



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, September 10, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Susan Radovich

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Sunday, September 10, 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, Jesus Christ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

This day is God's gift to us.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has graciously gathered us together in this place.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God is good and faithful. God is our worthy of our praise.

*HYMN #664

Morning Has Broken

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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 #647

Give Thanks

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION

Mary Lou DiCostanzo on special offering.

WELCOME VIDEO

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

Offertory

When We All Get to Heaven

John Magrou and Steve Strains

(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

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:1-12

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

You've Got a Friend in Me

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

With a Voice of Singing
Westminster Chorale

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN #835**

Just a Closer Walk

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Summertime

John Magrou and Steve Strains

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Heartfelt Sympathy

Lou Anselmo and the family of Ann Hudson

Ralph Gardner and Kimberly Bronisz
for the passing of their son/brother,
Jeffery Ralph Gardner

New Concerns

Dennis Madsen (friend of the Estills')
Olivia Jean Ice

Weekly Concerns

PNC Committee

Anka (niece of Heidi Morgan)
Linda Bishop (friend of Chuck Weier)
Julie Bland (friend of Amy Carter)
Richard Boyd (Ronda Reynolds brother)
Mario Bravo (friend of Barbie Cook)
David Cafmeyer
Herb Cook (brother-in-law of Barbie Cook)
Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)
David Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn, WPC
Financial Secretary)
Kara Diamond (friend of Barbie Cook)
Sam Dal Santo (friend of Barbie Cook)
Judy Den Hartog (friend of Barbie Cook)
Hank Eizenga (friend of Barbie Cook)
Kelly Eryman (friend Barbie Cook)
Dave Ferguson (family of Gene & Paula Estill)
LuAnn Franklin
Diane Golden (neighbor of Chuck Weier)
The family of Diane Hernandez
Bob Hobbs (friend of Barbie Cook)
Pat Jaracz
Julie (niece of Zora Ludwig)
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron Robbins)
The family of Ryan Mecredy (nephew of Cheryl
Anderson)
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Elaine Schnider and her friend Debbie (friends
of Robin Webber)

Paul Strand (friend of Barbie Cook)
Family of Keith Robbins (brother of Ron
Robbins)

Donna Sharp
Shelly Walsh (friend of Chuck Weier)
Bruce Elliot (cousin of Chuck Weier)

Continuing Care & Prayers

Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)
Buddy Borbely
Lydia Brunton (sister-in-law of Mary Lomey)
Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopaszcz)
Cunningham Family
The family of Kathy Dunn (friend of Pam Yttri)
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Mike Feege
Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz
Donna Gross (friend of Pam Yttri)
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Kim Karlen
Mary Kopaszcz
The Kozlowski family
Joe McDaniel
Betty Morris
Pedrick family
Dennis Orr
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Eugene Pidzarko
Holly Ptacek
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)
Ron Allen
Richard Simkins
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter & son-in-
law/Sonja Ross)
Wendy Wilke Sola (daughter of Martha)

CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Any More
Cain

Blessed Be Your Name
Matt Redman

WELCOME VIDEO

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:1-12

MESSAGE

You've Got a Friend in Me
Rev. Angela Ryo

COMMUNION

Purify (Love Divine)
Ben Cantelon

CLOSING SONG

Awesome Is the Lord Most High
Passion

BLESSING

Today's Events



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

Students will enjoy a lesson on Moses from 10 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 301/302.



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

Youth are invited to Room 401 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. for donuts and a lesson from their Essential Biblical Characters to Know study.



Welcome Sunday - During Both Services

Join us during one of our services at 9 or 10:45. a.m. We will also have gourmet coffee and pastries provided by Steamwhistle between services.



Westminster Forum - at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Jina Kang, an assistant professor of Old Testament at McCormick Theological Seminary, will be here to host a presentation on "Exile and the Book of Ezekiel" in room 209.

Upcoming Events



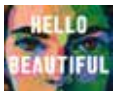
Youth Group - Tuesday Study Time 3-4:30 p.m. and Activity 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

The group meets in Room 401 every Tuesday that school is in session. Drop off and pick up at Door 7. All youth in 6th-12th grade are invited whenever their schedule allows. This week we will continue a lesson on managing stress and play some pickleball outside to get some exercise to combat stress.



Youth Group Movie Night - September 15 at 9:30 p.m.

Join us for "The Princess Bride" and popcorn outside in the south parking lot.



The Good Book Club - September 22 at 1:00 p.m.

The Good Book Club will meet in room 209 to discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano.



Habitat for Humanity Panel Build - September 23 at 8:30 a.m.

Save the date as all ages are welcome to help us build a wall together for a new Habitat family! Please contact Ginny at missions@wpcmunster.org if you are interested in either of these events.



Flu Shots - September 24 and October 15

It's time for our annual flu shots! Pharmacists Nina and Sam Arzumanian will be back at WPC to give us our shots between services. Just bring your insurance card and get your vaccination on one of those days to protect yourself and your loved ones.



Fall Small Groups - Starting the Week of September 24

Small Groups are back! If you'd like to develop meaningful relationships that will last a lifetime, sign up for our sermon-based small group this fall. There is a small group for every day of the week except for Friday and Saturday. "Together We Can: Belong, Connect, Serve, Grow" is the theme for the fall. Register today for a 7-week fall sermon-based small group starting the week of Sept. 24 and ending the week of Nov. 5!

You can register by visiting our website, app, calling the church or by signing up at church.