

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

APRIL 30, 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 #3 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. (The previous ones are on online, if you'd like to view them!)

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 Pray Ground (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 PRAISE: GTG #649 – *Amazing Grace*



INVITATION TO WORSHIP

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst,

come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed,

come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war,

come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness,

come worship a God who gives life meaning.

Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.

With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

God has shown us what is good.

What does the Holy One require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

OPENING PRAYER

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: GTG #741 – *Guide My Feet* (verse 1, sing twice)

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

TIME OF PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2,9-18 [NRSVUE]

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Scripture: John 7:37-39 [NRSVUE]

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon – *Let Love be Genuine*

*SONG OF RESPONSE: GTG #835 - *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

(refrain, verse 1, refrain, verse 3, refrain)

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 – Tom Stovall

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: GTG #450 - *Be Thou My Vision*

*CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

And all God's people said:

Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #853 - *We Are Marching in the Light of God,*

1st – "We are Marching..."; 2nd – "We are Singing..."; 3rd – "We are Dancing..."

POSTLUDE

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

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS: One bouquet is provided by Jon Davison in memory of his wife, Anita Davison's birthday on May 4th. The other bouquet is provided by Shirley Meriwether in honor of Marge Nauman's **100th** birthday on May 3rd!

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 starting today through May 21. No preparation necessary and all are welcome!

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!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for all of those who received food at yesterday's Westminster Hunger Outreach. May they be nourished knowing that God loves them. Also, prayers of gratitude for all the volunteers that put their faith in action to demonstrate God's love.
- Prayers for Linda Stovall as she recovers from total knee replacement surgery.
- 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.
- Prayers for Paula Dix, Jeanne Beeghley's daughter who lives in Bettendorf, for courage to deal with her depression.
- Prayers for Barbara McMurray who in Mercy with pneumonia.



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-energize 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.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

APRIL 30TH – MAY 7TH

MARY KAY VACATION THRU 5/3

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

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

Monday, May 1

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

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

Tuesday, May 2

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, WR

4:30 p.m. Deacons Mtg., BR

5:30 p.m. Administrative Team Mtg., FH

Wednesday, May 3

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

3:30 p.m. WPC Blook Club, Ntx

5:30 p.m. Worship Team Mtg., BR

6:00 p.m. Dubuque Chorale Set-up, SA

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

7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Thursday, May 4

11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study at
Carole Loetscher's home

5:30 p.m. YL Class, FH

5:30 p.m. Discipleship Team Mtg., BR

6:00 p.m. Dbq. Chorale Dress Rehrsl, SA

Friday, May 5

SUMMER HOTLINE DEADLINE

Saturday, May 6

7:00 p.m. Dubuque Chorale Concert, SA, FH

Sunday, May 7

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

8:45 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, SA

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

2:00 p.m. Dubuque Chorale Concert, SA, FH



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: Food Buying

When you do grocery shopping try to buy fruits and vegetables that are grown locally. Not only will they taste fresher and better, they will also help you to go green and reduce the use of paper, plastics and shipping materials and costs. Support your local Farmers Market. Try buying organic foods and trying out new green recipes to enjoy.



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