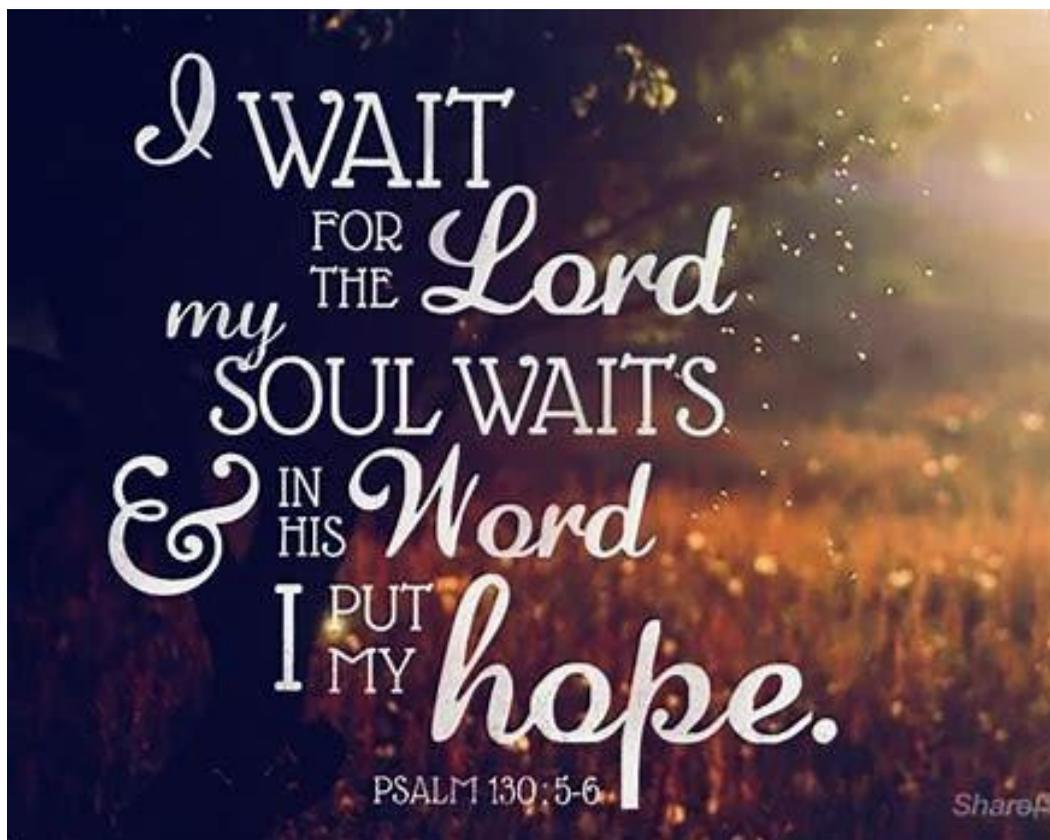


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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AUGUST 7, 2022

9:30 A.M.

"If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died."

1 Corinthians 15:19-20 (NRSV)

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

**All who are able may stand.*

Prelude

Roger 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 #645* (vs 1) “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

**Call to Worship*

Ann Lorenz

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: *By God’s great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

Leader: And to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

People: *To God be glory this day and forever more!*

**Opening Prayer*

Ann Lorenz

**Hymn GTG #363*

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

Invitation to Confession

Ann Lorenz

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, hear our confession as we pray in Christ’s name. You give us a vision of a world made new, O God, yet we find it so easy to abide in the old. We claim to be faithful, but we do not obey your commandments. We boast of our hope, yet we do not dwell in faith. We gather security around us, while others go hungry. We arm ourselves mightily, as though we could buy peace of mind. We hear Christ’s words of assurance, but we do not live in his promise. Forgive our ambivalence, as in Christ we repent. Amen. (Moment of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Ann Lorenz

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

Don Schauf, Storyteller

Prayer for Illumination

Ann Lorenz

Scripture: Psalm 23 (NRSV)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:12-28 (NRSV)

Rev. Marsha Wilfong

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? 13If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 15We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. 19If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27For ‘God has put all things in subjection under his feet.’ But when it says, ‘All things are put in subjection’, it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. 28When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“The Nature of Christian Hope”

Rev. Marsha Wilfong

*Hymn GTG #687 (vs. 1,3,4,6) “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Apostles' Creed)

Bonnie Sue Lewis

*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.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Marsha Wilfong

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The minister continues with the prayer)...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... (prayer continues and concludes with The Lord's Prayer)

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Joys & Concerns
Prayers of the People

Bonnie Sue Lewis

Invitation to Discipleship

Ann Lorenz

Offertory

Roger Tyler

**Response GTG #710*

“We Lift Our Voices”

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Ann Lorenz

**Hymn GTG #686*

“God of Our Life”

**Benediction*

Rev. Marsha Wilfong

...and all God’s people said: Alleluia! Amen.

**Response GTG #772 (vs 4)*

“Live into Hope”

Postlude

Roger 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 flowers were provided by Zoe Casper in memory of Bob Casper and their wedding anniversary on August 10th. They were married in 1958.

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 – contact Rich Henderson, if you are able to help.

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 27th
“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 or at tomstov@aol.com Please feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors to help. **SIGN UP TODAY!**



Please change the date on your calendar for the Red Basket Event.

We have moved it from August 13 to September 17th at 10:00 a.m. We will still be collecting supplies/donations to help the girls/women in our community. Supplies can go in the basket in the hallway. Please plan to join us and be a part of this community effort. If you have questions, please contact Linda Stovall - linstov@aol.com or 563-581-7582.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: AUGUST 7, 2022

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

Pastor: Rev. Margaret Anne 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 & Linda Stovall	Ushers: Bonnie Sue Lewis & Carolyn Dausener
Hospitality Coffee Set Up: Alice Bentley	Clean Up: Shirley Meriwether & Pat Judge
Communion Servers: Allie Hinga, Sue Dravis, Tom & Linda Stovall, Bonnie Sue Lewis, Deb Seiffert, Joyce Uzel & Ericka Raber	

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for all the victims and families affected by gun violence especially the recent victims at Maquoketa Caves State Park Campground.
- Continued prayers for Howard Wallace who is declining and on Hospice.
- Continued prayers for Nancy Wallace who had her cancer removed from her left breast on July 26th and is continuing oral medication. Surgery may be needed in the future.
- Prayers for Chuck Whalen who had surgery for a cancerous abdominal tumor.
- 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.

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. 7TH THRU AUG. 14TH



Sunday, August 7

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Marcov Baby Shower, FH, K

Monday, August 8

FALL HOTLINE DEADLINE

8:00 a.m. Harvesting, K

5:30 p.m. Mission Mtg., BR

7:00 p.m. Troop 11, FH

Tuesday, August 9

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

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

Wednesday, August 10

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

3:30 p.m. Care Connect Team, BR

Thursday, August 11

3:30 p.m. WPC Book Club at Charlotte's

To discuss "*Educated*"

Sunday, August 14

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

GREEN TEAM TIP

Use Gray Water

Gray water is water that has been used but is not necessarily contaminated. You can use dish washing water, hand washing water and cooking water to water plants. There are even systems that you can install now that allow you to make use of gray water more effectively.



SUPPORT THE YOUTH PROGRAM BUY SCRIP!

YOUR FAVORITE STORE IS MISSING FROM THE LIST! See Lisa



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

Who needs a will? Everyone who cares what happens to what they leave behind...and anyone who wants to leave a bequest to WPC.

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.**

***TIM TILL off Mon., Aug. 8th**

***PASTOR MARGARETANNE is gone on vacation thru Aug. 22nd**