

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

JUNE 18, 2023



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 even 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). During the summer months, we do not offer a staffed nursery, but the nursery is open and parents are welcome to use it, if needed.

SUMMER AT WESTMINSTER:

School's out and the weather is warm! A few things change at Westminster during the summer, and we want to make sure you're aware.

First, in June, July, and August, we do not offer nursery care, but the nursery is open and parents are welcome to use it, if needed. We encourage parents to allow your children to make use of the PrayGround resources during worship, too.

Secondly, summertime is also vacation-time! If you're traveling, plan to worship with Westminster Online at www.WPCdbq.org. Also, during these months, you may notice new faces in our pulpit as our staff take time to rest; please help make these visiting preachers feel welcome!

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

Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong

God be with you!

And also with you!

*SONG OF GATHERING: GTG #688 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* (vs. 1 & 4)

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before God's presence with a song.

**Know this: The LORD alone is God;
we belong to the LORD, who made us,
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;
go into the holy courts with praise;
give thanks and call upon the name of the LORD.

**For good is the LORD, whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**



*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE: GTG #645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

*TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession

Time of Silence

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have heard your promises of life, of love, of forgiveness. Yet they sound so fantastic that we hesitate to trust them. So we go our own way, instead of following the way of your Son, Jesus Christ. We make our own lives, instead of embracing the life you have created for us. We pursue our own

dreams, instead of trusting that your dreams will come true. Forgive us, O God, for our lack of faith in you. Remove from our hearts the pride and despair that tempt us to dismiss you. Create in us hope for your future, and joy in believing. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Sung Response: GTG #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES – Noisy Offering!!

TIME OF PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture [NRSV): Genesis 18:1-15

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Scripture [NRSV): Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon – *When All the Dreams Have Died*

*SONG OF PROCLAMATION: *Spirit Song*

***Affirmation of Faith** - *The Apostles' Creed*

**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 at 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Offering

Sung Response: GTG #710 *We Lift Our Voices (We Are an Offering)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN OF SENDING: GTG #724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

*CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

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

*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* (v. 5)

POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS are from the funeral of Gini Gordon held on Thursday June 16, 2023 which would have been her 92nd birthday.

JOIN US FOR CREATORS CAMP, A FREE SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM! Every Wednesday from July 5th thru August 9th from 1-4pm. To register go to: <https://forms.gle/HBhrr2SvRGRpPgDE7>

STILL COLLECTING FOR HAPPY BIRTHDAY KITS Place cake mix, frosting and candles in the blue wagon outside the church office.



The Journey Continues:

Join WPC's ongoing Journey of the Heart this summer

Step #2: Take a Prayer Journey this Summer

Join us as we pray for our congregation this summer!

You're invited to commit to 12 weeks of daily prayer with and for the Westminster congregation, as we live into God's vision for our future.

Pick up your prayer prompts at the Information Station, or simply text **prayer** to (563) 227-8441 for daily prayer texts.



Step #2: Show us your summer's journey!

- 1. Join the Journey no matter where you are this summer!**
- 2. Take a photo with this flip flop wherever you go (on vacation, at church, somewhere in Dubuque).**
- 3. Post it to Facebook, by clicking "Create Post" at the top of your profile.**
- 4. Tag Westminster by typing "@Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dubuque" into your caption!**
- 5. Add the hashtags #JoinTheJourney and #JourneyOfTheHeart to your post!**

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY

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

Pastor: Rev. MargaretAnne Overstreet

Care Ministry Coordinator: Lisa MacNaughton

Director of Music: Dr. Luke Tyler

Adult Choir: Steve Peake

Timbrel & Lyre Director: Dr. Luke Tyler

Adult Handbells Director: DeLano Cain-Watson

WPC Band: Sally Stulken

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler

Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz

Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins

Custodian: Tim Till

Digital Storytelling Director: Clare Kysely

Worship Technology: Monson Nguyen

Greeters: Neil & Lisa MacNaughton

Ushers: Adam Etheredge/ Randy Roos

Hospitality Set Up: Doug & Jean Cheever

Clean Up: Shirley Meriwether

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Barb & Gary Scoggin and family. Barb's brother, Richard Gibson passed away on Tues, May 30th. His services were held June 3rd in Burlington, IA.
- Prayers for Elaine Woodrum as she heals from a broken arm.
- Continued prayers needed for Linda Stovall. She tore a quad tendon and is recovering from a second knee surgery.
- Prayers for Mary Kay's friend, Mary Schroeder who has an upcoming MRI on June 13th. Pray that she is cancer free.
- Prayers for Mary Kay's daughter's mother-in-law, Lisa, who has colon cancer.
- Prayers for Paula Dix, Jeanne Beeghley's daughter who lives in Bettendorf, for courage to deal with her depression.
- Please continue to pray for Wendell Comer enduring chemotherapy treatments. Pray that the treatment continues to work.
- Continued prayers for Wally Brown for ongoing health concerns.
- 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

JUNE 18TH – JUNE 25TH

Sunday, June 18

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

9:30 a.m. Worship, SA, Rev. Marsha Wilfong

1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home

Wednesday, June 20

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting, WR

3:30 p.m. M. Marolf/E. Davidson, BR

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

Thursday, June 21

11:00 a.m. Finance Meeting, BR

5:30 p.m. Admin. Meeting

6:30 p.m. DBQ Bag Pipe Band, Choir & Media Rm

Thursday, June 22

MAO Writing Day (out of office)

Saturday, June 24

1:00 p.m. Chris Davidson, Recital, SA

Sunday, June 25

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

9:30 a.m. Worship

PLEASE NOTE:

Pastor MargaretAnne will be doing continuing education from June 12th through June 19th. Lisa MacNaughton will be handling pastoral care emergencies and you can reach her by calling or texting the Westminster pastoral care number: 563-279-4545

DUE TO A NUMBER OF STAFF VACATIONS THIS SUMMER ...

Westminster will be using the gifts of some wonderful volunteers to cover office hours. Thanks for your patience while we allow our hard-working and dedicated staff to rest and rejuvenate.



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

You can give beyond your life through a bequest to Westminster Presbyterian Church in your WILL.

GREEN TEAM TIP:

Make a commitment to yourself and to our environment by making a change and bringing a reusable bag when shopping - keep the plastic out of our trees and ditches.



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