

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

OCTOBER 2, 2022

"For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12 (NRSVUE)



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER!

We're delighted to worship with you today and hope your experience of worship is meaningful and uplifting. If you need assistance during your visit, any of our greeters will be happy to help.

Parents: We provide nursery care for children 5 years of age and under. All children are welcome to use any of the resources in our PrayGround (located behind the pews).

Please note that assisted listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

** Everyone who is comfortably able to stand is welcome to do so during the portions of worship marked with an asterisk.*

PRELUDE: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (arr. Brant Adams)

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

TIME OF WELCOME

Leader: God be with you!

People: And also with you!

*GATHERING SONG GTG #507: *Come to the Table of Grace* (vs. 2)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Isaiah 55)

Leader: From north and south and east and west,

People: All Creation sings forth God's praises!

Leader: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

People: The trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Leader: God's steadfast love never ceases.

People: So, with joy and peace, let us worship God together.

*HYMN GTG #637: *O Sing to the Lord*

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession (from 2 Timothy 1)

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of those among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love and self-discipline — that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. For we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness (from Lamentations 3)

Leader: God loves you. God forgives you. God gives you new life.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response GTG #582: *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

ANTHEM: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy* (arr. Jason W. Krug)

Adult Handbells

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-13 (NRSVUE)

1 Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12 For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture: Luke 17:5-6 (NRSVUE)

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a[a] mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

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 Breaking of the Bread

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Prayer After Communion

*HYMN GTG #770: *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Peace & Global Witness Offering

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Offertory: *How Great Is Our God* (arr. Alex-Zsolt)

*Sung Response: GTG #328 *Praise God, All You Nations*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving.

*HYMN GTG #526: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: And all God's people said:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE GTG #80: *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

POSTLUDE: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (Mark Hayes)

SCAN TO GIVE!

Use your
smartphone
camera to scan this
code and give
online.



WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS– Join us at 2 p.m. today (with your animals!) to celebrate God's creatures. All animals are welcome, and we ask that they be leashed or kenneled.

TODAY'S FLOWERS – The blue and yellow flowers are given today in honor of World Communion Sunday to remind us that the most important thing we can do for the people of Ukraine is to **pray**.

The other beautiful bouquet of flowers are in celebration of the marriage of Andrew MacNaughton and Danielle Boyer. The happy parents are Neil & Lisa MacNaughton.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL– Join us in the downstairs classrooms after worship today!

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT! – 6th through 12th graders will meet up from 5:00-6:30 out in Westminster's Courtyard for a campfire, s'mores, and some story-telling - oh, and a "bags" competition! Come join us and our friends from First Presbyterian!

ADULT CHOIR – The choir will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 5** at 7 PM in the sanctuary. We will do some singing and we will spend a few minutes discussing planning for practices and singing. Hope you can join us!

PLAY MISSION BINGO! - If you haven't yet received your **MISSION BINGO CARD**, be sure to pick one up at the Information Station at the back of the sanctuary.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE – See Gerda Hartman today to add your name to the list of volunteers for our annual church Fall Rummage Sale, **October 27-29**. We need everyone's help!

BOOK EXCHANGE - Bring your used books to the bench by the office during the week of October 16. We will put them in some sort of order and on Sunday October 23rd you may pick up books to last you during the winter. Please no textbooks or really out of date books. What is left over will go to the WPC rummage sale.

1082.5 LBS. of fresh produce has been given away from Westminster's Mission Gardens. Thanks to all the volunteers involved. *"Some seed fell into good soil and bore fruit. Upon growing and increasing, the seed produced...in one case a yield of one hundred to one."*

FAIR TRADE TASTING PARTY OCTOBER 16 – 10:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Answer people's prayers for a better life by supporting their products. Taste and learn how to order SERRV products online.

REV. HEIDI MCGINNIS IS COMING FOR BREAKFAST – at Westminster on October 23 at 8:30 am to speak on reaching out with a mission. Come hear her while enjoying oatmeal and sweet rolls with your coffee. Rev. Heidi has received the Community Service award from the University of Dubuque.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION – The food pantry is in dire need of peanut butter and jelly! Put PB&J on your next grocery list and let's fill the grocery cart with donations for the food pantry. The grocery cart is located at the "Donation Station" near the church office.

CREATION CARE EXPO – All members of the congregation are invited to join the Green Team in attending the CLIMATE CARE EXPO on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th from 10 AM to 2 PM right here at Westminster. The event is being conducted by the Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition and will include information and displays from over 15 community organizations with the theme of Caring For God's Creation. There is no registration required. Please just show up and bring your family and friends.

WESTMINSTER BAND – plays in worship on the second Sundays this year. We will have our only rehearsal on that Sunday but rehearse earlier than previous years. Probably start at 8:30 the first time to see how much time we will need. Music folders are available **TODAY**. First time playing in worship will be Oct. 9.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY

Church Office Number: 563-583-1729 | For Pastoral Care emergencies: **563-279-4545**

Pastor: Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet
Director: Christian Formation: Bonnie Sue Lewis
Care Ministry Coordinator: Lisa MacNaughton
Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler
Adult Choir: Steve Peake
Timbrel & Lyre Director: Dr. Luke Tyler
Adult Handbells Director: DeLano Cain-Watson
WPC Band & Beginner Handbells: Sally Stulken
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler

Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz
Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins
Custodian: Tim Till
Digital Storytelling Director: Clare Kysely
Worship Technology: Monson Nguyen
Greeters: Tom & Linda Stovall
Ushers: Bonnie Sue Lewis/Carolyn Dausener
Hospitality Set Up: Rich Henderson
Clean Up: Pat Edwards

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The WPC Green Team gives thanks to Pastor MargaretAnne for her special service of Blessing of The Animals. Caring for God's Creation truly means ALL of God's Creation!
- Prayers for Hanna Rose, daughter of Adam and Tarra Etheredge, undergoing treatment for brain health.
- Prayers for Chuck Whalen, who has developed another tumor and is struggling with his diagnosis. His address is 15913 Lore Mound Rd. 52002
- Healing prayers for Shirley Meriwether who is home recovering from a total knee replacement. Her address is: 3179 Windmill Ln. 52003
- Prayers for Elaine Woodrum who is at Grand Meadows, Apt. D131 recovering well after suffering a stroke.
- Prayers for a friend of Shelley Malone's, Mark, who has Multiple Myeloma.
- Prayers for Mary Kay's friend, Mary Schroeder, whose Lymphoma has returned.
- Continued prayers for Howard Wallace who is on Hospice and for Nancy Wallace as she continues with her successful treatment for breast cancer.
- 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.

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).

Come home to beautiful music! Join the Dubuque Chorale, their chamber choir Cadenza, and the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choirs as they present *Reflections of Home*, a concert in special collaboration with Opening Doors of Dubuque. Opening Doors will join the musicians onstage to promote their annual "Attitude of Gratitude" fundraiser coming up in November. There is no charge for admission; freewill donations will be accepted. *Reflections of Home* will be performed at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 21, and at 7:00 pm on Saturday, October 22, in Honkamp Hall at Steeple Square, 101 East 15th Street, Dubuque. For further details, visit dubuquechorale.org.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 9

Sunday, October 2

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
9:30 a.m. Worship
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Re-Membering Class, BR
2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals, Ctyd.
3:00 p.m. Dbq. Interfaith Green Coal., BR
5:00 p.m. Youth Group at WPC Firepit

Monday, October 3

TIM TILL OFF

8:00 a.m. Garden Harvesting
7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal, SA
7:00 p.m. Troop 11, FH

Tuesday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH
1:00 p.m. Property Mtg., BR
4:00 p.m. Deacons Mtg., BR

Wednesday, October 5

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, SA

Thursday, October 6

5:30 p.m. YL Class, FH
7:00 p.m. Continuing the Journey, Emmerts

Saturday, October 8

8:00 a.m. Creation Care Expo, FH, BR

Sunday, October 9

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Re-Membering Class, BR

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

GREEN TEAM TIP

Presbyterian Environmental Ministries



Want to learn more about what our Presbyterian denomination is doing in caring for God's creation? Check it out at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/environment Learn how this mission equips and connects churches to care for God's earth.



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

Is God's will for WPC remembered in your will?

SCAN ME!

Follow WPC on Instagram to see familiar faces!



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SUPPORT THE YOUTH PROGRAM BUY SCRIP!

YOUR FAVORITE STORE IS MISSING FROM THE LIST! See Lisa