

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

MAY 21, 2023



TODAY IS FOLK MUSIC SUNDAY!

Folk is a term used to describe all sorts of musical, oral, and cultural traditions from specific regions and societies around the world. Folk comes from the German word 'volk' meaning 'the people' and folk music is often thought of as being music belonging to the common people. It tells stories in a way anyone can understand.

Traditional folk music is often old music by unknown songwriters. Usually, this folk music has been passed down for generations, and it has more to do with culture and history than entertainment.

Traditional folk music can be found all over the world. It varies widely from country to country, which means folk music from one country might sound completely different from folk music from another country. Just about every society has its own customs and traditions expressed in the form of folk art. That includes not only folk music, but also folk dance and folk tales.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING FROM HOME / ONLINE:

Welcome to Westminster Online! We can't wait to worship with you today. 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.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING IN THE SANCTUARY:

Welcome to Westminster-Dubuque! The coffee is hot and the donuts are waiting! We're glad you're here! 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**.

Assisted listening devices are available at the back of the sanctuary and our greeters are 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: GTG #182 – *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (vs.1, 3)
Set to Irish folk song *Star of the County Down* [KINGSFOLD]

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning to remember our call:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We bring with us the events of the week, in the world and in our lives,

Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.

We gather here,

And we are inspired by those who are doing justice, we are encouraged by those who are kind beyond measure, and we are grateful for those who set the example for humility.

In Christian community, we support one another on the journey and call ourselves to ongoing commitment to one another and service to the world.

With gratitude for witness of this community, let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE: GTG #20 – *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Set to English Folk Song *The 29th of May* [ROYAL OAK]

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.

SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #415 – *Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy* (vs. 2)

Set to Southern American Folk Song [RESTORATION]

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES - Noisy Offering!!

TIME OF PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture [NRSVUE) – John 10:1-11

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Scripture [NRSVUE) – Luke 15:3-7

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon – *Like a Child*

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.

*SONG OF PROCLAMATION: GTG #725 *O Jesus I Have Promised*

Set to Finnish Folk Song *Nyland* [NYLAND]

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND YOUTH LEADERS

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Journey of the Heart Announcement: Doug Cheever

Minute for Vision: Neil MacNaughton

Minute for Mission: Deb Seiffert

Offering

*Sung Response: *Doxology* (arr. by Steve Peake)

*Prayers of Thanksgiving



*HYMN OF SENDING: GTG #202– *An Upper Room Did our Lord Prepare*
Set to Scottish Folk Song *O Waly Waly* [O WALY WALY]

*CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

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

*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #450 *Be Thou My Vision* (vs. 1, 4)
Set to Irish Folk Song *Slane* [Slane]

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 28TH If you would like your graduate listed in the bulletin, please call the office.

THANK YOU: Dear Westminster Friends, Thank you for the cards, phone calls and visits on the occasion of my 100th birthday, May 3rd. I am enjoying re-reading the cards. The flowers have already brought their joy as well as the treat, from Glinda Manternach. The Afghan, which Shirley Meriwether delivered is beautiful and quite warm. I found that out Sunday when I watched the streaming of your service in the Molitor room.

Thank you ALL for your kindness! Blessings, *Marge Nauman*



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

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).

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

New
Sermon
Series!



APR
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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



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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
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About to Do a New Thing

Sermon theme: Congregational Vitality
Musical theme: Global

Weekly
Specialty
Music!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

MAY 21ST – MAY 29TH

BECKY'S SCHEDULE: TUESDAY, WED. & THURS.

UNTIL 12:45 P.M. - **Becky OFF Tues. 23rd**
Tim Till OFF Mon. 22nd

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
10:45 a.m. Care & Connections Team, FH
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home

Monday, May 22

5:00 p.m. Hospitality Team Mtg., BR
6:00 p.m. Pack 20 Meeting, FH

Tuesday, May 23

9:00 a.m. Tai Chi, FH
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, WR
3:00 p.m. Galatians Bible Study, BR
5:30 p.m. Mission Mtg., BR

Wednesday, May 24

10:00 a.m. Journey of Heart Team, BR
7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Thursday, May 25

2:00 p.m. Green Team Mtg., BR

Sunday, May 28 – **PENTECOST (WEAR RED!)** **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship
9:30 a.m. Worship, SA
10:45 a.m. Reception in Narthex

Monday, May 29

MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED



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: Unplug Sockets

Unplug appliances when not in use. The socket draws electricity even when it is off. Examples include blow dryers, phone chargers, electric kettles, and coffee pots. Look around your house and find out what can be unplugged.

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

