

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.*

**MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

*People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. Matthew 5:15 (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 #507: *Come to the Table of Grace* (vs 3)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to bring a new understanding of God to all people: that God so loves the world.

**We are the salt of the earth.**

We are called to bring new hope to the world: that God gives us new life.

**We are the light of the world.**

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

**Come, let us love one another with the love of God.**

Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

## OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN GTG #314: *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

## \*TIME OF CONFESSION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Glorious God: It's much easier to point fingers and speak with horror about the darkness in our world, than to live ablaze with light, revealing the truth of**

**systems and situations, bringing the colors of those around us into vibrant life, warming the hearts of all we meet with compassion and love.**

**It's much easier to separate ourselves from those who believe and act differently from us, to judge and exclude them and preach about the bland lifelessness of our world, than to live with salty spiciness, preserving what is good and true and beautiful, revealing the varied and exciting flavors of different cultures and peoples, healing and cleansing what is wounded and stained.**

**But you do not invite us to choose what is easy. Forgive us when we falter. Flood us with your light, so we may be light bringers in our world. Fill us with your saltiness, so we may be spice-bringers in our world. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

...God loves you. God forgives you. God gives you new life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response GTG #589: *Alleluia*

ANTHEM: *Yes, Jesus Loves Me* arr. Michael E. Akers  
*And Can It Be?* arr. Linda R. Lamb

WPC Handbells

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSVUE)

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Telling the Story

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

\*SUNG PRAYER GTG #498: *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from the PC(USA) *Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

#### 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 #709: *God, We Honor You*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*HYMN: *This Little Light of Mine*

Verse 1: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

Verse 2: Hide it under a bushel, no, I'm gonna let it shine...

Verse 3: Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine ...



**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

And all God's people said:

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE GTG #853: *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (sing 3x)**

POSTLUDE

## **WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** – were mailed and/or emailed by Tues., Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure you note your SCRIP contribution on your statement. If you did not receive your statement, please contact Becky at 583-1729 or at [becky@wpcdbq.org](mailto:becky@wpcdbq.org).

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

**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!

**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 Library 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.

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

**WPC’S BOOK CLUB’S NEXT READ: *Violeta*** by Isabel Allende – **Discussion Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.



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and*

*Earth Care Congregation  
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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 Lewis & Carolyn Dausener  
Hospitality Set Up: Pat Judge  
Clean Up: Pat Edwards

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Dick & Barbara McMurray and family grieving the death of their son, Steven. A private family service and burial was held yesterday. Their address is: 890 Mt. Carmel Rd. 52003
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Arlys Williams recently hospitalized and is now home. Her address is: 1331 Oak Park Place, Apt. 363, 52002
- Prayers for Wendell Comer who was recently hospitalized. His address is: 10582 Cedar Point 52003
- Prayers for Shirley Babka who is on Hospice.
- 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.
- Tom Stovall wants you to know your prayers have been answered! No more chemo!! Tom says thanks to all of my church family for their prayers and concerns.
- 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, who had brain surgery on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mayo Clinic for an advanced tumor. Please pray for the best possible results and recovery.
- Prayers for Lisa MacNaughton as she recovers from knee surgery.
- 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 on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- 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.

# THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

FEB. 5<sup>TH</sup> – FEB. 12<sup>TH</sup>

## BECKY'S SCHEDULE:

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

**Mary Kay is out of the office thru 2/14th**

### Sunday, February 5

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

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

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

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

4:00 p.m. Micki Marolf, BR

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

### Monday, February 6

9:00 a.m. PEO, Sue Huff, BR

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

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

### Tuesday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, WR

1:00 p.m. Property Mtg., BR

### Wednesday, February 8

5:15 p.m. PIN, BR

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

### Thursday, February 9

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

4:00 p.m. Micki Marolf, BR

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

### Friday, February 10

## **LENT HOTLINE DEADLINE**

### Sunday, February 12

8:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, SA

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, clssrm

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



### GREEN TEAM TIP - Save Electricity

Turn off lights when they are not needed or not being used. Turn off or unplug electric appliances and electronics when they are not being used. This alone can greatly reduce energy costs. Turn off computers and other electronics at night. Even when they are on energy saving mode they are using a lot of energy.



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