

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Inviting All. Exploring Faith. Experiencing God.*

MORNING WORSHIP, 9:30AM

JULY 9, 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](http://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

God be with you!

**And also with you!**

\*SONG OF GATHERING: GTG # 388 *Come All You People*

## \*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

This is God's day, and we are invited to be a part of it.

**This is God's invitation: to come and see all that God is doing in the world.**

This is what God is doing: bringing good news to the poor and proclaiming release to the captives;

**Recovering sight for those who are blind and letting the oppressed go free.**

Let us join God's work in the world, and let us begin by offering ourselves in worship today.

## \*OPENING PRAYER

\*SONG OF PRAISE: GTG #614 *Great Are You Lord* (sing twice)

## 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 #177 *I Will Come to You*

## TIME OF RECONCILIATION

Invitation to Confession

Time of Silence

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we know that you are as close as breath, and at the same time there is a great distance between You and your people. That distance is sometimes tragedy, when we feel abandoned. That distance is sometimes a force of evil, when something conspires against us. That distance is sometimes our foolish choices, or our selfish acts, or the hurt we cause another. We seek your healing and forgiveness. We seek reconciliation with you and each other. So reassure us of your closeness, your power, your mercy, and your ability to change our lives for the good. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

Sung Response: GTG #48 *Rain Down*

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

The mercy of God is everlasting. Friends, believe the good news of Jesus Christ: God loves you. God forgives you. God gives you new life.

**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 4)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving



\*SONG OF SENDING: GTG #69 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

\*CHALLENGE AND BLESSING

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

\*SUNG RESPONSE: GTG #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

## **CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONGRATULATE MARGARETANNE ON 2 YEARS AT WESTMINSTER!**

On July 12th Pastor MargaretAnne celebrates her 2nd anniversary of ministry here at Westminster. Please give her a greeting of HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! this morning. May God continue to bless her in her ministry at Westminster. We give thanks for her wonderful preaching, creative leadership and the new spirit she has brought to our church family.

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR HARRIET HEITZMAN** is being held on **Saturday, July 15, 2023**, from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Straatmeyer Room, Heritage Hall, University of Dubuque, 2255 Bennett St. There will be a brief time for reflection and an opportunity for anyone who wishes to share remembrances at 11:00 AM. Light refreshments will be served.

**WPC BOOK CLUB** will meet Wed., July 19<sup>th</sup> 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 12, 9:00 am in the Board Room then every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who prayed for me, sent me cards and wished me well. My surgery was uneventful and the biopsy said that the lump in my arm was benign ❤️. *Julie Woodyard*

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

Every Wednesday thru August 9<sup>th</sup> 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: Dan & Marilyn Emmert

Ushers: Julie Woodyard & Merrill Crawford

Hospitality Set Up: Carolyn Dausener

Hospitality Clean Up: Lizz Tyler

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Joyce & Paul Uzel, thank the Westminster congregation for continued prayers for healing for Paul. He had another procedure on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Continued prayers needed for Linda Stovall recovering from a second knee surgery.
- Continued prayers for Lisa MacNaughton for the healing of her right knee.
- 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 currently in remission and hoping for good results in his upcoming Pet Scan.
- 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 9<sup>TH</sup> – JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

### Sunday, July 9

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Worship, SA  
11:00 a.m. West Union Session Mtg.- ZOOM

### Tuesday, July 11

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group, Library

### Wednesday, July 12

9:00 a.m. Men's Coffee, BR  
1:00 p.m. Creator's Camp, St. Luke's  
6:00 p.m. Adult Formation, BR  
6:30 p.m. DBQ Bag Pipe Band, Choir/Media Rm

### Thursday, July 13

7:00 p.m. TSWS Rain Site, SA

### Sunday, July 16

9:00 a.m. Coffee, Donuts, & Fellowship  
9:30 a.m. Worship, SA  
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home



### FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

Who needs a will? Everyone who cares what happens to what they leave behind ... and anyone who wants to leave a bequest to WPC.

### GREEN TEAM TIP:

#### **Practice Green Shopping**

Make your next shopping trip green. Patronize second hand stores where you can find all kinds of products to reuse or repurpose. Also, patronize fair trade stores where you can buy ethically sourced products.



***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.