

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,
"This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." *Luke 15:2 (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 #469 - *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let your light shine!

People: Let your hearts be glad!

Leader: God is faithful to us, and God rules in love.

People: Then let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN: GTG #749 - *Come! Live in the Light!*

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are the author of life and the source of all our hope. We acknowledge that we are sometimes remarkable and generous, bearing light to the shadows. We acknowledge that, too many times, we are full of despair and selfishness, hoarding light and goodness for ourselves. We stand before the blank slate of a new programmatic year that seems so promising, and we want to do better. We pray that you will heal what is wounded, fill what is empty, and repair what is broken, so that we can receive and share the abundant life that you have promised. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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 #447 - *We Are Forgiven*

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Scripture: Exodus 32:7-14 (NRSVUE)

7 The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" " 9 The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 10 Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

11 But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " 14 And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10 (NRSVUE)

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: 4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN: GTG #769 - *For Everyone Born*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39*

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are 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. 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 #710 - *We Lift Our Voices*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN: GTG #726 - *Will You Come and Follow Me*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Leader: And all God's people said:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #600 - *Amen* (3 times)

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.

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 will meet on Sept 21st at 3:30p.m. at Charlotte's Coffee House to discuss *The Telling Room: A Tale of Love, Betrayal, Revenge, and the World's Greatest Piece of Cheese* by Michael Paterniti.

WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont)

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

NURSERY CARE – The nursery is re-opening on Sept 18th from 9a.m. – 11a.m. each Sunday! Bring your children 6 months through 5 years to a safe and loving place, while you worship with your church family.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL– Sunday School for children in kindergarten through fifth grade will meet from 10:45a.m. – 12:00p.m. each Sunday. We gather in the Media Room downstairs to explore what it means to be part of God’s family.

YOUTH GROUP – Young people in grades 6-12 will meet every other Sunday from 5p.m. – 6:30 p.m. with friends from First Presbyterian to explore everything from how to make the best pizza to questions of how to make sense of our relationship with God. Our first gathering on September 18th is at First Presbyterian Church. Bring your friends!

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.

RED BASKET EVENT – The next Red Basket project is September 17th at 10 a.m. We still need supplies, but more than that, we need YOU to come help put together the packets!

CROP WALK – The Dubuque Area Crop Hunger Walk is on Saturday, October 1st. More information will be available in the Hotline. To donate online, go to www.CropHungerWalk.org and designate DBQ, IA.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: SEPTEMBER 11, 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: Dan and Marilyn Emmert
Adult Handbells Director: DeLano Cain-Watson	Ushers: Julie Woodyard, Merrill Crawford
WPC Band & Beginner Handbells: Sally Stulken	Hospitality Set Up: Carolyn Dausener
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler	Clean Up: Lizz Tyler

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Elaine Woodrum who is having some health issues and would appreciate prayers for a quick recovery.
- 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 11-18

Sunday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Fall Kick Off

Monday, September 12

Dobson Organ at WPC

8:00 a.m. Garden Harvesting

5:00 p.m. Mission Meeting, BR

6:00 p.m. Pack 20, FH

7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Troop 11, FH

Tuesday, September 13

Dobson Organ at WPC

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

3:30 p.m. Care / Connections Team, BR

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

Wednesday, September 14

Dobson Organ at WPC

Thursday, September 15

Dobson Organ at WPC

Friday, September 16

Dobson Organ at WPC

Saturday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Red Basket Event, FH

Sunday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Children's Sun School

10:45 a.m. Re-Membering Class, BR

1:30 p.m. Bethany Home worship

Westminster Office Hours

Please call first.

Monday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

GREEN TEAM TIP

Compost at Home

It's easy to compost at home! Sign up to use the City of Dubuque's curbside composting program. Save your food scraps for weekly pickup for only \$1.00 per month. Containers are provided.



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