



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
18 October 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Growing into God's Future: Rooted in Faith, Growing in Hope

Voluntary

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone

*Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to offer what we have:
People: an hour of time, the beauty of our singing,
Leader: the offering from our pockets, the prayers of our hearts.
People: It never feels like enough.
Leader: And yet, may we be remembered this way:
People: we were people who revered something bigger than ourselves.
Leader: Friends, you are enough.
All: Let us worship God with all we are!

*Processional Hymn 321

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord, upon whom we build our life, forgive us for our sins. We are prone to folly: boasting in our success, dreaming selfish dreams, taking credit and blame when neither is due us. Give us humble hearts, O Lord, admitting that all our good works depend on your grace in the end. Help us do our part, and give the rest to you. We pray in the name of Christ, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

During this silence, worshipers are asked to offer individual prayers of confession.

***Sung Response**

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

Hymnal, Back Cover

***Declaration of Pardon and
Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

***Response of Praise**

Gloria Patri

Hymnal, Back Cover

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.

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends,
God's love is strong and it never ends.** (Repeat three times)

*Following the response, children in Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 5
will go to their Sunday school classes. Youth in Grades 6-7
may go to the kitchen to help with Spud Bake.*

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Pew Bible, OT pages 548-549

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 3:5-15

Pew Bible, NT page 167

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Building on Christ

Rev. Dr. Anne C. S. Marshall

Solo

Still, Still with Thee

John Ness Beck

Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird wakens, and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, "I am with Thee."
When sinks the soul, subdued by toil to slumber,
Its closing eyes look up to Thee in prayer:
Sweet the repose beneath Thy wings o'ershading.
But sweeter still to wake and find Thee there.
So shall it be at last in that bright morning,
When the soul wakens, and life's shadows flee;
O in that moment, fairer than daylight dawning.
Shall rise the glorious thought,
"I am with Thee. I am still with Thee."

***Affirmation of Faith**

Excerpt from The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful human beings. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

The Church at Prayer

Choir:

Surely the presence of our God is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.

Pastor:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And with your spirit.

Pastor:

Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

The Presentation of Our Gifts

*At this time all worshipers are asked to sign and pass the
Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.*

Offertory**O Love**

Elaine Hagenberg

The text for the Offertory is 833 in the hymnal.

Offertory Response*Doxology**

Hymnal, 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

May not only our gifts, but our lives, be the grace and hope
which bring healing to the broken, as well as food and
nourishment to all who hunger and thirst for justice and
peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn 301*Let Us Build a House***Two Oaks****Charge and Benediction****Closing Response****Forth in Thy Name**

Orlando Gibbons

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only Thee resolved to know,
In all I think, or speak, or do.

Voluntary*Toccata**

Gilbert Martin

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.



THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO WESTMINSTER MINISTRIES ARE
WELCOME TO SCAN HERE

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
- **Stewardship Speakers:** Brad Swanson and Kate Byrans
- **Worship Leader:** Taryn Barnett
- **Acolytes:** Nathan Affrunti and Roscoe Ekstedt
- **Greeters:** Christie and Robyn Hovey
- **Safety Team:** Todd Knox
- **Ushers:** Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross (Head Usher), John Addo-Yobo, Maud Essel Addo-Yobo, Julie Barton, Linda Caupert, Deb Fritsch, Lisa Metzger, and Willow Stallings.
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Brian Richardson, Baritone, and Dale Rogers, Organist.
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bill Deemer and William Affrunti

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:00 a.m. – Exploration Class (Ziegler Library)**
- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon** Infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds (Nursery) gather for play and Bible Story. *Caregivers: Kara Milward and Michella Arnold*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5 Sunday School**
 - **PreK – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** *Teachers: Meleah Berkowitz & Cathy Brower*
 - **Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Room)** *Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz & Julie Robbs*
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Adult Education “Love Your Neighbor” Small Groups** – This is our last week of small groups. See posted list in West Narthex for meeting locations.
- **4:00 p.m. – Choir Wiener Roast** at Susan and Scott Day’s home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about us is on our website www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located at the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, speak with one of the pastors.

WPC is introducing new Worship Bags for our Sunday services. These bags are intended for congregation members of all ages to help you more deeply engage with the service. Each bag contains a flipbook of the order of the service; bookmarks to mark the hymns and scripture; paper, pencil, and crayons for notetaking or doodling, and fidgets to keep your hands busy. If you have suggestions for additional items you'd like to see in these bags, please speak with Meleah Berkowitz. Bags can be found outside the entrances to the Sanctuary and should be returned at the end of church.

THE ANNUAL YOUTH SPUD BAKE – Today, Sunday, October 18 do not forget to order your Spud! In the West Narthex, Westminster youth are taking orders for loaded baked potatoes, white and sweet, for \$5.00. Orders can be enjoyed at small group meetings, in Parish Hall or “to go.” Payments accepted include cash, check, and credit card by following the QR link (in this bulletin) to giving on the WPC website (be sure to choose “Spud Bake-Youth Project” as the fund). All funds raised will support Westminster youth purchasing Christmas gifts for Contact Ministries’ youth residents. The Westminster youth thank you in advance for sharing God’s love at this year’s Spud Bake!



THANK YOU to all our members for your generous donations to the **CROP Hunger Walk** held on October 4th. We will still accept gifts until **November 1**. The current amount collected is **\$2,915**. In addition, the Mission and Community Service Committee allocated \$5,000 from the Betty Smith Mission Endowment.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING Thank you to all who expressed “love kindness” and contributed to our denominational offering that culminated on World Communion Sunday, October 4. Racial justice, gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement are the important causes supported by this offering. To date, we received donations totaling **\$920**.



2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS TODAY – Join us as we kick-off our **Growing into God’s Future: Rooted in Faith, Growing in Hope** worship series. We will reflect on the ways that God has provided a foundation for us in Jesus Christ, that generations have been building on. We have benefited from the faith of those who have come before us and our faithful actions will impact the generations that come after us. Let us consider what God is inviting us to dream and do. We also invite you to pray, asking God, “What might you do through me?”

Stewardship Speakers: Brad Swanson and Kate Bryans.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP gathers **every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The group is knitting colder weather items for children and adults. We will collect knitted hats, scarves and mittens in late fall and for the Mitten Tree later. Knitters of any skill level are welcome. Please contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 218-622-8657 for more information. Due to Election Day on **November 3**, knitters will not knit at Westminster which is a polling place. Knitters are encouraged to knit at home that day.

EDUCATIONAL FORUM – The second forum on “China Today” is being presented by Dr. Roy Wehrle and LLCC Professor Chris McDonald on **Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.** at the LLCC Trutter Center (5250 Shepherd Rd, Springfield, IL 62703). These events are sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Central IL (WACCI).

LYDIA CIRCLE resumes on Tuesday, October 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler Library and will study Lesson 2, from the PW Horizons Bible Study United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. Circle Contact: Nancy Canady

REFORMATION AND HARVEST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 – We will celebrate WPC’s Harvest Festival following worship on Sunday October 25. Members of all ages are invited to wear costumes to worship and join Westminster families in Parish Hall following the service (11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.). Dressing up is optional, but how much fun would it be to have many adults and children in costume!

Building off the fun and success of our All-Church Picnic, fall crafts, games, and treats will be available for all to share and enjoy in Parish Hall. Come ready to spend time having fun and connecting with the congregation as we celebrate the origins of Hallows’ Eve in our faith tradition. Don’t miss this time of creative and meaningful worship... and candy!

Special thanks to Ms. Sue Baker for being our Guest Reader in Sunday School on Reformation and Harvest Sunday, blessing the children of WPC with some fun and spooky stories and books to share!

APOSTLES’ READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP The Apostles’ Read Library Book Group meets on **Tuesday, October 27 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library to discuss Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

FIRST ANNUAL WESTMINSTER FOOD AND SNACK DRIVE – Join us on **Sunday, November 1** as we kick off our First Annual Westminster Food and Snack Drive to benefit our own micro pantry and Compass for Kids. We will collect donations **before and after our 10:00 a.m. service** in the Narthex. Suggested donations include canned proteins, breakfast items like instant oatmeal packets, cereal and boxes of granola and breakfast bars and individually wrapped snack items.

SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH OFFICER TRAINING – **Sunday November 8** following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Second Floor Classroom.

ON MY OWN TIME: an exhibit of collections and hobbies – **Sunday, November 8.** You may not be a painter, a potter, or a sculptor, but you might be a collector of intriguing and fun stuff. It might be porcelain figures, Barbie dolls, watches, fountain pens, Hot Wheels; whatever you have multiples of. This is the opportunity to put your treasures on display and let us know our congregation better. Bring your collection to Parish Hall on Saturday morning, November 7 to set up your display on tables. The exhibit will be on view Sunday morning until noon. Registration forms will be in the bulletin.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, October 19

6:00 PM Small Group (Off-Site)

Tuesday, October 20

9:30 AM Lydia Circle (Library)
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM Compass for Kids
4:00 PM Memorial Garden Committee (Library)
7:00 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Off-Site)

Wednesday, October 21

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Cancel (Chancel)
10:00 AM Sing by Heart Dementia Friendly Choir (Parish Hall)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
3:30 PM DBSA Group (3rd Floor Classroom)
5:00 PM Bridges (Tower Classroom)
5:30 PM Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Room)
5:30 PM Session (Parish Hall)
6:00 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)

Thursday, October 22

12:00 PM Early Stage Memory Loss Group (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Small Group Zoom Call
5:45 PM Thursday Night Bible Study (2nd Floor Class)
6:00 PM WCP Family Education Forum (Parish Hall)
7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School Pre K-5 (Chapel)
10:15 AM Confirmation Prep (Conf. Room)
11:15 AM Harvest Fest & Luncheon (Parish Hall)
5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Room)

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