

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

*Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist,
and he ate locusts and wild honey. Mark 1:6 (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.

TIME OF WELCOME

Leader: God be with you!

People: And also with you!

*GATHERING SONG GTG #90: *Wait for the Lord* (2x)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Leader: In the season of earth's soft darkening, we kindle lights of Hope.

People: In this place where heaven and earth whisper greeting, in this time when the High King of Heaven comes to us,

Leader: We join with the saints to give glory to God, who is both known to us and who is still Mystery.

People: It is this God whose name we raise, as did the prophets of old, in hopeful expectation.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: We join with our sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey.

Leader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: Today, we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Leader: Today, we light the candle of HOPE.

People: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

Leader: Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved!

People: Testifying against all suffering and darkness, we kindle this light. Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.

*HYMN GTG #93: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*TIME OF CONFESSION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have locked ourselves out. In our own way, each of us has locked ourselves out of relationships, out of opportunities, out of our true home. We do it because we are too arrogant, or too stubborn, or simply too human. We have filled our lives and our world with darkness and death because, all too often, we have put our own judgment and desires over yours. We are lost, in need of light and hope and joy. We pray for your forgiveness, and that you will guide our steps so that we may come home. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: You are forgiven. Rejoice and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Live now as PEOPLE OF HOPE, and welcome the Christ in all whom you meet.

People: Amen.

Sung Response GTG #133: *O Come All Ye Faithful* (vs. 3)

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON – The Voice of the Prophets

Scripture: Mark 1:2-8 (NRSVUE)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN GTG #347: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Profession of Faith

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.

Welcome

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 - Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN GTG #82: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Leader: And all God's people said:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE GTG #90: *Wait for the Lord* (1x)

POSTLUDE

SCAN TO GIVE!

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



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

WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Immediately following worship... HELP NEEDED!

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!

CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND – If you are missing an umbrella, a Madison Mallards hat or a fleece jacket, please check the lost and found tub in the hallway by the office.

ADVENT STUDY – *The Journey to Bethlehem with Adam Hamilton Starts Today!* 10:45 in the board room. A book/video discussion facilitated by Dan Emmert and Kassandra Powell. 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!

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

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>

LESS THAN A MONTH TO PLAY MISSION BINGO! - 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!** Prizes will be given out **BEFORE** church on Dec 18th.

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



"For I was hungry and you gave me food."

Saturday, December 17th

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. SIGN UP TODAY!

Contact Tom Stovall 563-581-7220 or

tomstov@aol.com or call or visit the church office. Invite family & friends to help!



	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 donating. **Thank you.**

There are forms available in the office OR found in the stand behind the hospitality counter in church.

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 found in the stand behind the hospitality counter in church or email Mary Kay at marykay@wpcdbq.org and mail your check for \$18. Include the name of who your wreath is in memory of.



Deacons Fund: Poinsettias for Christmas

Donations accepted through Dec. 16.

Fill out a form found in the stand behind the hospitality counter in church. You can also 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: Doug & Jean Cheever
Ushers: John & Pam Adams
Hospitality Set Up: Tom & Judi Schutt
Clean Up: Alice Bentley

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Gini Gordon who has inoperable abdominal cancer and is now on hospice.
- 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 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, who will be having a stem cell transplant after the holidays.
- 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 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).

GREEN TEAM TIP

Use Reusable Gift Bags

Consider wrapping all of your gifts this year in reusable gift bags. Avoid traditional wrapping paper which can only be used once, is not recyclable and fills our landfills. Or, consider wrapping gifts in plain brown paper or even newspaper. Have fun and make it a **Green Christmas!**



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

Your will speaks for you after death. Have you included a bequest to WPC in your will?

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 4

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Advent Study, BR

10:45 a.m. CHRISTMAS DECORATING

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

Monday, November 28

11:00 a.m. Westminster Tables, FH

1:30 p.m. PIN, WR

5:00 p.m. Hospitality Mtg., BR

6:00 p.m. Den Meeting, classrooms

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

Tuesday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

7:00 p.m. Heartland Harmony Concert, SA

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Loft

Thursday, December 1

11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, BR

5:30 p.m. Young Living Class, FH

Sunday, December 4

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Advent Study, BR

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

5:00 p.m. Youth Group, WPC Media Rm.

Join Us December 4th at 2:00 p.m.

To go Christmas Caroling on a Trolley!

Meet in Fellowship Hall

Afterwards enjoy some Hot Chocolate!



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

Buy
Scrip
in
the
WPC
office

THE DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY

will again be distributing Christmas Baskets this year to the food insecure in our community. We are asking your church to contribute cash to purchase milk, eggs, and meat. We are also collecting items for the baskets:

- canned vegetables and canned fruits
- boxed potatoes
- soup
- Mac & Cheese
- candy bags/cookies
- individual hot chocolate packets
- stuffing mix (turkey, chicken, pork)
- gravy mix
- Personal Care Items: soap, shampoo & conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, & Kleenex.

Distribution of the baskets will be Mon., Dec. 19th, Tues., Dec. 20th and Wed., Dec. 21st. We ask that all items be here by Friday, December 16th.

Let's make this Christmas Season special for our less fortunate neighbors.

Blessings! Theresa Caldwell, Exec. Dir.
We are located at 1310 White Street.