings in September and current plans are to sing about twice a month. If you are interested in joining us, or have questions, let Marykay know or email Steve Peake at [stevedbqi@aol.com](mailto:stevedbqi@aol.com) or Luke at [director@nisom.com](mailto:director@nisom.com). As we get closer to fall, watch for more specifics. We will set rehearsal time to best match people's availability, so let us know what your preference is.

## WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: AUGUST 14, 2022

Church Office Number: 563-583-1729 | For Emergency call Lisa MacNaughton 563-279-4545

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: Dan & Marilyn Emmert

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:

- Please pray for Bill Brittain and family grieving the loss of Joyce Brittain, member. Services were held Saturday here at WPC. Cards may be sent to Bill & family, 1005 Lincoln Ave., Apt. 280, DBQ 52001
- Continued prayers for Howard Wallace who is declining and on Hospice.
- Continued prayers for Nancy Wallace as she continues with her successful treatment for breast cancer.
- Prayers for Chuck Whalen as he explores treatment options after his recent surgery.
- Please pray for Bennett Lewis, an 11 year old, who has bone cancer.
- 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.
- Prayers for all the victims and families affected by gun violence.

*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).*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Discovery Shop American Cancer Society

2197 University Ave.

Call Diane #563-582-9800

Under New Management

COME JOIN THE FUN!

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:**  
**AUG. 14<sup>TH</sup> THRU AUG. 21<sup>ST</sup>**



**Sunday, August 14**

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, August 15**

8:00 a.m. Harvesting, K

**Tuesday, August 16**

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

**Wednesday, August 17**

11:00 a.m. Adult Formation Mtg.  
at Bonnie Sue Lewis' home

**Sunday, August 21**

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home



**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?

**GREEN TEAM TIP**

**Spend Time Outside**

Take some time this week to appreciate the outdoors. Go for a walk, play with the kids, play sports, or go to the park for a picnic. Find more ways to enjoy God's beautiful and wonderful creation.

**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.**

**\*PASTOR MARGARETANNE is gone on  
vacation thru Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>**