

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

APRIL 16, 2023



IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING FROM HOME / ONLINE:

Welcome to Westminster Online! Did you know that Easter isn't just one Sunday? In the Christian Church, we celebrate 7 Sundays of Easter! So, on this Sunday after Easter, we are still celebrating the new life we have in Christ, the gift of God's irrepressible grace, and God's invitation to us to share those gifts with others.

We can't wait to worship with you today, to lift our joy and praise to God together. We hope your experience of worship today is meaningful and uplifting.

Just a note about today's worship: All the worship songs and words will be on your screen so that you can fully participate. You won't need anything additional for worship today, however, if you would like to gather a candle or other items that you feel would contribute to your experience of worship, you are welcome to do so.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING IN THE SANCTUARY:

Welcome to Westminster-Dubuque! We can't wait to worship with you today, to lift our joy and praise to God together. We hope your experience of worship today is meaningful and uplifting. On this Sunday after Easter, we are still celebrating the new life we have in Christ, the gift of God's irrepressible grace, and God's invitation to us to share those gifts with others.

Just a few notes about worship: 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**.

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.

Also, our worship service is always live-streamed and there are multiple cameras in the sanctuary. You may be on camera during your worship experience with Westminster.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH SMALL CHILDREN:

Everyone is welcome at Westminster! We are always delighted with the presence of (and sometimes the sounds of!) children in worship. Children (and adults) are welcome to use any of the resources in our PrayGround (located behind the back pews). If you prefer, we also provide nursery care for children 5 years of age and under.

PRELUDE

*Let us know you're here so that we can connect with you! We encourage you to use this time to "check in" to worship, either by texting the word **worship** to (563) 227-8441 (then following the prompts), by scanning the purple QR code with your smartphone (then following the prompts), or by writing your name in the white binder at the end of the pew.*

*GATHERING SONG: *God So Loved* (Vs. 1 & 2)

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

God be with you!

And also with you!



*GATHERING SONG: *God So Loved* (Vs. 3 & 4)

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

OPENING PRAYERS

Prayers of Thanksgiving

*Sung Response: **Send your blessing, Lord.***

Prayers of the People

*Sung Response: **Send your blessing, Lord.***

Prayers for the Church

*Sung Response: **Send your blessing, Lord.***

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.

TIME OF PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 21:1-22 [NRSVUE]

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Follow Me*

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession

Confession and Assurance

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with You.

And also with you.

*SONG OF PROCLAMATION: *At the Cross (Love Ran Red)*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation

Profession of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Welcome

MINUTE FOR VISION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Musical Offering from Timbrel & Lyre: *We Believe* by Ryan, Fike & Hooper

*SENDING SONG: *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

*CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

And all God's people said:

Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GTG #80 *Trees of the Field*

POSTLUDE

"Please feel free to take a Lily and deliver to a homebound person."



JOIN US TODAY AFTER WORSHIP TO ASSEMBLE HAPPY BIRTHDAY KITS!

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP NEXT WEEK FOR THE "BLESSING OF THE SOIL"

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for the family of Barb French who passed away Thurs., April 13th. Arrangements are pending.
- Prayers for Linda Stovall who will be having robotic knee surgery replacement on April 24th.
- Continued prayers for Wendell Comer who is dealing with serious health issues.
- Continued prayers for Paul Uzel for healing after another procedure.
- Continued prayers for Wally Brown for ongoing health concerns.
- Prayers for Julie Woodyard whose surgery has been re-scheduled for April 24th. Please pray for patience.
- 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.
- 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.
- Prayers for Mary Kay's friend, Mary Schroeder, for a successful return to health. At this time, she is doing well and her blood work #'s are great.

Embracing New Life: Stepping into God's Call for the Future

New
Sermon
Series!



APR 16 *Follow Me*
Sermon theme: Lifelong Discipleship
Musical theme: Contemporary Christian



APR 23 *Along the Way*
Sermon theme: Authentic Evangelism
Musical theme: Southern Gospel



APR 30 *Let Love be Genuine*
Sermon theme: Serving Neighbor
Musical theme: Jazz



MAY 7 *Cultivating Humility*
Sermon theme: Servant Leadership
Musical theme: African American Gospel



MAY 14 *Made for Worship*
Sermon theme: Spirit-Inspired Worship
Musical theme: Pipe Organ



MAY 21 *Like a Child*
Sermon theme: Caring Relationships
Musical theme: Folk



MAY 28 *About to Do a New Thing*
Sermon theme: Congregational Vitality
Musical theme: Global

Weekly
Specialty
Music!



What is “Journey of the Heart”?

The phrase, *Journey of the Heart*, is the language we’re using to talk about the renewed engagement of EVERY SINGLE PERSON in this congregation.

Because if we’re going to re-invigorate our congregational life together then it’s going to take renewed engagement from EVERY SINGLE PERSON in this congregation.

And because we love God, love one another, love this church, and love our community ... we’re calling this journey toward revitalization: A Journey of the Heart.

How does Journey of the Heart begin?

Our first step on the journey is to connect.

Beginning after Easter, Westminster’s leadership will be hosting small group gatherings where WPC members and friends will be able to share their hopes and concerns about the future of Westminster, and to hear more about the hopeful and deeply transformational future that our Session believes God is calling us to.

The goal of these meetings is to revitalize our connections after the disconnect of a global pandemic. But the goal is also to engage EVERY SINGLE PERSON who is part of the Westminster family in the important conversations about the future of the Westminster congregation.

Join the Westminster leadership as we look to a hopeful, exciting future and address the challenges of the road ahead. Choose which gathering you can attend and sign up online or in the sanctuary.

SIGNUP LINK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BA8AF29A6F58-journey>

Saturday, April 15 @ 3pm

Sunday April 16th @ 1pm (zoom)

Monday, April 17 @ 3pm

Monday, April 17 @ 5pm (zoom)

Tuesday, April 18 @ 10am

Wednesday, April 19 @ 6pm

Thursday, April 20 @ 10am

Thursday, April 20 @ 3pm

Friday, April 21 @ 11am

Friday, April 21 @ 2pm

Saturday, April 22 @ 11am

Saturday, April 22 @ 6pm

Sunday, April 23 @ 2pm

Tuesday, April 25 @ 2pm

Tuesday, April 25 @ 6pm

Wednesday, April 26 @ 6pm

Thursday, April 27 @ 6pm

Saturday, April 29 @ 10am

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

APRIL 16TH – APRIL 23RD

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

Sunday, April 16

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

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:45 a.m. Assembling Birthday Kits, FH

1:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, ZOOM

1:00 p.m. Treble Choir Festival, SA

1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home

Monday, April 17

1:00 p.m. J.M. Book Club, Narthex

3:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

4:30 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal

5:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, ZOOM

6:00 p.m. Den Mtg., classrooms

Tuesday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, WR

10:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

3:00 p.m. Galatians Bible Study, BR

6:00 p.m. Session, BR/ZOOM

Wednesday, April 19

6:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

7:00 p.m. WPC Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20

10:00 a.m. Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

11:00 a.m. Finance Mtg., BR

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

3:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

Friday, April 21

11:00 a.m. Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

2:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

6:30 p.m. Set up for Kiwanis, FH, K

Saturday, April 22

7:00 a.m. Kiwanis Breakfast, FH, K

11:00 am Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

6:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

Sunday, April 23

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

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 p.m. "Blessing of the Soil"

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

2:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

5:00 p.m. LAST Youth Group, Media Rm.



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

2023 Foundation Grant applications are now available and must be submitted by June 1st. Forms are available in the church office.

GREEN TEAM TIP - Celebrate Earth Day!

Did you know that Saturday, April 22 is Earth Day? In fact, this year is the 53rd Anniversary of Earth Day! Celebrate by getting out and enjoying God's wonderful creation that He has entrusted to our care. Also, do something good to help preserve our planet. And, vow to make every day Earth Day!



SUPPORT THE YOUTH PROGRAM BUY SCRIP!

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