

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.*

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

FEBRUARY 12, 2023



**SCOUT SUNDAY**  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023

**WESTMINSTER INVITES YOU IN CELEBRATION OF THE SCOUT COMMUNITIES AND THEIR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS TO HELPING OTHERS!**

**ALL SCOUTS ARE INVITED!**

The banner includes logos for the Boy Scouts of America (green and white), Girl Scouts of the USA (yellow and red), and Cub Scouts (blue and yellow). Below the text is a horizontal strip of six small images: a group of scouts with hands clasped, a sign that says 'BROWNIES can Do Anything', a campsite with tents, a close-up of a scout's necktie, a scout and a child, and a collection of scout patches.

## *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 from the Westminster Band

*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 #472 *Kum Ba Yah (vs1)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

**Your steadfast love finds us.**

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

**Your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

**Your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

No matter how the world treats us, O God,

**You hear our cries and answer our prayers.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN: GTG #770 *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

\*TIME OF CONFESSION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Loving God: we come to you in worship and prayer today. But as we do, we are aware that all is not right within us and around us. We do not care for one another as well as we could, we fail to live up to the promises we make, we do things we know are wrong, and we don't do things we know we should.**

**Forgive us for all the ways we have fallen short of your hopes for us. We know that you want the best for each and every person and for all of creation. Help**

**us to be part of the solutions and to make the world more of what you want it to be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Believe the good news: God loves you. God forgives you. God gives you new life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

ANTHEM from the Westminster Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Scripture: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-37 (NRSVUE)

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN: GTG #339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

\*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. 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!"**

BLESSING OF THE SCOUTS

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 #605 *Praise to God the Father*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*HYMN: GTG #700 *I'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

And all God's people said:

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #741 *Guide My Feet (vs 1)*

POSTLUDE



## **WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EXPERIMENTAL WORSHIP** — The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month is our experimental worship day! This month, on February 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate Transfiguration Sunday!

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** — February is Black History Month, and in celebration of all the contributions that Black Americans have made to worship and music, we are singing songs and hearing music from the African and African-American heritage.

**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.

Thank you to everyone who helped knit, crochet, or purchase items for hats/scarves in 2022.  
**320 made!**



Wednesday,  
February 22, 2023 at 7 pm

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Ash  
Wednesday

The service will be located at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

With *The Chosen* Video Series  
Every Wednesday During Lent - 5-7 pm Fellowship Hall



## **WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)**

**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) .

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** will be held Sunday, February 26 after worship. All friends and members are welcome to participate either in the sanctuary or via Zoom. Zoom information will be available in the worship bulletins for Feb 19 and Feb 26, and by email. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the *Annual Report* (which included the 2023 budget) and to provide an opportunity for questions and discussion. Printed copies of the *Annual Report* will be available beginning Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and they will also be emailed to those who are on the congregation email list.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** - Please consider providing Chancel Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, to recognize a special event, or simply as a gift to our worshipping community. Call Mary Kay in the church office (563-583-1729) to sign up.

**WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB:** Will meet on Wed, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex and by Zoom to discuss *Violeta* by Isabel Allende.

### **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: Dan & Marilyn Emmert  
Ushers: Julie Woodyard, Merrill Crawford  
Hospitality Set Up: Carolyn Dausener  
Clean Up: Lizz Tyler

### **STAFF NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 2023**

**BECKY'S SCHEDULE: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY UNTIL 12:45 P.M.  
Mary Kay is out of the office thru Feb 14th**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Prayers for Dick & Barbara McMurray and family grieving the death of their son, Stephen. Prayers especially for Dick, as he has been unwell. Their address is: 890 Mt. Carmel Rd. 52003.
- Prayers for comfort and healing for Arlys Williams who was 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 the family of Shirley Babka who entered her eternal rest on February 8th.
- Prayers 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.
- 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 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.

***If you have a pastoral care need, if you would like to have your name on our congregational prayer list, or if you would like your prayer concern to be distributed to our Prayer Chain, please call the Westminster Pastoral Care Hotline at (563) 279-4545.***

# THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

FEB. 12<sup>TH</sup> – FEB. 19<sup>TH</sup>



**Buy Scrip in the WPC office  
M – Th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

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

## GREEN TEAM TIP - Save energy while enjoying your coffee

To save money and energy while savoring your favorite brew, turn off the hot plate on your coffee maker and transfer your coffee to a thermos or insulated carafe instead. You'll save energy and your coffee will taste better too!

### Sunday, February 12

8:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
8:40 a.m. Band Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Scout Sunday Worship  
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Re-Membering (adult class)  
4:00 p.m. Micki Marolf (rehearsals)

### Monday, February 13

12:00 p.m. Shirley Babka visitation  
2:00 p.m. Shirley Babka funeral  
4:30 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m. Mission Team Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Pack 20 Blue and Gold Banquet

### Tuesday, February 14

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group

### Wednesday, February 15

11:00 a.m. Celebration Campaign mtg  
3:30 p.m. Westminster Book Group  
7:00 p.m. WPC Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 16

11:00 a.m. Finance Team mtg  
5:30 p.m. The Gifts Book Study

### Friday, February 17

12:00 p.m. Trees Forever mtg

### Saturday, February 18

All Day – NISOM recitals

### Sunday, February 19

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Congregational Forum on Outreach  
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home  
3:00 p.m. Marketing / Communications meeting