

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God*

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AUGUST 28, 2022

9:30 A.M.

*“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39 (NRSVUE)*

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

*\*All who are able may stand.*

*Prelude*

Luke Tyler

*Welcome*

Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet

Leader: God be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

*\*Greeting Our Neighbors*

*\*Introit GTG #749 (vs. 1)*

“Come! Live in the Light!”

*\*Call to Worship*

Leader: This is the time when God’s people gather together.

People: *This is the time when we wait to hear God’s word.*

Leader: This is the time when we see friends, old and new.

People: *This is the time when we remember that God makes us family.*

Leader: This is the time when we give thanks for all that is good.

People: *This is the time to worship God.*

*\*Opening Prayer*

*\*Hymn GTG #409*

“God is Here!”

*Invitation to Confession*

*Unison Prayer of Confession*

*Gracious God: at times we feel so fragile, tossed around by all the world’s bad news and by our own bad choices. Even though you instruct us to hold tightly to those things that are good, we sometimes feel untethered from the things that help us feel secure. Help us, we pray. Remind us that you are the unfailing center of our lives, that you are our ultimate security. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all the old wounds and betrayals, so that we don’t add to the pain and conflict in the world. Instead, help us to be bearers of your peace and love and grace and truth in the world. For we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

(Moment of silence for personal reflection)

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Leader: ... God gives you new life.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

*Anthem*

Lizz Tyler

*Time with Younger Disciples*

MargaretAnne

*Prayer for Illumination*

*Sermon*

“God in the End”

MargaretAnne

**Scripture:** Mark 1:9-15 (NRSVUE)

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. 11 And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Scripture:** Romans 8:31-39 (NRSVUE)

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ[a] who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*\*Hymn GTG #625*

“O Lord My God”

*\*Affirmation of Faith*

(The Apostles' Creed)

*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*

*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*

Luke Tyler

*\*Response GTG #328*

“Praise God, All You Nations”

*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*\*Hymn GTG #761*

“Called As Partners in Christ's Service”

*\*Benediction*

MargaretAnne

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

*\*Response GTG#745*

“Now Go in Joy”

*Postlude*

Luke Tyler

Please fill out the **Season of Commitment Forms** if you have not done so already. Your **willingness to help is vital** to WPC. They are back on the Hospitality Counter. Thank You!

**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 flowers are provided by Jim & Sue Huff in celebration of their wedding anniversary and family birthdays.

#### WELCOME BACK MARGARETANNE!

Today we all share the joy of having our pastor back with us after being gone several weeks for continuing education, Synod School and a well-deserved vacation. We pray that this time away has allowed her to reflect, relax, recharge and return filled with excitement to lead us all in another exciting new year. Welcome back, MargaretAnne! And, welcome back to Mollie too!

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

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.

RECIPES NEEDED: Have you purchased food products from SERRV and used them in making a favorite recipe? We are looking for such recipes to share during our Fair-Trade sales. Please drop your recipes off into the SERRV mailbox in the church office **by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>!!** Stay tuned for further information on how we plan to use these! Thank You! Deb

## 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



### 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 Mary Kay 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.

### PORK CHOP DINNER:

Center Grove Church, Sat., September 17<sup>th</sup>

Two Seating Times: 4-5:30 pm & 5:30-7:30 pm

Adults \$15/Children (6-12) \$7

Purchase tickets in advance at Center Grove or Grand View. Carry Outs Available

**THICK CUT GRILLED IOWA PORK CHOPS**

Potatoes, corn, applesauce, rolls, dessert, lemonade and coffee. Hot dogs available for kids.

3140 Brunskill Rd. DBQ 563-582-8875

## WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: AUGUST 28, 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: Doug & Jean Cheever

Hospitality Coffee Set Up: Tom & Judi Schutt

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: John & Pam Adams

Clean Up: Rich Henderson

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Thursday, September 1 is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Join with Christians around the world to pray giving thanks for God's gift of creation.
- Prayers for all of those who received food at yesterday's Westminster Hunger Outreach. May they be nourished knowing that God loves them. Also, thanks to all the volunteers that put their faith in action to demonstrate God's love.
- Please pray for all affected by recent flooding in Missouri and Kentucky, and all those dealing with the effects of climate change. Pray also for the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as they respond to these events demonstrating God's love.
- Prayers for Mary Kay's friend, Mary Schroeder, whose Lymphoma has returned and is now in her brain.
- 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).*

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:**  
**AUG. 28<sup>TH</sup> THRU SEPT. 4<sup>TH</sup>**



**Sunday, August 28**

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts  
9:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, August 29**

8:00 a.m. Harvesting, K  
7:00 p.m. Troop 11, FH

**Tuesday, August 30**

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH  
5:30 p.m. Moderator Roundtable, BR

**Wednesday, August 31**

5:00 p.m. Small Groups Potluck, FH

**Thursday, September 1**

5:30 p.m. YL Class, FH

**Sunday, September 4**

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts  
9:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, September 5**

**OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**

**GREEN TEAM TIP**

**Advocate For Environmental Justice**

Promote the care of God's creation. You can volunteer, learn more about the issues and become involved. Join our own Westminster Green Team and the Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition. Donate to environmental causes such as Iowa Interfaith Power & Light.



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



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

Be a WILLing Christian. Remember 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

**\* MARY KAY is on VACATION thru Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Glinda M. is filling in for her.**

**\* BONNIE SUE on VACATION thru Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>**