

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

JULY 16, 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 participate fully in the service without needing to keep track of your bulletin. 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 will likely be on camera at some point 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 during worship. However, 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 in the sanctuary during worship, too.

Secondly, summertime is also vacation-time! If you're traveling, plan to worship with Westminster Online at www.WPCdbq.org.

Finally, on July 23rd and 30th, you will notice a new face in our pulpit as Pastor MargaretAnne takes time away to rest and be rejuvenated. **Dani Postema** is a recent UDTs graduate who will be filling the pulpit on those weeks, so please help make her 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

God be with you!

And also with you!

*SONG OF GATHERING: GTG #314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Welcome to all who have come in search of something.

We have come to seek the transforming power of the living God.

Happy are those who find a way and follow that path.

We come together as one, because we do not make this journey by ourselves.

Blessed are those who respond wholeheartedly to the call of God in their lives.

In faith, in trust, with hope, let us worship God.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SONG OF PRAISE: GTG #22 *God of the Sparrow*

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

TIME OF PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture [NRSVUE]: Continuing in the book of Esther

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

SONG OF PROCLAMATION: GTG #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession

Time of Silence

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, there is pain and there is sorrow, there are broken relationships and broken hearts. Sometimes we are at fault, causing pain and breaking relationships. Sometimes we are the victims: we are the ones who suffer, we are the ones who are broken. So we ask for both your forgiveness and your healing. We ask that you would help us turn from the people we have become, so that we may become the people you have created us to be. Through Christ, who is our example, we pray. Amen.

Sung Response: GTG #48 *Rain Down*

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

The Holy Spirit rains down upon our dry and dusty lives, washing away our sin and healing our wounded spirits.

Praise be to God! In Christ, we are made whole!

Thanks be to God!

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.

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.



INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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Musical Offering

*Sung Response: GTG #644 *Give Thanks, O Christian People* (verse 3)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*SONG OF SENDING: GTG #315 *In the Midst of new Dimensions*



*CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

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

*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL FLOWERS today are from Pam Adam's garden.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be emailed to the email on file. If we do not have an email, it will be mailed by July 31st. If you want a hard copy, please call or email Becky at becky@wpcdbq.org.

WPC BOOK CLUB will meet Wed., July 19th at 3:30 p.m. in the Narthex. The chosen title is: **Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II** by **Liz Mundy**.

MEN'S COFFEE GROUP next meeting Wed. July 26, 9:00 am in the Board Room then every 2nd and 4th Wed!

JOIN US FOR CREATORS CAMP, A FREE SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM!

Every Wednesday 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.

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: Arlys Williams & Les Sonksen

Ushers: Randy Roos & Adam Etheredge

Hospitality Set Up: Doug & Jean Cheever

Hospitality Clean Up: Shirley Meriwether

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Gerda Hartmann who fell and broke her arm Tuesday and is in a lot of pain. She is currently staying with her daughter, Heidi Langas.
- An update on Jerri Maxwell. Her son, Tim, said she is doing as well as to be expected. Her Alzheimer's is non-verbal. She does not read, so no cards are necessary, just lift her in prayer.
- Prayers for Don & Sally Stulken grieving the loss of Don's mom, Catherine on July 7th. She was 104. Services are Wed., July 19th at Peace Lutheran Church in Waunakee, WI.
- Continued prayers for Lisa MacNaughton who continues to have inflammation in her knee and will be having additional testing to see what can be done.
- Tom and Linda Stovall thank you all for your prayers, cards and the food you dropped off. Linda got her brace off and now has therapy to get her knee stronger again!
- 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 whose cancer is in remission and needs prayers for strength and comfort.
- 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).

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!**

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

JULY 16TH - JULY 23RD

Sunday, July 16

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

9:30 a.m. Worship, SA

1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Funeral Team Mtg., BR

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:15 p.m. PIN Mtg., BR

Wednesday, July 19

1:00 p.m. Creator's Camp, St. Luke's

3:30 p.m. WPC Book Club, Narthex

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Team Mtg., BR

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

Thursday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 23

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

9:30 a.m. Worship, SA – Guest Preacher



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

Is God's WILL for Westminster
remembered in your WILL?

GREEN TEAM TIP:

Keep Your City Clean

Go outside and pick up trash. You can invite family, friends and neighbors to join you for a walk. Have fun, fellowship and increase the litter removed from our community.



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

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.

LISA VACATION - July 20-24

MARGARETANNE VACATION - July 21-31