

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." Luke 23:38 (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 Pray Ground (located behind the pews).

Please note that assisted listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. Our worship service is always livestreamed, so there are multiple cameras in the sanctuary. You may be on camera during your worship experience with Westminster.

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

PRELUDE

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

*GATHERING SONG GTG #196: *All Glory Laud and Honor*

TIME OF WELCOME

Leader: God be with you!

People: And also with you!

*GATHERING SONG: *Raise Up the Crown (All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name)*

OPENING PRAYERS

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers.

Prayers for the Church

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer Sung: Repeat each stanza after Song Leaders

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Scripture: Luke 23:33-43 (NRSVUE)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess to you our pain: the pain we have inflicted on others, the pain that keeps us awake at night, the pain of strangers across the world whose lives we cannot touch, and the pain of systems that seem too big for us to fix. We offer our pain to you. Forgive us for the ways we have contributed to the pain of the world, and transform our lives so that we can be bearers of peace and advocates for justice. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: In Christ, you are made whole.

People: Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with You.

People: And also with you.

*HYMN: *Amazing Love (You Are My King)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Offertory/Anthem: *Above All*

*Sung Response: Doxology arr. by Steve Peake:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SCAN TO GIVE!

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



*HYMN: *God So Loved*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: And all God's people said:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE: *God so Loved* (chorus)

POSTLUDE

Westminster Presbyterian Church is a Certified Hunger Action Congregation and Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



Next Sunday Nov. 27th HELP NEEDED! **Christmas Decorating** Sanctuary Christmas decorations go up after worship. A few strong bodies are needed (since the decorations are stored in the basement) and MANY HANDS can lighten the load. 30 - 60 minutes of your time can really help!

WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S EXPERIMENTAL WORSHIP- WPC's Session continues to have conversations about the possibility of a second worship service that would offer a more contemporary feel. On the third Sunday of each month, we experiment with those contemporary forms of worship in preparation for this possible second service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY – Join us following worship. We will receive the report of the Nominating Committee and will elect members to serve as Elders, Deacons and Members At Large of the Nominating Committee for 2023.

THEN JOIN US for our very first Financial Forum which will allow congregation members to hear more about Westminster's finances and ask questions about the road ahead!

DACU'S 40TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE "Sustaining Creation for All", Wed., Nov. 23rd at 7 p.m. at Resurrection Church, 4300 Asbury. Fundraiser is for PIN. Please be generous. Non-perishable food & paper goods accepted for Food Pantry. Special Music by Dr. Charles Barland, organist, and the Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir. **Guest Preacher is our very own Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet!** This is always a beautiful service as our community comes together to give thanks. Let's have lots of folks from Westminster in attendance!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – Join us after worship today! Pick up at **noon** is in the Sunday School rooms downstairs.

EMAIL PROBLEMS – In case you have been wondering why you haven't been receiving any bulletin emails...we have been experiencing email problems the past few weeks. *Remember you can always access the bulletin **and** Hotline on our WPC website.*

HELP GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT WESTMINSTER! - Now's your chance to share your love for Westminster by leaving a Google review that will show up to "church shoppers" using that search engine. It's really simple (and quick) ... and it is one small thing you can do that is a BIG BENEFIT to Westminster! Use this link to go directly to WPC-Dubuque's review page: <https://bit.ly/3z5y6Kr>

THE TECH TEAM needs additional members to aid in staffing the Sunday Morning Worship live streaming for those unable to join us in person. It requires you to be available Sunday Morning from 8:30 to a bit after the service ends. If you ever want to help with these services online, don't hesitate to contact Neil MacNaughton or Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet; we will assist you in getting involved.



Think Christmas: purchase Fair Trade

Help people live better lives by purchasing from SERRV

20% of our sales will go to the Lantern Center.

You must use our web address for us to receive the 20%! Go to Westminster's Website: serrv.org?a=WPC1

Advent Study - *The Journey to Bethlehem* with Adam Hamilton

A book/video discussion facilitated by Dan Emmert and Kassandra Powell

Sundays at 10:45 AM, November 27, December 4, December 11

Westminster Board Room

Come Join the Journey to the Stable in Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds, the Maji, the Angels and your friends at WPC in the preparation for the Birth of the King!

Books provided upon Sign-up for the Class

PLAY MISSION BINGO! - Be sure to pick up your **MISSION BINGO CARD, behind and to the right of the Information Station** at the back of the sanctuary. The card contains 25 different things that you can do to participate in the life of your church between now and December 18. Check off things as you complete them and let the Mission Team know when you get a BINGO! Turn in your cards BEFORE Dec. 18 and **Win PRIZES!**

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. The grocery cart is located at the “Donation Station” near the church office.



	Amount	QTY
Child	\$25	
Groceries	\$50	
Total		

Like 2021, the agency that we get our families from does not want purchased items but have requested gift cards. So, AGAIN, this year we are asking the congregation to drop off or mail in checks to purchase Gift Cards by **December 12th**. We will buy gift cards from Hy-Vee, Target, Fareway, Wal-Mart/Sam’s Club through scrip. Any donations received more than what we need, will be donated to Opening Doors. There is a huge need in our community and we hope you consider making a donation. **Thank you.**

There are forms available if you need one at the office OR on the sign-up tables in the Sanctuary.

There are 4 Bethany Residents who will be on the Angel Tree. Their wrapped gifts will be due by December 8th.



Wreaths for Church Decorations

Would you like to donate a Christmas wreath in honor of or in memory of a special someone? Fill out an envelope on the table in church or email Mary Kay at marykay@wpcdbq.org and mail your check for \$16. Include the name of who your wreath is in memory of.



Deacons Fund: **Poinsettias for Christmas**

Donations accepted through Dec. 16.

Email marykay@wpcdbq.org or call the office at 583-1729 and mail your \$15 or \$25 memorial donation. Include who your Poinsettia is in memory of or in honor of.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING DOORS – is in dire need of paper towels AND toilet paper! Teresa Shelter has been at capacity since March. Items can be dropped at their admin office (2100 Asbury Road/2nd brick bldg.) or at Teresa Shelter 1111 Bluff Street. OR...bring to Westminster and Ann Lorenz will deliver them. Thank you!

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: Lisa & Neil MacNaughton

Ushers: Randy Roos & Adam Etheredge

Hospitality Set Up: Doug & Jean Cheever

Clean Up: Shirley Meriwether

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Gini Gordon who has inoperable abdominal cancer and is now on hospice.
- Prayers for Barb Peterson who is in transition moving to Toledo, OH. Her new address will be: 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Apt. 427B, Toledo, OH 43614
- Prayers for Teresa Miller for a successful recovery after rotator cuff surgery.
- Prayers for Patt Carmack who is recovering from different health concerns.
- Prayers for Lisa MacNaughton for a quick recovery after knee surgery.
- Prayers for Leona Hibben who is dealing with serious heart issues.
- Prayers for Hanna Rose, daughter of Adam and Tarra Etheredge, undergoing treatment for brain health.
- Prayers for Chuck Whalen, who continues to have other health issues and concerns.
- Prayers for Wally Brown who is at Hawkeye Care Center temporarily.
- 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, 11 yrs old, who has 3 more treatments for bone cancer.
- Prayers for Tom Stovall who is receiving chemo treatments for prostate 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).

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

NOVEMBER 20 – NOVEMBER 27

Sunday, November 20

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:45 a.m. CONGREGATION MTG., SA

11:00 a.m. Financial Forum, SA

1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home

Monday, November 21

6:00 p.m. Den Meeting, classrooms

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

Tuesday, November 22

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

Wednesday, November 23

OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

7:00 p.m. DACU THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
At Resurrection Church

Thursday, November 24

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
OFFICE CLOSED**

Friday, November 25

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
OFFICE CLOSED**

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:45 a.m. Advent Study, BR

10:45 a.m. CHRISTMAS DECORATING



GREEN TEAM TIP

Eat Those Leftovers

During the holiday season we all have leftovers from dinners, parties and get-togethers. A great way to be a good steward of the earth is to make sure those leftovers are eaten. Serve them again, share them with others or donate them to the Dubuque Rescue Mission. Americans throw away some 25% of the food they buy!



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



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

Is God's will for Westminster Presbyterian Church remembered in your will?