

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

APRIL 23, 2023



IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING FROM HOME / ONLINE:

Welcome to Westminster Online! As we continue to celebrate the new life we have in Jesus, the Westminster community is exploring what it means to live as disciples. We're in week #2 of a 7-week sermon series about how we live the Christian life - both as individuals and as a congregation. Don't worry if you're joining us mid-series, each week's sermon is valuable and life-giving, even if you haven't heard any of the previous ones.

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:

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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.*

TIME OF WELCOME

God be with you!

And also with you!



*SONG OF GATHERING: *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We are on a journey.

It is a journey we take together, and a journey each of us makes alone.

We are invited to notice things on the way –

To notice the sharp stones, the uneven ground, the mercy of shade, the faithfulness of those who walk with us.

We carry little with us but that which is in our hearts:

Hope, trust, fear, apprehension, wonder, sorrow.

On this walk, we rest and sing and pray and listen.

In our worship, we rest and sing and pray and listen.

So let us worship God together.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE: *Victory in Jesus*

*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.

*Sung Response: *Victory in Jesus* (chorus only)

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

TIME OF PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40 [NRSVUE]

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Scripture: John 20:19-25 [NRSVUE]

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Along the Way*

*SONG OF RESPONSE: *Because He Lives*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from the PCUSA 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!"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Minute for Vision

Discipleship Opportunities

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering



*HYMN OF SENDING: *I'll Fly Away*

*CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

And all God's people said:

Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE: *When We All Get to Heaven* (verse 1, chorus, verse 3, chorus)

POSTLUDE

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

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP TODAY FOR THE "BLESSING OF THE SOIL"

Re-Membering IV: Loving Neighbor: This is part 4 of a 4-part series of courses on Christian discipleship taught by Pastor MargaretAnne. The class meets Sundays 10:45-Noon in the Board Room from April 30 through May 21. No preparation necessary and all are welcome!

Westminster Tables Tomorrow: Still need 1 potato salad & 1 baked beans to be provided. Contact Rich Henderson. Also need helpers from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

HUNGER OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR APRIL 29TH. Please contact Tom Stovall at 563-581-7220 or sign up in church.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Linda Stovall who will be having robotic knee surgery replacement tomorrow.
- 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.
- 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.

Embracing New Life:

Stepping into God's Call for the Future








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








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

Thanks for Supporting Happy Birthday Kits

Sincere thanks to all who provided supplies and to those who helped assemble Happy Birthday Kits. We delivered 67 kits to the Food Pantry and they were very happy to receive them. Please keep bringing cake mix, frosting and candles so we can make more!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

APRIL 23RD – APRIL 30TH

MARY KAY VACATION 4/27-5/3

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

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.

Monday, April 24

11:30 a.m. Westminster Tables, FH, K

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

5:00 p.m. Hospitality Team Mtg., BR

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

Tuesday, April 25

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, WR

2:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

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

6:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

7:00 p.m. Hospice Memorial Svc., SA

Wednesday, April 26

6:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

7:00 p.m. WPC Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

Thursday, April 27

6:00 pm Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

Saturday, April 29

HUNGER OUTREACH

10:00 am Journey of Heart Small Grp, CR

2:00 p.m. Graduation Party, FH

Sunday, April 30

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

9:30 a.m. Worship

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

10:45 a.m. Re-Membering 4, BR



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:

Help with the Mission Garden

Spring is upon us and it is time to garden! Please consider helping out this year with Westminster's very own Mission Garden. This wonderful green project provided over a ton of vegetables last year to local food pantries that feed the hungry. This project needs lots of helping hands from planting to harvest. Be a volunteer!



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!!**