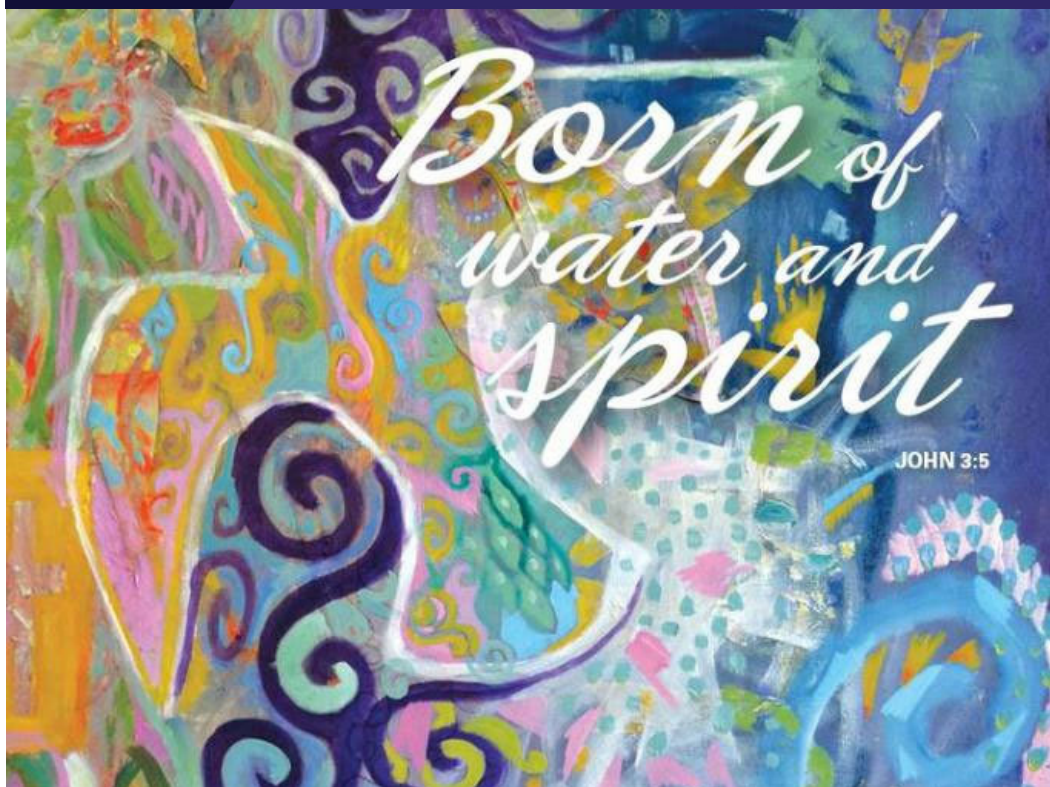




**seeking:**

*How do we  
begin again?*



*Westminster*

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

2nd Sunday of Lent - March 5, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Anne Severa

Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 9 a.m. Service

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

## PRELUDE

## INTROIT

*Let Us Praise Your Name*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We lift up our eyes to the hills. Where does our help come from?

**Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper?

**The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.**

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

## \*HYMN #509

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

The prayer of confession offers us a new beginning. We speak honestly with God about who we are and who we long to be. And in response, God wraps us in grace and lets us begin again. So together, with God's grace, let us pray the prayer of confession:

### *\*Prayer of Confession*

**God of new life, you call us into unknown places, and we bury our heads in the sand. You promise all the stars in the sky, and we doubt it can be true. You speak of new life in the Spirit, and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance. Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you. Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with you. Amen.**

### *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

**Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### *\*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 #494

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)*

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAITH IN ACTION

Sally Van Bokkelen on One Great Hour of Sharing

### INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

We return these gifts to you and relinquish our control over them, O God, that you may use them beyond us, beyond this place, and beyond self-interest that your love may abound in the flourishing of every living thing you have entrusted to us. Amen.

#### *Offertory*

*Love the Lord*  
Children's Choir

*(During this time, 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 of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4a  
John 3:1-17

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Seeking: How Do We Begin Again?*  
Rev. Angela Ryo

### HYMN #525

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

### COMMUNION

*The Invitation*

*The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*people care*

## 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.**

## Sharing of the Bread & Cup

## Word Through Music

*Draw is in the Spirit's Tether*

Harold W. Friedell- Westminster Chorale

## Prayer after Supper

### \*HYMN #526

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Interlude after each verse)*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Reprise on "Talents and Tongues"*

## WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

### New Concerns

*Prayers for relief/healing/other*

Heidi Green (friend of Barbie Cook)  
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)  
Mark Sweigart (friend of Barbie Cook)

### Weekly Concerns

Robyn Senchak-Chamberlain  
Mike Feege  
Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz  
Donna Gross- (friend of Pam Yttri)  
Hunter Mitchell (friend/Diane Hart-Coons)  
Betty Morris (Mother of Sandy Coxhead)  
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)  
Denny Orr  
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)  
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)  
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)

### Continuing Care & Prayers

Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)  
Dan Fieldhouse Family (friend/Shirley Golden)  
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)  
Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)  
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)

MARCH 5, 2023

# Today's Events



**Sunday School (Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Today's lesson is on "I am the Good Shepherd."



**Disciples & Donuts (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 "Hospice Care and End of Life Concerns" with Greg Stephan today!

# Upcoming Events



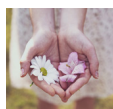
**Pickleball - March 12**

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 Volleyball Games**

Tournaments will begin March 11 - Stay tuned for more information!



**Meditating Moments with Michelle - March 11**

Join Michelle Pedrick at 10:00 a.m. in Room 209 to explore meditation to focus on us, ground us, and provide a sense of well being.



**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!



**VBS Save the Date - July 17 - July 20**

Get excited for an intergalactic Vacation Bible School coming to Westminster this summer! Open to Children Entering Kindergarten through Entering Fifth Grade Students. Stay tuned for registration details!

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## Westminster Connection Point

HOW CAN WE HELP?

A PASTOR

A DEACON

NEW MEMBER

STEPHEN MINISTER

PRAYER REQUEST

OTHER

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*God of Wonders*

Caedmon's Call

*I Lift My Eyes Up*

Brian Doerksen

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Chris Tomlin

**CLOSING SONGS**

*Marvelous Light*

Charlie Hall

**BLESSING**