

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

JANUARY 29, 2023

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 (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 #742: *We Will Walk with God* (English only, sing 3x)

CALL TO WORSHIP

With what shall we come before the Lord? What shall we bring into the presence of our God, as an expression of our worship and praise?

Shall we bring God all that we own: our finest possessions, our life-savings, our investments and property? If we brought everything we possess, would God be pleased?

Those things are not what God is looking for from us. God has told us what is good, and what God expects of each of us.

Shall we bring our carefully scripted words? Shall we sing on-key in perfect four-part harmony?

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To do justice. To love mercy. To walk humbly with God.

So, we come before God with our minds set on justice, with hearts open to loving-kindness, with feet striving to walk the path of Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN GTG #633: *Praise Ye the Lord*

*TIME OF CONFESSION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy, you create a new order for our lives: service before success, faith before knowledge, partnership over independence, the cross over the crown.

Forgive us when we fall into the patterns of this world, rejecting your call through our action or inaction. Forgive us, God, and move us to see the world through lens of your great love. Forgive us, God, and grant us peace.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Through the love of God in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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

ANTHEM: *Prayer of St. Francis* by Allen Pote

WPC Choir

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON – *Two Out of Three Ain't Bad?*

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSVUE)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN GTG #769: *For Everyone Born*

*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

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

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 #710: *We Lift Our Voices*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

And all God's people said:

Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE GTG #742: *We Will Walk with God* (sing 3x)

POSTLUDE

SCAN TO GIVE!

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



WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION will be held Sunday, February 26 after worship in the sanctuary and 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 19th 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.**

Women's Bible Study: *Twelve Women of the Bible*, Bible Study Guide by Sherry Harney meets again Thurs., Feb. 9, 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 **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!

PLEASE START SAVING YOUR T/P TUBES AGAIN FOR USE IN THE GARDEN.

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.

WPC'S BOOK CLUB'S NEXT READ: *Violeta* by Isabel Allende – **Discussion Feb. 15th** in Narthex

This sweeping novel from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Long Petal of the Sea* tells the epic story of Violeta del Valle, a woman whose life spans one hundred years and bears witness to the greatest upheavals of the twentieth century. Violeta comes into the world on a stormy day in 1920, the first girl in a family of five boisterous sons. From the start, her life will be marked by extraordinary events, for the ripples of the Great War are still being felt, even as the Spanish flu arrives on the shores of her South American homeland almost at the moment of her birth. She tells her story in the form of a letter to someone she loves above all others, recounting devastating heartbreak and passionate affairs, times of both poverty and wealth, terrible loss and immense joy. Her life will be shaped by some of the most important events of history: the fight for women's rights, the rise and fall of tyrants, and, ultimately, not one but two pandemics.

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>



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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- FEB. 3RD - Sharon Jensen, piano
- FEB 10TH - Marcus DeJesus, classical guitar
- FEB. 17TH - Laura Southworth, soprano; Leslie Appleby, piano
- FEB. 24TH - Potosa Strings - Ann Duchow, director

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: Gerda Hartman & Judy Schuster
Ushers: Stovalls & Randy Roos
Hospitality Set Up: Merrill Crawford
Clean Up: Ann Lorenz

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for Linda Johns, who is on Hospice and is not doing well. She is the mother of A.J. Johns, Laura Barrett's son-in-law, married to her daughter, Jillian Becker.
- Prayers for Jim Edwards dealing with some health issues.
- Please remember Ericka, Ed, Meredith & Henry Raber, and her mom Jacqueline, as they grieve the loss of Ericka's dad on Mon., Jan. 23rd. Services were Friday at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home in Bettendorf. Their address is: 2090 Hale St. 52001
- Please remember Lois Pearce's family as they grieve the loss of Lois' older brother, Roger Quade of Dubuque who passed away January 16th. Services were held Saturday at Immanuel Congregational Church, here in Dubuque.
- Janice & Wayne Lewis thank all the wonderful people at Westminster for your cards and prayers while they face many family difficulties. Their address: 4841 Colonel Dr. 52002
- Prayers for the Lewis' daughter, Stephanie's upcoming brain surgery. She has an advanced tumor. Please pray for a successful surgery and recovery.
- Prayers for Lisa MacNaughton for a successful knee surgery and fast recovery.
- 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 Russ Hibben as he deals with health issues and an upcoming surgery. His address is 575 Kaufmann Ave. Dubuque, Iowa 52001
- Prayers for Craig Jones who is dealing with heart issues. His address is: 10830 Cascade Dr., Dubuque, 52003.
- Jon Davison thanks you ALL for the prayers. He is improving and doing well.
- Judy Schuster thanks you ALL for the prayers. She is recovering well.
- Prayers for Wally Brown who is home dealing with ongoing health issues.
- Prayers for Mary Kay's friend, Mary Schroeder, for a successful return to health.
- Please pray for those who have lost their lives and for those whose lives have been 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

JANUARY 29 – FEB. 5

BECKY'S SCHEDULE:

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

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

Monday, January 30

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

5:00 p.m. Hospitality Team, BR

Tuesday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, WR

5:30 p.m. Moderator Roundtable, BR

Wednesday, February 1

11:30 a.m. Adult Formation Mtg., BSL home

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

7:00 p.m. Micki Marolf Rehearsal, BR

7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Thursday, February 2

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

5:30 p.m. YL Class, FH

Saturday, February 4

10:00 a.m. WPC Leadership Retreat, FH, SA

Sunday, February 5

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

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

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



GREEN TEAM TIP - Save Water

Make it a point to check for and repair leaky faucets and toilets in your home. Even a small leak can waste a lot of water over time and cost you on your water bill. You can also reduce the amount of water used for a bath in the tub or reduce the time you take in the shower. Don't rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

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