

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

MARCH 26, 2023



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER!

We're delighted to worship with you today and hope your experience of worship is meaningful and uplifting. If you are comfortably able, we invite you to stand during the portions of worship marked with an asterisk (). The congregation reads the portions of the worship **listed in bold text**. Also, 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 is welcome at Westminster! We are always delighted with the presence of (and sometimes the sounds of!) children in worship. They are welcome to use any of the resources in our Pray Ground (located behind the pews). If you prefer, we also provide nursery care for children 5 years of age and under. For those who need them, please note that assisted listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. Any of our greeters will be happy to offer assistance to you with locating and using them.

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 #728 *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door* (chorus, vs. 3, chorus)

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Every week is a new week, another chance to say:

"Here I am. Use me."

Every day is a new day, another chance to say:

"Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow."

Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say,

"Again and again, make me new."

We do not come to this place to stay the same.

We come to this place to be changed. So let us worship holy God, who created yesterday, will create tomorrow, and even now is creating something new.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE: GTG #318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

*TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we want to see you. We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus. But not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts. Why do we feel so far away from that at times? What went wrong? Where did we lose our way? We pray that you will forgive all that is past, all that caused distance or damage. We pray that you would imprint your love on our fragile hearts once again. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

So, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Today is a new day. Again and again, we are forgiven. Again and again, we are reformed.

Thanks be to God.

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

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES – *Noisy Offering!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON - *Again & Again: We Are Reformed*

Scripture: John 12:20-33 | Jeremiah 31:31-34 [NRSVUE]

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

*SONG OF PROCLAMATION: GTG #286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that flowers need the rain.

We believe that humans need community.

We believe that bodies need rest.

We believe that hearts need connection.

We believe that mornings need sunrise.

We believe that seasons need change.

We believe that grief needs space.

We believe that change needs time.

We believe that love needs security.

We believe that pain needs art.

We believe that joy needs company.

We believe that our spirits need God.

Again and again, our spirits need God.

Fortunately for us, we trust that God is here.

God is at work in our lives.

God is a lighthouse keeper that never gives up.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayers.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION: *One Great Hour of Sharing*

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Musical Offering

*Sung Response: GTG #605 *Praise to God the Father*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*SENDING SONG: GTG #826 *Lift High the Cross*

*CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

And all God's people said ONLY:

Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

Unless otherwise noted, the liturgy in today's worship is adapted from resources by Sarah Are, A Sanctified Art LLC, sanctifiedart.org



Holy Week at Westminster

Palm Sunday

Worship at 9:30am
with palm
processional and
communion

Holy Wednesday

Final Lenten
Soup Supper with
"The Chosen"

Maundy Thursday

Contemplative
worship
7:00pm
with communion

Good Friday

"Seven Last Words"
at St. Luke's
11:45am - 3:00pm
Pastor MargaretAnne
preaching at 12:35pm

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service - 6am
Grand Rivers Center
Worship at WPC at
9:30am with choir,
band, and organ

WESTMINSTER CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

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



Deacons' Fund: Lilies for Easter

Donations accepted through APRIL 3RD
Forms are on the BULLETIN tables.



THE YELLOW TULIPS are in celebration of Spring!... from Shirley Meriwether & Kim David.

NOISY OFFERING! - Bring your loose coins and support Westminster's mission giving! Each week, the young people of the congregation collect the coins that are designated for 1 of 4 different mission organizations. Each first-time visitor to Westminster gets to choose which organization will receive a portion of this offering!

YOUTH GROUP - We are meeting together every Wednesday until Easter at the Lenten Soup Suppers hosted at Westminster from 5:00-7:00 in Fellowship Hall. Over a simple meal, we will feast upon the Word of God to us in Scripture and as portrayed in the video series *The Chosen*, season 1. You can sit with your family or with your peers for the meal and watch the video, then we will gather at one table for the discussion and community time. This will TAKE THE PLACE of our Sunday evening meetings during Lent. Our next Sunday evening meeting will be on Sunday, April 16th.

HOWARD WALLACE'S MEMORIAL INFO The U.D. will be having a special memorial segment within UD's Spring Convocation for Thanksgiving and Remembrance which will be held at **11:00am on Wednesday, April 5th at the Heritage Center**. A link to this event is included below. The event is open to the public and will also be live-streamed (**note the link below is from UD's events calendar and may not be the live-stream link**).

<https://www.dbq.edu/NewsEvents/Events/Convocation-for-Thanksgiving-and-remembrance.cfm>

FOUNDATION GRANTS – Our Foundation Board will be kicking off the new Grant Program for 2023 that will be open to potential applicants starting on April 1st and ending on June 1st. New Grant Forms will be available in the church office by April 1st.

WPC BOOK CLUB DATE CHANGE - *Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora, Discussion 4/5 at 3:30 in the Narthex.

PULL TOGETHER TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING - The Mission Team and Green Team has another project we can all help with. Pull tabs from beverage cans, food cans and other aluminum pull tab containers are being collected. Recycled tabs will be redeemed to provide personal items for survivors of human trafficking recovering in Iowa safe houses in Ames, Sioux City, and Des Moines. Bring your tabs to church and deposit them in the box at the Green Team Donation Station.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KITS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED - Another great mission project YOU can help with. The Mission Team is launching a new project to assemble "Happy Birthday Kits" for families in need that might not be able to provide a simple birthday for one of its members. The kits will be given to the Dubuque Food Pantry to distribute to families who need them. The kits will provide a baking pan, box of cake mix, can of frosting, birthday candles, can of soda, a generic birthday card and a message of love from Westminster. How can YOU help? WPC members are asked to help by providing any number of boxes of cake mix (any flavor), cans of frosting (any flavor) and birthday candles. Please continue to bring these items over the next several weeks and place in the blue wagon in the hallway by the narthex. We will schedule a Birthday Kit Building Party in the next few months, and YOU will be invited to that as well. We hope to provide 100 kits!

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: Robin Beadle

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Wally Brown who is at Hawkeye Care Ctr., Room #101.
- Prayers for Paul Uzel recovering from surgery last week. He is doing well, but please pray for no recurrence.
- Continued prayers for Bill Seiffert as he slowly recovers from open-heart surgery.
- Lewy McMahan , Linda and Tom Stovall's grandson, is out of the hospital and back home recovering from his bout with pneumonia. Linda and Tom and the McMahan Family would like to express sincere thanks to the Westminster family for their prayers and concern. Lewy is another example of the power of prayer!
- Continued prayers for Janet Neumeister's cousin June to get her sight back in one eye. She is improving but does not have her full sight back yet.
- Continued prayers for Wendell Comer who is dealing with serious health issues.
- Prayers for Russ Hibben who is recuperating at his son and daughter-in law's. Cards should be mailed to Russ' home address. They pick up his mail.
- Prayers for HannaRose, daughter of Adam and Tarra Etheredge, as she continues to manage her brain health.
- Continued prayers for Janice and Wayne Lewis' daughter, Stephanie, who had brain surgery at Mayo Clinic for an advanced tumor. She is doing fair and will be receiving radiation and chemo.
- Prayers for Julie Woodyard whose surgery Tuesday was cancelled and is now scheduled for April 24th. Please pray for patience.
- Prayers for Mary Kay's friend, Mary Schroeder, for a successful return to health.

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

MARCH 26TH – APRIL 2ND

BECKY'S SCHEDULE: TUESDAY, WED. &
THURSDAY UNTIL 12:45 P.M.

Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, March 27

4:30 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Hospitality Team Mtg.

6:00 p.m. Pinewood Derby Rain Site

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, WR

Wednesday, March 29

11:00 a.m. Journey of the Heart, BR

5:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Suppers, FH

7:00 p.m. WPC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 2 - PALM SUNDAY

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

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.

GREEN TEAM TIP

Reusable Tote Bags and "BAG IT!"

Take your own reusable tote bags with you when you shop for groceries and everything else. Stop using single-use plastic bags as they are dangerous to our environment. Educate yourself on what harm plastic causes to our planet.



**Buy Scrip in
the WPC office
M - Th,
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Hy-Vee
coupon books
are here!!**



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

Be a WILLING Christian. Remember
WPC in your will.