



Welcome
TO
Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHO WE ARE:

Westminster is a community where people of all ages are transformed by God's love to serve and grow as disciples of Jesus.



Sunday, February 19, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Tom Ogren

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Sunday, February 19, 2023 - 9 a.m. Service

**Please stand in body or spirit. ▪ BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Glory Be To You

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Adapted from Psalm 8)*

It is good to be here in this sacred space,

in the shelter of God's love and hope.

It is good to be here with those we know well, as well as with new friends,

joining with all of God's beloved, siblings of Jesus.

It is good to be here, where we can hear God's voice,

calling us to be eyewitnesses to the Spirit's presence.

*HYMN #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Resurrection reminds us that the sins of the world and of our lives will not have the last word. God's love, compassion, and justice will be established on the earth.

Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

On mountaintops and in valleys, in moments when our lives are shrouded as well as when we reflect Christ's light, God is with us, declaring we are the beloved!

In this moment, in every moment, may we glimpse the grace of God which comes and transfigures our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

**Response*

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #177

I Will Come to You

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

Ruling Elders: Debbe Blue, Sue Harrison, Mike Moses, Jim Severa & Brandon Smith (Youth Elder, Kaylee Franklin, will be ordained and installed at a later time.)

Deacons: Janet Krieger,, Elizabeth Flores, Jill Fox, Yvonne Loquist, Rebecca McCauley & Patty Yackanich (Kim Bronisz will be ordained and installed at a later time.)

Litany of Service

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,

But it is the same God who fulfills these purposes through them all.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of Christ.

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

How Can I Keep From Singing

Westminster Chorale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 OFFERING AND PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts we have received from your good creation. We now ask your blessing upon the gifts we offer here today so that they might be a sign of our commitment to serve you in all that we are and do. Amen.

Offertory

The Shepherd's Psalm

Westminster Handbell Choir

(After the Offertory, children K-5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School. Parents may pick them up at 10:30 a.m.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our light, make us attentive to your Word as to a lamp shining in a dark place, that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives until that great day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Mountain Top Experiences

Elder Melva Lowry

***HYMN #192**

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Jamaican Melody

Westminster Handbell Choir

Members of the Handbell Choir

Barry Reasoner, Beth Reasoner, Kelly Rhodes, Janet Krieger, Barbara Gravengoed, Kathy Giannini, Linda Welch, Judy Thompson, Pat Jaracz, Judy Thompson



Melva Lowry is an ordained Ruling Elder. She holds several degrees from PCUSA affiliated institutions including McCormick Theological Seminary where she befriended Rev. Angela Ryo! Her focus is in Nonprofit Management; she recently left her post as Director for Asheville Poverty Initiative in Asheville, NC. Melva also enjoys writing and is published in many bodies of work including Presbytery Women's 2021-2022 Bible Study "What Our Grandmothers Taught Us."

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Our deepest sympathies...

The Largus Family (passing of Tom)
The Sandefur Family
(passing of Curtis-friend of Chuck Weier)

*Please keep these families in your prayers.
In life and in death we belong to God.*

New Concerns

Prayers for relief/healing/other
Betty Morris (Mother of Sandy Coxhead)

Weekly Concerns

Robyn Senchak-Chamberlain
Mike Feege
Family of Dan Fieldhouse
(friend/Shirley Golden)
Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz
Donna Gross- (friend of Pam Yttri)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
John Shields
Jim Yackel

Continuing Care & Prayers

Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)
Ron Allen
Lou Anselmo
Jean Armstrong
Buddy Borbely
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Brown/Boyle Family (passing of Tom)
Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopasz)
Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)
Cunningham Family (passing of Bill)
Edwards Family (passing of son Joshua)

Continuing Care & Prayers

Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Ann Hudson
Kim Karlen
Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)
Leonard Koenes
Mary Kopasz
Largus Family (passing of Tom)
Eden & Eliana Les (friends/Wendy Borbely)
Joe McDaniel
Medd Family (friend/Karen Comstock)
Hunter Mitchell- return of brain cancer
(friend/Diane Hart-Coons)
Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)
Denny Orr
Pedrick family
Eugene Pidzarko
Kim Piekarski- breast cancer
(sister-in-law of Patty Yackanich)
Robbins Family (passing of Barb)
The Rumas Family (passing of mother Gwen)
Laura Shields
Richard Simkins
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Xavier Sopher- Soldier going overseas
pray for protection (friend of Wendy Borbely)
Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)
Kurt Visak (brother/Wendy Edwards)
Robin Webber- health concerns
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf
(daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

Today's Events



Sunday School (Kindergarten through 5th Grade) - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Today's lesson is on Jesus' friends Mary & Martha.



Disciples & Donuts (6th through 12th Grade) - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Middle and High School age youth are invited to Room 401 for donuts and a devotion.



Sunday Discussion Group. - 10:30 a.m. in Room 209

Enjoy an engaging discussion on "God and Natural Disasters after the Turkey Earthquake" with Greg Stephan today!



Register to Join a 6-week Lenten Small Group Today - Register by Feb. 22

Most of the small groups are sermon-based and held at people's houses. To accommodate your busy schedule, we have created a small group for every evening of the week (except for Friday and Saturday).

You can register online at wpcmunster.org, through the app, in person on Sunday mornings, or by calling the church. Small groups begin the week of Feb. 26 and will end the week of April 6.



Pickleball - Today from 2-4 p.m.

Pickleball is on select Saturdays from 4-6 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Please visit the website and/or app to view the dates and to reserve your spot!

Upcoming Events



Pickleball - February 25 from 4-6 p.m.

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Upcoming Volleyball Games - February 25

High School team plays at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's
Middle School team plays at 11 a.m. and Noon at Westminster.



Ash Wednesday Service - Feb. 22 - 7p.m.

Join us for this year's Ash Wednesday service.



Community Nonprofit Fair - March 12 from 10-11 a.m.

Enjoy complimentary coffee and treats while learning about our many wonderful non-profit partners and various volunteer opportunities throughout our local community and beyond!



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Contemporary Service

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Jesus, I Have My Doubts

Jon Foreman

King of Kings

Newsboys

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

MESSAGE

Mountain Top Experiences

Elder Melva Lowry

REFLECTION

Carry Me

Needtobreathe

CLOSING SONGS

Glorious Day

Kristian Stanfill

BLESSING