



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, April 16, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Sara Sweeney

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Sunday, April 16, 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

Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

*HYMN #249

Because You Live, O Christ

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ is risen. Yet we often act as if he is still in the tomb. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ our Lord. Let us pray in one voice:

**Prayer of Confession*

Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect more when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'" (John 20:19). Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace.

We know that we are forgiven, and we receive Christ's peace. Alleluia! 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 #246

Christ is Alive (Verses 1, 4 & 5)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLLEYBALL CELEBRATION

John Dorn and David Lemke

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Craig Courtney

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

Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we could ever give you in return. You are gracious and generous in your love. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

Offertory

Solo by Holly McCain

(Children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to exit during the offertory for fellowship time followed by Sunday School. Parents may pick their children up in Room 301 at 10:30 a.m.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Savior God, you've gifted us with the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. Open us to the Spirit's breath. Carry us on the wings of your wisdom. Set us on the solid foundation of your Word read and proclaimed. May we hear the truth you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Coffee and Bagel: Drawing Nearer
Rev. Dr. Paige L. Stephan

**HYMN #238*

Thine is the Glory

**BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

This Joyful Eastertide
Vreuchten arranged by Michael Burkhardt



ABOUT REV. DR. PAIGE STEPHAN

Paige L. Stephan is a board-certified staff chaplain at Rush University Medical Center and is faculty as an assistant professor in the College of Health Sciences. She is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and was the Moderator of Chicago Presbytery in 2019.

After her time as an undergraduate Boilermaker, she served as a Young Adult Volunteer in the East African office of Church World Service in Nairobi, Kenya. It was during this year that she discovered her abiding love of stories and came to cherish the work of receiving and holding them in shared sacred space. Paige returned to the Midwest and received her Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary where her doctoral thesis focused on resilience in a healthcare setting.

Westminster Presbyterian church is her home church and where she adorned angel wings for the living nativity, played volleyball, enjoyed mission trips and lock-ins, and learned about God's abiding love in community. Paige is married to Kevin, and they are both kept on their toes chasing a beautifully silly and energetic toddler, Adelia - who was baptized at Westminster just this past fall.

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Heartfelt Sympathy

Keep the families of Virginia (Ginny) Eib and Andrew Justak in your prayers. Also the families at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN.

Weekly Concerns

Scott Eizenga (friend of Barbie Cook)
Dave Ferguson
Larry Fiegle
Heidi Green (friend of Barbie Cook)
Donna Gross (friend of Pam Yttri)
Hunter Mitchell (friend/Diane Hart-Coons)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Dennis Orr
John Shields
Wendy Wilke Sola (daughter of Martha)

Continuing Care & Prayers

Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)
Jean Armstrong
Ron Allen
Cathy Bomberger, spinal surgery
Buddy Borbely
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Brown/Boyle Family (passing of Tom)
Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz
Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopasz)
Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)
Cunningham Family (passing of Bill)
Edwards Family (passing of son Joshua)
Mike Feege
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)

Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Kim Karlen
Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)
Mary Kopasz
Largus Family (passing of Tom)
Eden & Eliana Les (friends/Wendy Borbely)
Joe McDaniel
Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)
Betty Morris (Mother of Sandy Coxhead)
Pedrick family
Eugene Pidzarko
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)
Robbins Family (passing of Barb)
The Rumas Family (passing of mother Gwen)
Sannito Family (passing of John's brother)
Laura Shields
Richard Simkins
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Xavier Sopher- Soldier going overseas, pray for protection (friend of Wendy Borbely)
Mark Sweigart (friend of Barbie Cook)
Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)
Kurt Visak (brother/Wendy Edwards)
Jim Yackel
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

King of Kings

Newsboys

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt Redman

VOLLEYBALL CELEBRATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

Coffee and Bagel: Drawing Nearer

Rev. Dr. Paige L. Stephan

REFLECTION

Greater

Chris Tomlin

CLOSING SONGS

The Way

New Horizon

BLESSING

Today's Events



Sunday School (K-5th Grade)

Children Kindergarten through 5th Grade will exit worship at 9:30 for fellowship time followed by Sunday School at 10 a.m. 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. in Room 401.

Our youth will not be meeting today so that they can participate in fellowship time as we enjoy cake in celebration of the volleyball season.



Westminster Forum - 10:30 a.m. in Room 209

Rabbi Zukrow will be the speaker at the Westminster Forum today. His topic will be "Jewish Immigrant Writings."



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Kickoff

Our youth will enjoy a "Week of Hope" in Nashville, TN from July 23 - 28. Fundraising efforts kick off today with our Envelope Sponsorship Drive. Check out the wall in our main hallway to find out how you can help the group... from sponsoring a tank of gas to lending an air mattress. Other opportunities, including a Cash for Clutter donation drive and Mother's Day flower sales will be offered in the near future.



Dungeons & Dragons

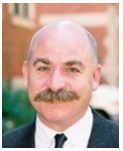
Youth ages 6th through 12th grade are invited to enjoy Dungeons & Dragons in Room 401 from 6 - 8 p.m. this evening.

Upcoming Events



Youth Group:

Study Time (3-4:30) followed by Study Break activity (4:30 - 5:30) will take place this week. Youth ages 6th through 12th grade invited.



Westminster Forum - April 23 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 209

Dr. Ken Sawyer, the professor of church history at McCormick Theological Seminary, will have a 4-Sunday series about the history of the Presbyterian Church in America. After today, he will be with us again on April 23 and 30.



New Member Meet & Greet - April 23 at Noon in Room 209

Are you interested in becoming part of our church family? Sign up at the visitors table, call the church at 219-838-3131 or e-mail Gina at gnida@wpcmunster.org. Lunch & childcare will be provided. *Please RSVP by April 19 to Gina Nida at 219.836.4141. Be sure to let us know if you need childcare.*



Dementia Conversations - April 26 at 6:30 p.m.

When someone shows signs of dementia, it's time to talk. Often, conversations with family about changing behaviors can be challenging and uncomfortable. This program offers tips on how to have honest and caring conversations to address some of the most common issues. Call 1-800-272.3900 to register.



Book Discussion - April 20 at 7pm

Come discuss the book, Next Level Living by Rich Rogers with Mary Lou DiCostanzo. Starts on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in room 106.



The Good Book Club - April 28 at 1pm

The Good Book Club will meet April 28 at 1:00pm in room 209 to discuss Blessings by Anna Quindlen.