

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

MAY 14, 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 #5 of a 7-week sermon series about how we live the Christian life - both as individuals and as a congregation. Today we're talking about worship! 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. (Previous ones are on online, if you'd like to view them!)

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, we encourage you to do so.

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.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING IN THE SANCTUARY:

Welcome to Westminster-Dubuque! We hope your experience of worship today is meaningful and uplifting. We're in week #5 of a 7-week sermon series about how we live the Christian life - both as individuals and as a congregation. Today we're talking about worship! 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. (Previous ones are on online, if you'd like to view them!)

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: Handbells - *The Gift of Love*, arr. Hal Hopson

For the Beauty of the Earth, arr. Michael Ryan

*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.*



*SONG OF GATHERING: GTG #279 – *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE: GTG #409 – *God Is Here!*

*TIME OF WELCOME

God be with you!

And also with you!

*SONG OF PROCLAMATION: GTG #291 – *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

TIME OF PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture [NRSVUE) – Luke 24:44-53

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Scripture [NRSVUE) - John 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon – *Made for Worship*

SONG OF RESPONSE: GTG #293 – *Loving Spirit*

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.

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

Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Declaration of Faith (PCUS, PCUSA)*

The Holy Spirit renews the community of faith. Israel did not cease to be God's people, yet out of Israel a new people was formed. The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus. Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness the new thing God had done in Christ. They began to experience in their fellowship a new quality of common life. The Spirit created readiness for the gospel where the first Christians least expected it. The Spirit often thwarted their plans and led them in new directions. They could not coerce or restrict the Spirit.

We believe that by the power of the same Spirit, the church can be set on its way again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We affirm the Spirit's freedom. The Holy Spirit works in the church but not on our terms or under our control. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Minute for Vision

Discipleship Opportunities



Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

*HYMN OF SENDING: GTG #692– *Spirit, Open My Heart*

*CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

And all God’s people said: **Alleluia! Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG # 692 – *Spirit, Open My Heart (refrain only)*

POSTLUDE

A purple rectangular graphic. At the top left is a white outline of a heart with several short lines radiating from it, suggesting light or inspiration. Below the heart is a trail of white footprints leading from the bottom left towards the heart. The text "Journey OF THE Heart" is written in a yellow, cursive font, with "OF THE" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is enclosed in a black border.

Watch for a Journey of the Heart commitment card in your mail!

Now it is time for each of us to take our next step: to prayerfully offer our individual commitment, so that we can determine the total commitment that Westminster will have for this part of our Journey of the Heart.

“We have confidence that as we invite the Westminster congregation to reengage in a new vision, they will be generous with their time, their talent, their energy, their expertise, their leadership ... and, yes, their finances.” - John Adams

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING HAPPY BIRTHDAY KITS Sincere thanks to all who have provided supplies for the Happy Birthday Kits. We aren't done yet! Please keep bringing cake mix, frosting and candles so we can make more kits! Please place items in the blue wagon outside the church office. Thanks.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY

Church Office Number: 563-583-1729 | For Pastoral Care emergencies: **563-279-4545**

Pastor: Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet	Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz
Director Christian Formation: Bonnie Sue Lewis	Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins
Care Ministry Coordinator: Lisa MacNaughton	Custodian: Tim Till
Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler	Digital Storytelling Director: Clare Kysely
Adult Choir: Steve Peake	Worship Technology: Monson Nguyen
Timbrel & Lyre Director: Dr. Luke Tyler	Greeters: Tom & Judi Schutt
Adult Handbells Director: DeLano Cain-Watson	Ushers: Julie Woodyard & Merrill Crawford
WPC Band: Sally Stulken	Hospitality Set Up: Carolyn Dausener
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler	Clean Up: Lizz Tyler

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Elaine Woodrum recovering after a stint in the hospital.
- Prayers for Paula Dix, Jeanne Beeghley's daughter who lives in Bettendorf, for courage to deal with her depression.
- Prayers for Linda Stovall as she recovers from total knee replacement surgery.
- Your prayers are working for Wendell Comer, he just got news the chemo treatments are working. He appreciates your continuing prayers.
- 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.

If you would like to have your name on our Bulletin Prayer Request list or want to be added to the Prayer Chain for prayers, please advise the church office (583-1729).

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

MAY 14TH - MAY 21ST

BECKY'S SCHEDULE: TUESDAY, WED. & THURS.
UNTIL 12:45 P.M. - **Becky OFF Thurs. 18th**

Sunday, May 14

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Worship, SA
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, clsrms
10:45 a.m. Re-Membering 4, BR

Monday, May 15

6:00 p.m. Den Meetings, clsrms

Tuesday, May 16

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, WR
3:00 p.m. Galatians Bible Study, BR
6:00 p.m. Session Mtg., BR

Wednesday, May 17

10:00 a.m. Journey of Heart Team, BR
5:00 p.m. Mosaic Lodge 125 Banquet, FH, K

Thursday, May 18

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

Saturday, May 20

10:00 a.m. NISOM student recitals, SA

Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Worship, SA
10:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, clsrms
10:45 a.m. Re-Membering 4, BR
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home



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!!*



**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: Buy a Plant

Buy a plant for the inside of your home. The plant will produce oxygen and improve your indoor air quality. You can choose a flower, herb, or a plant that bears fruit such as tomato, pepper or strawberries.