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# Diamond Jubilee



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 18, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo • Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain  
Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff • Lay Leader: Ken Schoon

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Sunday, September 18, 2022 - 10 a.m. Service

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

*"We of the Westminster Presbyterian Church can point to the past with pride, but what of the present? What of the future? A church can have all the outward appearance of success, but without an inner strength of spirit, it has nothing. There is much to be done, so that those who follow us may also have a rich heritage.*

*God sends no churches from the skies: Out of men's hearts must they rise."*

Grace Anderson - Written in 1962

## PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

### PRELUDE

Praise Band

### INTROIT

*Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord*

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Adapted from the 1995 building dedication)*

Let us bring all that we are and all that we will become and accomplish by the power of God's spirit before the throne of God in worship!

**God, we offer every day to you, but worship is a special time which brings us together in praise.**

We're thankful for your presence and the many blessings you've given in love.

**We're thoughtful, standing on the edge of the future, looking back at how far we've come. We're on tiptoes, eager for the possibilities, ready to move, waiting for the Spirit to lead the way!**

Creator of all good things, we come as a community of celebration. Be with our faith family as we pray, remembering all you've done for us, looking forward to what you'll do through us. Amen.

### \*HYMN #1

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

We turn to God in prayer not from a position of power and strength, but from the broken edges of our lives. Let us offer our prayers of confession, trusting in the One who is reconciling all things to Himself.

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Adapted from the 1995 building dedication)*

**God of the ages, your almighty hand has clearly guided this congregation and its leaders in the past. So many dreams, inspired by your Spirit, have taken root and grown into realities. We give you thanks for your faithfulness to us. At the same time, Lord, we come before you recognizing and confessing all the times when fear and faithlessness, anger and disaffection, self-absorption and pride have kept us from following where you would lead. Forgive us, O God, for our failure to trust and do what you have called us to do. As this congregation embarks on its next 60 years, grant us faith to follow you and courage to do great things in your name. Amen**

### \*SILENT PRAYER

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the waters of baptism, we receive abundant mercy, flowing like a spring that never runs dry. Forgiven and freed, we are reconciled with God and with one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **\*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**

## **SONG**

*House of God Forever*

Jon Foreman

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WORDS OF CELEBRATION**

*I Remember When...*

Pam (Meyers) Yttri, Charter Member

## **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

Rev. Paige Stephan

## **BAPTISM OF *Adelia Lawson Morrow***

*Congregational Response*

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry for we are all one in Christ.**

## **HEARING THE WORD**

## **WORD THROUGH MUSIC**

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Arranged by Virgil Thomson - Westminster Chorale with flutist, Mike Pennanen

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Mighty God, you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts. By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 23

Matthew 13:31-32

## **SERMON**

*Transformation*

Rev. Richard C. Rogers, Pastor Emeritus

## **SPECIAL PRAYER FOR DIAMOND JUBILEE**

*Prayer written by April Cafmeyer, Ruling Elder*

Holy Father of us all, we have all arrived here today due to someone planting a small mustard seed of faith in our lives. Someone took the action of touching us in some way, teaching us about God's love and helping us find a community which values love.

May we each take small steps of faith to grow your revolution of love. Our faith steps may seem small. We may say a kind word, give a note of sympathy, help those in need or offer our time, talents or treasure to build your kingdom of love. May we be transformed to fulfill your wonderful, mysterious purposes.

**We thank You for our dedicated community and history of faith and action at WPC. Send your Spirit and enable us. Through your transforming power, allow our steps of faith to ripple out into the world and increase your love in our lives and the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **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.

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

Steve Strains on the trumpet & John Magrou on the piano

### **\*DOXOLOGY #606**

### **\*THE OFFERING PRAYER**

God of grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us; we give thanks for your hope in us; we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace. In the light of your mercy and confidence in your love, we dedicate these offerings and ourselves to you. Amen.

### **\*HYMN**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

### **LOOKING BACK**

A special video montage created by Chris Gloff.

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

Steve Strains on the trumpet & John Magrou on the piano

# Upcoming Events & News

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - SEPT. 24

Please arrive at the build site by 8:15 am. We'll start the day at 8:30 am with a welcome, and our construction manager, Mark, will go over the scope of work for the day and will address any safety hazards.

Visit [wpcmunster.org](http://wpcmunster.org) for more information and to register.

## WESTMINSTER FORUM - SUN., SEPTEMBER 25 AT 10:30AM IN ROOM 209

Join us as Dr. Ted Hiebert discusses "Immigrants in the Bible." Dr. Ted Hiebert is a recently retired professor from the McCormick Theological Seminary.

## Rally Sunday - September 25

Join us in worship at 9 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. for a school year blessing and gift. Sunday school will then take place from 10 - 10:30 a.m.

- K - Fifth Grade: Room 301
- Middle School: Room 405
- (will leave worship after Children's Chat to enjoy snacks, games and music before Sunday School starts.)
- High School: Room 305

## COMING SOON - SECOND SERVING!

Save the date on October 9 starting at 10 a.m. for a new volunteer opportunity to do while at church! We will complete mission work together as a community. Stay tuned for more details!

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

*What are your unique talents and gifts? How and where can you use and share them?* This class is an opportunity to learn more about your spiritual gifts and how you can serve your church and community with greater purpose and joy.

Join us on Monday evenings from 6p.m.-8p.m.:

October 3, 10, 17 & 24

To register for this event, visit [wpcmunster.org](http://wpcmunster.org) or login to the app.

\*\*There will be a fee associated with the book.

## IDENTIFYING ANXIETY & DEPRESSION IN YOUTH

During this one hour workshop, parents and invested adults will learn about the most common types of anxiety, and how to identify symptoms of anxiety and depression in middle and high school aged youth. Practical suggestions for increasing connection and resilience will be given. The event will end with a Q&A session with Angie Arreola, Licensed Mental Health Counselor of Benchmark Counseling, LLC.



## WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

### *Heartfelt Sympathy*

to the Yackel family. Erna peacefully passed away at home on Sept. 1st.  
*~In life and in death we belong to God.*

#### **New Prayers**

Gene Estill  
Taddy Ferguson (Gene Estill's sister)

#### **Weekly Concerns**

Susan Geri Snider  
(Zora Ludwig's sister)  
Peggy Knight (friend of Chuck Weier)  
Ron Allen  
Jennifer Dye Foreit  
(friend of Michelle Pedrick)  
Diane Lomax, *prayers for healing*  
(friends of Daun DePaul)  
Jessica Cook, *prayers for healing*  
(friends of Daun DePaul)  
Mike & Mark Mackanos  
(friends of Mary Lomey)  
Rebecca McCauley, *prayers for healing*  
Nancy & Terry Quinn  
Barb & Ron Robbins  
Jeff Rothstein (friend of Sandy Baker)  
Family of Dr. John Morfas

#### **Continuing Care**

Jean Armstrong  
Buddy Borbely  
Morgan Borbely Orrick  
Tom Brown  
Jack Estill (father of Gene)  
Mike & Terri Feege, Fehring  
Mary Lou Feist  
(Cheryl Anderson's sister-in-law)  
Ed Harrison,  
Don Hill  
Kim Karlen  
Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)  
Eden & Eliana Les  
(friends of Wendy Borbely)  
Joe McDaniel  
Heidi Medd  
(friend of Karen Comstock)  
Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)  
Adelia Morrow  
(Paige Stephan's daughter)  
Denny Orr  
Pedrick family  
Eugene Pidzarko  
Richard Simkins  
John & Sally Trent  
Kathy Truhlar  
(friend of Shirley Golden)  
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf  
(daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

*Thank you for joining us today!*

## *Westminster Connection Point*

#### HOW CAN WE HELP?

A PASTOR

A DEACON

NEW MEMBER

STEPHEN MINISTER

PRAYER REQUEST

OTHER

PHONE CALL

HOME COMMUNION

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