

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.*

**MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM**

**JANUARY 22, 2023**

*And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Matthew 4:19 (NRSVUE)*



*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

God be with you!

**And also with you!**

\*GATHERING SONG GTG #744: *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* (vs 2-3)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of unemployment, debt, illness, and all the hardships of life, why have you come to worship?

**We come because the prophets and apostles remind us that no suffering or pain can separate us from God.**

We hear the Prophet calling, "Arise, shine for your light has come!" We see God's light in Jesus Christ - Emmanuel, God-with-Us - and we recognize God's light in our lives, too.

**We come to worship in order that the Christ-light - the light that lives in each of us - may burn a bit brighter, and so illumine the world.**

And how does the Christ-light burn in us? How is the world illuminated through us?

**In compassion for all, in justice for the poor, in freedom for the oppressed, in welcome for the stranger.**

So come: let us bring the joys and hardships of life, that we may worship and celebrate God's light that is already with us and within us.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.**

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

## OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN GTG #12: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

## \*TIME OF CONFESSION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Divine Light, we confess that though you have bathed us in belovedness, we roll around in sin. We refuse to hear your voice. We turn to black holes instead of following the Star.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to see your light in all creation and to share the light of Christ - the light that lives within us - with others. For it is in his name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

You are beloved. You are forgiven. You are made whole. Believe this Gospel and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response GTG #581: *Glory Be to the Father*

## TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23 (NRSVUE)

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN GTG #459: *O Word of God Incarnate*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(from the United Church of Canada)*

**God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship. So God creates the universe and with it the possibility of being and relating. God tends the universe, mending the broken and reconciling the estranged. God enlivens the universe, guiding all things toward harmony with their Source. Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing. We witness to Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love.**

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

Musical Offering

\*Sung Response GTG #606: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*HYMN GTG #450: *Be Thou My Vision*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

And all God's people said:

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE GTG #744: *Arise, Your Light is Come!* (vs 1)

POSTLUDE



# **WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are in memory of Ruth Cabalka from her husband, Fritz.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** - Please consider providing Chancel Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, special event or just to brighten up the altar. Call Mary Kay in the church office to sign up 563-583-1729.

**YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT** @ WPC'S MEDIA ROOM- Wear comfy clothes!! Bring a friend or two!! 5:00-6:30pm

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** will be held Sunday, February 26 after worship in the sanctuary and also available on Zoom. Information for Zoom will be emailed. ALL friends and members of the church are welcome. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the *Annual Report* and to provide an opportunity for questions and discussion. Printed copies of the *Annual Report* will be available at the Information Counter on the Sunday prior (2/19) to the meeting and emailed to you.

**CONGREGATIONAL FORUM** — The topic of our Congregational Forum in February is OUTREACH! Come and discuss what Westminster is doing, share your ideas for what we might be doing, and see what you can do to help! Join the conversation after worship on February 19<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Book Study:** *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brene Brown

A book study led by Ann Lorenz on letting go of who we think we are supposed to be in order to become the authentic self that God created us to be. It will meet Thursdays at 5:30 in the Board Room through February 16. Books available for purchase through River Lights Bookstore by mid-January or through Amazon.

**Women's Bible Study:** *Twelve Women of the Bible*, Bible Study Guide by Sherry Harney meets Thursday, Jan. 26, 11:00-12:30 in the library. We will be studying Hannah, 1 Samuel 1:1-20. Study books available at the information center for \$15. Please join us.

**Re-Membering III:** Loving the Self God Created You to Be

This is part 3 of a 4-part series of courses on Christian discipleship taught by Pastor MargaretAnne. The class will meet Sundays from 10:45-Noon in the Board Room starting TODAY through February 12. You do not need to have attended any of the previous courses to attend this one! No preparation necessary and all are welcome!

**WPC IS HOSTING DACU's ANNUAL MEAL ON JANUARY 24TH**

So, we will need cookies & brownies! Please let Rich Henderson know if you can provide 2 dozen of whatever goodies you enjoy baking. Thank you!

**PLEASE START SAVING YOUR T/P TUBES AGAIN AS WE HAVE USE FOR THEM IN THE GARDEN.**

**LOST AND FOUND:** Just an orange and navy flowered umbrella is left. Missing yours? 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.



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



***Help Support the Youth Program!***  
***Buy Scrip in the WPC office***  
***Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.***

# 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: Doug & Jean Cheever  
Ushers: John & Pam Adams  
Hospitality Set Up: Tom & Judi Schutt  
Clean Up: Alice Bentley

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Janice & Wayne Lewis. Wayne had a knee replacement on Monday and they are facing many family difficulties at this time. Their address is: 4841 Colonel Dr. 52002
- Prayers for Julie Woodyard who has a tumor on her right arm and is anticipating surgery. Her address is: 2015 Washington St. 52001
- Prayers for Judy Schuster who had surgery on her hip and is home recovering. Her address is: 3169 Windmill Lane, 52003
- Prayers for Russ Hibben as he deals with health issues. His address is 575 Kaufmann Ave. Dubuque, Iowa 52001
- Prayers for Jon Davison as he recovers at home. His address is: 580 Fremont St., Dubuque 52003.
- Prayers for Craig Jones who is dealing with heart issues. His address is: 10830 Cascade Dr., Dubuque, 52003.
- Prayers for Wally Brown who is home dealing with ongoing health issues.
- Prayers for Shelley Malone's friend, Mark Ring, who is doing well during treatment for multiple myeloma. Stem cell transplant in the future.
- Prayers for Mary Kay's friend, Mary Schroeder, who received her stem cell transplant and is recovering and isolated in U of I Hospital.

*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).*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FABULOUS FRIDAYS CONCERT SERIES AT ST. LUKE'S AT NOON:

JAN. 27<sup>TH</sup> - Rebecca Christian, author & storyteller

**GAMBLING PROBLEM?** If you or someone you know has a gambling problem there are brochures on the Narthex book shelf.

# THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

JANUARY 22 – JANUARY 29

**BECKY'S JAN. SCHEDULE:**

WORKS TUES., WED. & THURS. UNTIL 12:45 P.M.

## Sunday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

### **9:30 a.m. Worship**

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

10:45 a.m. Re-Membering 3, BR

5:00 p.m. Joint Youth Group, WPC

## Monday, January 23

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

5:00 p.m. Hospitality Team, BR

6:00 p.m. Den Mtgs., Classrooms 2&3

## Tuesday, January 24

### **ANNUAL REPORT COPY DEADLINE**

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, WR

4:00 p.m. DACU Annual Mtg., FH, K

## Wednesday, January 25

7:00 p.m. WPC Choir Rehearsal, SA loft

## Thursday, January 26

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

2:00 p.m. Green Team Mtg., BR

**5:30 p.m.** The Gifts Book Study, BR

## Saturday, January 28

10:00 a.m. Dubuque Trees Forever, FH

## Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

### **9:30 a.m. Worship**

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

10:45 a.m. Re-Membering 3, BR



## GREEN TEAM TIP

### Clothes Washing and Drying

When washing clothing, make sure that you use cold water or warm water. Using hot water will take the washing machine longer to fill while consuming more water and using more energy. Also, use less energy by hang drying your clothes rather than using the dryer.



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

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

*Snowbirds...*

*Help us to save on postage!*

*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!*