



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, May 7, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Brandon Smith

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Sunday, May 7, 2023 - 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

We are God's church: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: that it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

*HYMN #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin—that is, the ways we miss the mark and are estranged from one another and from God--trusting that through Christ, we have the Spirit's assurance of forgiveness.

**Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Thee, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience to move toward meaningful and true change; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness.

God has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's lovingkindness toward God's people.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from 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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #340

This Is My Song

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION

Martha Wilke on Mission Marketplace

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

You Shall Have a Song

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

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to be your people, set apart to share the light of your love so that others might see Jesus. Accept our tithes and offerings as an act of worship, and with grateful and generous hearts, help us share the light. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

The Mission

Dr. Merideth Hite Estevez on oboe

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

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God, speak to us. Holy Spirit, speak through us. Spirit of the Living God, speak in spite of us. And may the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer, in whose name we pray. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Questionable Lives

Rev. Edwin Estevez

***HYMN #300**

We Are One In the Spirit

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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J.S. Bach

Special Congregation Meeting

Please remain seated for the special congregational meeting to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) members. It will begin immediately following the service.

PNC Candidates:

John Castro, Bob Donaldson, Paula Estill, Sue Harrison,
Gretchen Keefner, Mary Pawlicki, Anne Severa

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Anka (niece of Heidi Morgan)
Holly Ptacek

Weekly Concerns

Larry Edwards (neighbor and friend of Chuck Weier)
Dave Ferguson
Larry Fiegle
Lydia Brunton (sister-in-law of Mary Lomey)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Dennis Orr
Elaine Schnider and her friend Debbie
Wendy Wilke Sola (daughter of Martha)

Continuing Care & Prayers

Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)
Jean Armstrong
Cathy Bomberger, spinal surgery
Buddy Borbely
Donna Gross (friend of Pam Yttri)
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)
Hunter Mitchell (friend/Diane Hart-Coons)
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Larry Fiegle
Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)
Ed Harrison

Don Hill
Kim Karlen
Mary Kopasz
Mike Feege
Morgan Borbely Orrick
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)
Ron Allen
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)
Williams Family (passing of Ann's mother)

May 7, 2023

A note from Cathy Bomberger - I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and support during the winter months when I was experiencing back trouble. Every word was helpful and appreciated. My love and thanks for such a wonderful church family.

CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

Chris Tomlin

Great Things

Phil Wickham

FAITH IN ACTION

SCRIPTURE READING

Act 2:42-47

MESSAGE

Questionable Lives

Rev. Edwin Estevez

REFLECTION

The Heart of Worship

Matt Redman

CLOSING SONGS

A Thousand Generations

Brenton Brown

BLESSING

Today's Events



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

Children will enjoy a lesson on Jesus and the job he gives Peter in Room 301 / 302.



Disciples & Donuts (6th - 12th Grade) - 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 401.

Youth 6th through 12th grade will continue their study on Moses while enjoying donuts.



Interested in learning more about our WPC Missions Committee?

You're Invited to join us today for a visioning meeting with Rev. Estevez at 12pm to discuss the future of WPC Missions Committee. Fill out our Missions Survey by following this link: bit.ly/wpcmissionsurvey



Special Congregational Meeting - Today at 10 a.m.

Stay for a special congregational meeting to elect Pastor Nominating Committee members.



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

You're invited to join us as Rabbi Zukrow discusses book of Ruth.

Upcoming Events



Mission Trip Fundraiser: Record Round Up - May 1 - 14, 2023

WPC Youth are headed to Nashville this July. Help them fundraise for their mission trip by donating your old records, cds, cassettes, and even 8-tracks. Anything music related can be donated, including vintage concert t-shirts, instruments, equipment, books, and memorabilia. Donations can be brought to church through May 14 and will be sold by the youth on Sat., May 20 at Munster's Cash for Clutter event in the parking lot of the community pool. Donation pick-ups can be arranged. Y'all got questions, just give a holler to Amy Carter: 773-376-0344 or amy@pegboardchicago.com.



Book Discussion - Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. - Room 106

Come discuss the book, *Next Level Living* by Rich Rogers with Mary Lou DiCostanzo.



Meditating Moments with Michelle - May 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Join Michelle as we explore meditation to focus us, ground us, and provide a sense of well being. Just bring yourself and an open heart.



Fourth & Fifth Grade Fellowship Event

Tuesday, May 16 from 6 - 7 p.m. in South Hall. Students in fourth and fifth grade are invited for pizza followed by fun games.



Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting

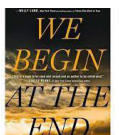
Sunday, May 21 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 305. Volunteers interested in helping with VBS from July 17 - July 20 are invited to join us for an informational meeting after worship on May 21.



National Mental Health Month: Depression & Anxiety Discussion

May 24 at 6:30 p.m. - Room 209

WPC's Health & Healing Ministry is hosting a program presented by Lisa Jameyfield, LMFT, (Licensed Marriage Family Therapist) from the Samaritan Center.



The Good Book Club - May 26 at 1:00 p.m. - Room 209

The Good Book Club will discuss the book, *We Begin At the End* by Chris Whitaker.