



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, January 7, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Ken Schoon

Sunday, January 7, 2024 - 9 a.m. Service

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Raise a Song of Gladness

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 148)

Sun and moon and all of you bright stars!

Praise God!

All of you who are his messengers and comprise his heavenly forces!

Praise God!

Highest heaven and you waters that are above the sky!

Praise God!

God gave the command, and they were created!

God set them in place always and forever.

God made a law that will not be broken.

Praise God! Let us worship the Living God!

*HYMN #150

As with Gladness (Verses 1, 2 & 3)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Surrounded by God's everlasting faithfulness, we acknowledge our distress in how we have lost faith, become separated from God and one another. Let us confess our sins to God our loving and merciful redeemer.

**Prayer of Confession (By Thomas Merton)*

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

During all our distress, God is also distressed, so he sends us his Son to save us. In love and mercy, God has redeemed us.

Thanks be to God! 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, amen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN #142

Twos in the Moon of Wintertime

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

O Lord, teach us to follow you just as the magi followed your star faithfully and remind us that you have given us what we need to serve you and your kingdom. May these gifts serve to guide others to the manger of the Savior as well. May they serve to build up community and heal our world. Amen.

Offertory

John Magrou

(Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to exit for fellowship time followed by Sunday School. Parents may pick up from Room 301 at 10:30 a.m.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love and wisdom, open our hearts to your Word. May we hear with joy what you would have us hear this day and may the music of your grace reverberate through our whole being so that we may sing your praise all the days of our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

By Another Road

Rev. Angela Ryo

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.

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

What Sweeter Music
Westminster Chorale

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN #159**

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem (Verses 1 & 2)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Jean Armstrong
Glenn Rhodes

Weekly Concerns

Linda Bishop (friend of Chuck Weier)
The Borbely family
The Cafmeyer family in the passing of Stephen.
Cheryl Clement (Alan Carlson's niece)
Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)
Mary Lou Crowley (leader of The 3 Bs)
Patty Dawes
Dave Ferguson
Grace Delcano (friend of Amy Carter)
LuAnn Franklin
Sharon Flinspach (Alan Carlson's daughter)
Diane Golden (neighbor of Chuck Weier)
Paul Hoekstra
Zora Ludwig and family
Judith Mills (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Sharon Orr and family
Sonja Ross
Donna Sharp
John Shields
The family of Carl Strain
Stacy Pierce (relative of Sandy Walsh)
Pat Snyder (mother of Christine Cangiano)
The Strand family in the passing of Paul Jim Vliek
Kimmy Walker (friend of Nora Alfonsi)
Russ Terpstra
Wendy Wilke-Sola

Continuing Care & Prayers

Ron Allen
David Cafmeyer
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)
David Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Bruce Elliot (cousin of Chuck Weier)
Mike Feege
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Pat Jaracz
Kim Karlen
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron Robbins)
Joe McDaniel
Betty Morris
Pedrick family
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)
Family of Keith Robbins (brother of Ron Robbins)
Richard Simkins
Elaine Schnider and her friend Debbie (friends of Robin Webber)
Colleen Splant (friend of Chuck Weier)
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Shelly Walsh (friend of Chuck Weier)
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings
Traditional

Glory (Let There Be Peace)
Matt Maher

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

By Another Road
Rev. Angela Ryo

COMMUNION

Christmas Offering
Paul Baloche

CLOSING SONG

For Unto Us/Open the Eyes of My Heart
Paul Baloche

BLESSING

Today's Events



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

Children will exit worship at 9:30 for fellowship followed by Sunday School. Parents may pick their children up in Room 301 at 10:30 a.m.



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

The group will meet in Room 401 for fellowship.



Westminster Forum - 10:30 a.m.

Join us as Rev. Dr. Robert Cathey, professor emeritus from McCormick Theological Seminary, discusses the "Parliament of the World's Religions: Chicago, August, 2023."

Upcoming Events



Youth Group Tuesday Activities

This month our lessons will focus on the act of worship during our 10 minute devotion and then we'll spend some time playing fun board games



Youth Group Volleyball

Middle school will practice 4:30-5:45 p.m. for high school from 5:30-6:45 p.m.



Pickleball - Starts January

Interested in playing pickleball? Join us on Sunday, January 7 from 2-4 p.m. Contact Dave Radovich at dsmrad@sbcglobal.net or register through the app.



Second Serving - January 14 -Between Services

Join us between services to help pack hygiene bags for refugees.



Sunday Discussions - January 14 and 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Greg Stephan's sunday discussions are starting back up! Stay tuned for more details.



New Member Meet and Greet - January 21 at Noon

Are you interested in becoming a new member? Join our meet and greet to get to know Pastor Angela and more about our church. R.S.V.P. to Gina by calling the church office or emailing her at gnida@wpcmunster.org



Youth Group Ski Trip - January 27

Youth 6-12th grade are invited to the annual ski trip to Bittersweet on January 27, 2023. Contact Tricia for more details.

Westminster Connection Point

HOW CAN WE HELP?

_____ A PASTOR

_____ STEPHEN MINISTER

_____ PHONE CALL

_____ A DEACON

_____ PRAYER REQUEST

_____ HOME COMMUNION

_____ NEW MEMBER

_____ OTHER

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