

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

“The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” Jeremiah 18:1-2 (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 under 5 years of age (beginning Sept 18). 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

TIME OF WELCOME

Leader: God be with you!

People: And also with you!

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A voice beckons in the morning, saying,

People: "You are my Beloved."

Leader: It is the voice of One we see dimly, we hear faintly.

People: We reach out for that voice, for the One who has claimed us in love.

Leader: In this time together, may we hear the voice of God who shepherds us with love and grace.

People: So, let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN: GTG #401 *Here in This Place*

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned. We wander from your ways, waste your gifts, forget your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

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

People: Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response: GTG #595 *Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo)*

ANTHEM

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11 (NRSVUE)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: **2** “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” **3** So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. **4** The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

5 Then the word of the Lord came to me: **6** Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. **7** At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, **8** but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.

9 And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, **10** but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. **11** Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture: Luke 14:25-33 (NRSVUE)

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, **26** “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. **27** Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? **29** Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, **30** saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes

against him with twenty thousand? **32** If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. **33** So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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 #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *adapted from the Belhar Confession*

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another; that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another, that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together, that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Offertory

*Sung Response: GTG #709 *God, We Honor You*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN: GTG #644 *Give Thanks, O Christian People*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: And all God's people said:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

**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!

WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF COMMITMENT FORMS – Take time to consider how God might be inviting you to serve at Westminster in the coming season, and then fill out one of the Season of Commitment Forms in your bulletin (if you have not done so already).

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

HELPERS NEEDED - We need helpers to clean up the coffee cups after worship on the 4th Sunday of each month. If you're interested in helping, please contact Rich Henderson.

WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont)

RECIPES NEEDED: Have you purchased food products from **SERRV** and used them in 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. 15th!!** Stay tuned for further information on how we plan to use these! Thank You!

WPC BOOK CLUB – The WPC Book Club’s next read is *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 or Luke at 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.

ADULT HANDBELLS– The adult handbell choir will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 12. If you are interested in joining us, or have questions about the Adult Handbell program, let Mary Kay know or email DeLano Cain-Watson at DCain@dbq.edu

PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTION – The food pantry is in dire need of the peanut butter! Put peanut butter 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.

DUBUQUE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

PORK CHOP DINNER – Center Grove Church is hosting a Pork Chop Dinner (featuring thick cut grilled Iowa pork chops, potatoes, corn, applesauce, rolls, dessert, lemonade, and coffee; hot dogs are available for kids) on Saturday, September 17 at 3140 Brunskill Road in Dubuque. There will be 2 seating times: one from 4-5:30pm and one from 5:30-7:30pm. Carryouts are available; adults are \$15 and children (6-12) are \$7. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Center Grove or Grand View. Call for more information: (563) 582-8875.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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

Pastor: Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet	Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz
Director of Christian Formation: Bonnie Sue Lewis	Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins
Care Ministry Coordinator: Lisa MacNaughton	Custodian: Tim Till
Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler	Digital Storytelling Director: Clare Kysely
Adult Choir: Steve Peake	Worship Technology: Monson Nguyen
Timbrel & Lyre Director: Dr. Luke Tyler	Greeters: Tom & Linda Stovall
Adult Handbells Director: DeLano Cain-Watson	Ushers: Carolyn Dausener
WPC Band & Beginner Handbells: Sally Stulken	Hospitality Coffee Set Up: Alice Bentley
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler	Clean Up: Pat Edwards/Shirley Meriwether

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 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 on Hospice and 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 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

SEPTEMBER 4-11

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

Tuesday, September 6

Dobson Organ at WPC

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 p.m. Property Meeting

1:00 p.m. Green Team Meeting

4:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

6:00 p.m. Pack 20

Wednesday, September 7

Dobson Organ at WPC

Thursday, September 8

Dobson Organ at WPC

Friday, September 9

Dobson Organ at WPC

Sunday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Fall Kick Off



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 September 7th**

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.

FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

Be a WILLing Christian. Remember Westminster Presbyterian Church in your WILL.



SUPPORT THE YOUTH PROGRAM BUY SCRIP!

YOUR FAVORITE STORE IS MISSING FROM THE LIST! See Lisa