

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

JANUARY 1, 2023

A Community New Year's Service



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER!

We're delighted to worship with you today and hope your experience of worship is meaningful and uplifting. Please note that assisted listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. Any of our greeters will be happy to offer you assistance.

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).

Our worship service is always livestreamed and 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 #143: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (vs. 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A boy has been born for us;

People: A child has been given to us.

Leader: And his name is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People: Eternal Father; Prince of Peace.

Leader: Once we were no people;

People: Now we are God's people.

Leader: Once we walked in darkness;

People: Now we have seen a great light.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

People: He came to us as light to banish our darkness, and the darkness has never overcome the light.

Leader: Christ our true light is here!

People: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to us!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN GTG #132: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

*TIME OF CONFESSION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, forgive us when we turn our eyes from those places where power prevails and where people work for peace without applause; where parents cannot provide for their children and where children live with danger; where your light is needed. Bless us and disturb us in this season, which marks how heaven's king came to earth to be the least among us. Turn our attention to your people in need and give us ways to share our gifts with courage and compassion. For we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. In Christ we are made new!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

ANTHEM: *"Joseph's Lullaby"*

Steve Peake

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON: The Choice of Joseph

Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9 (NRSVUE)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSVUE)

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN GTG #132: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Offertory

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.

SCAN TO GIVE!

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



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 Lord's Prayer (ELLC Translation, 1988)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

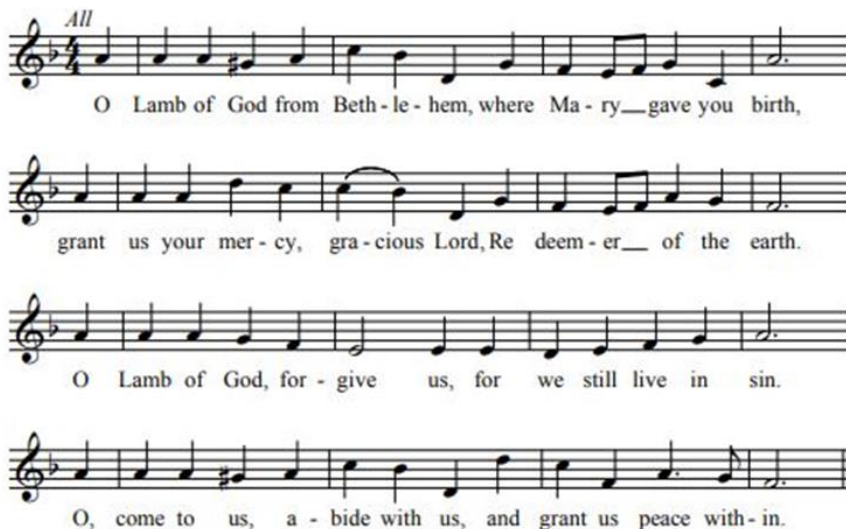
Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sharing of the Feast

Lamb of God (2x)

All



O Lamb of God from Beth-le-hem, where Ma-ry__gave you birth,
grant us your mer-cy, gra-cious Lord, Re deem-er__ of the earth.
O Lamb of God, for-give us, for we still live in sin.
O, come to us, a-bide with us, and grant us peace with-in.

WORDS: Unknown origin, revised by Daniel Benedict and Dean McIntyre.
MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

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GTG #123: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vs.4-5)

The Prayer After Communion

*HYMN GTG #116: *The Snow Lay on the Ground*

*BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

Leader: And all God's people said:

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE GTG #109: *Blest Be the God of Israel* (vs 1)

POSTLUDE



WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM — Join us for our next Congregational Forum, where the church leadership will share information about what is happening at Westminster! The January Forum will be on the topic of Congregational Care, and we'll be discussing the ministries of the Deacons, the Care and Connections Team, as well as the Care Coordinator position. Come and learn more about how we care for one another — January 8th, in the sanctuary, immediately after worship.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY TO TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will start immediately after the forum. Please help if you can. Many hands make light work. A couple of strong men would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

POINSETTIAS: Please take one for yourself or if you visit some of our shut-ins or are going to see someone who is ill, please take a poinsettia along with you for them to enjoy. We would like them to go ASAP.

HOTLINE ANNOUNCEMENT: Copy deadline is NOW. Look for the hotline by the middle of the month.

LOST AND FOUND: 2 jackets were left on Sun., Dec. 11th and a dark green “Old Forge Hardware” bag. Also, a fleece jacket and a pair of black gloves we have had for quite a while. The tub with the Lost & Found can be found by the office.

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>

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

RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE – WE HIT OUR GOAL OF \$4000!!!! THE MOST EVER!!!

Thank you again for all donations and all the volunteers who helped!!!

JOIN WESTMINSTER'S BOOK GROUP in the church Narthex at 3:30 pm on Wed., Jan. 18th to discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. *Alaska, 1974. Unpredictable. Unforgiving. Untamed. For a family in crisis, the ultimate test of survival.*

Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam war a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier. Thirteen-year-old Leni, a girl coming of age in a tumultuous time, caught in the riptide of her parents' passionate, stormy relationship, dares to hope that a new land will lead to a better future for her family. Her mother, Cora, will do anything and go anywhere for the man she loves, even if means following him into the unknown.

In this unforgettable portrait of human frailty and resilience, Kristin Hannah reveals the indomitable character of the modern American pioneer and the spirit of a vanishing Alaska—a place of incomparable beauty and danger. *The Great Alone* is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night story about love and loss, the fight for survival, and the wildness that lives in both man and nature.

ALL YEAR LONG! 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

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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: 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 L. & Carolyn Dausener

Hospitality Set Up: Pat Judge

Clean Up: Pat Edwards

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Nancy, Matt & Andy Wallace and families during this difficult time of grieving the death of their husband and father, Howard Wallace, on December 21st. A Celebration of Life is being planned for some time in January at the University of Dubuque. Details to be announced once confirmed. Nancy's address is 2375 Knob Hill Dr., Dubuque 52003.
- Prayers for Julie Woodyard who is dealing with some health issues.
- Prayers for Wally Brown who is at home now and for his ongoing health struggles.
- Prayers for Hanna Rose, daughter of Adam and Tarra Etheredge, undergoing treatment for brain health.
- Prayers for Nancy Wallace as she deals with her own health issues.
- Prayers for a friend of Shelley Malone's, Mark, who has Multiple Myeloma.
- Prayers for Mary Kay's friend, Mary Schroeder, who will have a stem cell transplant after the holidays.

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

JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 8

MARY KAY OUT OF OFFICE JAN. 5TH TO 10TH

Sunday, January 1

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. NO Sunday School

Monday, January 2

OFFICE CLOSED for NEW YEAR'S

4:30 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehrsl., SA

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

6:00 p.m. Pack 20 Parent Mtg., BR

Wednesday, January 4

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Loft

Thursday, January 5

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

Sunday, January 8

8:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

8:40 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, SA

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

Snowbirds...

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Please notify the office when you leave for a period of time, so we can send important mail to your temporary address. Bulk mail does not forward. Thank you!



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in the
WPC
office
M-Th**



GREEN TEAM TIP
Go Green in 2023!

Among your New Year's resolutions please consider doing more to care for God's creation by going green this year. You can probably do much more than you think you can. There are many simple and easy things we all can do for our planet. Watch for our tips each week in the bulletin.



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

You can give beyond your life through a bequest to Westminster Presbyterian Church in your will.