



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Ordination and Installation of Officers
Third Sunday of Easter
19 April 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor Todd Knox

Voluntary Pastorale Percy Whitlock

***Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said:

People: "I have seen the Lord!"

Leader: We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:

People: "Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

Leader: We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried:

People: "My Lord and my God."

Leader: We are here like Peter, tempted to forget the call of Jesus:

People: "I'm going fishing."

Leader: We are here as a congregation because many faithful disciples have listened to Jesus' words:

People: "Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid!
Go and tell, 'Jesus has been raised!'"

***Processional Hymn 720** Jesus Calls Us *Galilee*

***Unison Prayer of Confession** Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the wrong we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen

***Silent Confession**

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

***Sung Response**

Lord Have Mercy

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 Message

Congregational Response

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. *(repeat twice)*

*Following the response, children in Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 5
will go to their Sunday school classes and youth in Grades 6-7
will go to Confirmation-Prep class.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 21:1-14

Pew Bible, NT pages 115-116

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jesus Keeps Showing Up

Rev. Anne C.S. Marshall

Anthem Even Here

Mark Miller

At the land's dark roots, in the farthest deep,
Where the daylight dims, where no one can reach,
Can the hand of God, can the voice of love
Find me even here?
I have turned away; I have set my fate,
I have run too far, I repent too late,
Can the hand of God, can the voice of live
Find me even here?
O to climb again where the eagle flies,
Where its nest is set in the sun-lit skies!
Can the hand of God, can the voice of love
Find me even here?
O forgive me, Lord, may I see your face,
May I die in peace with a song of praise.
May the hand of God, may the voice of love
Find me even here.

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 invited to sign and pass
the Ministry of Friendship folders at the end of each pew.*

Offertory

Sonata in C

Domenico Scarlatti

Offertory Response

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Amen

**Ordination and Installation
of Church Officers**

***Litany**

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts,
People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,
People: but it is the same Lord who is served.
Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,
People: but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
Pastor: To each is given a gift by the Spirit,
People: to be used for the common good.
Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ,
People: and individually members of it.

**The Presentation of Elected
Church Officers**

Session Elders: Cathy Brower and Christy Pound
Boad of Deacons: Willow Stallings

Constitutional Questions

The pastors shall ask the constitutional questions to the elders and deacons.

***Questions to the Congregation**

Pastor: Do you, as members of the church, accept these individuals as Elders and Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
People: We do.
Pastor: Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?
People: We do.

***Laying on of Hands**

The candidates for ordination kneel. Ordained elders are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

*Ordination Prayer

*Declaration of Ordination and Installation

*Hymn 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

*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 Allegro Maestoso George Frederick Handel

(*) 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
- **Worship Leader:** Maria DeJong
- **Acolytes:** August Ekstedt and Sam Berkowitz
- **Greeters:** Amanda Maddox-Wenthe and Bryan Wenthe
- **Ushers:** Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross (Head Usher), Greg Boutelle, Deb Fritsch, Brad Steller, Maud Essel Addo-Yobo, John Addo-Yobo, Lisa Metzger, Mack Metzger
- **Safety Team:** Alan Schuermann
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Genevieve Wages, Soprano, Dale Rogers, Organist
- **Videographers:** Bill Deemer, Krista Steller

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon** **Infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week's story: Jesus Calls Us All to Follow Him (Jesus Calls Disciples) *Caregiver: Kara Milward*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 7** begin in worship & go to Sunday school. Youth in Grades 6-7 will go to Confirmation Prep class. *Today is the last Sunday of Confirmation Prep class for 2025-26. We will return in September.*
 - **Preschool - Ages 3-5 (Preschool Classroom lower level)** This week's story: We Are Disciples Who Follow Jesus (Jesus Calls Disciples) *Teacher: Dee Dee Duffy*
 - **Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** This week's story: Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) *Teacher: Meleah Berkowitz and Cathy Brower*
 - **Grades 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom)** This week's story: Eyes Opened (Luke 24:13-35) *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz*
- **11:15 a.m. – Noon** **Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall) The Spirituality of Gardening – Today following worship** Dr. Scott Day will present on plants referenced in the Bible and their medicinal and culinary uses. Led by Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold and guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK: JUNE 22-26 Mark your calendars for our 7th annual neighborhood outreach, taking place from **June 22-26**.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER Westminster Cooperative Preschool is hosting a Krispy Kreme digital dozens donut fundraiser **now through May 16**. Each dozen donuts sold at \$15 per order through our link will give back half the price to the preschool. Scan the QR code to donate and support our preschool ministry!



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LYDIA CIRCLE meets on **Tuesday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Ziegler Library. Lesson 7 in *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by The Rev. Dr. Rhshell D. Hunter will be discussed.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP Junior High youth meet **Wednesday, April 22 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room for a deeper study of Stories of Hope from the Old Testament, games and a meal together. Thank you Kelly Robertson for preparing the meal.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE HONORING BETSY RUKLICK will be held on **Thursday, April 23 at 2:30 p.m.** in the IL Presbyterian Home Dining Room at 2005 W. Lawrence.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY will meet on **Thursday April 23 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. Led by Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer.

SPRINGFIELD EARTH AWARENESS FAIR IS Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The Earth Care Team will host a table again this year at the Union Square Park (500 E. Madison St.) by Union Station. Westminster has been recertified for the eleventh year by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as an Earth Care Congregation.



YOUTH SUNDAY is April 26. Come out to support our youth who will lead worship at the **10:00 a.m.** service. This year's theme is **Remember God's Plan** based on Luke 24:13-25. Seniors Ben Bassett and Liam Kiszely will present reflections on the text. Junior and Senior High youth will serve as liturgists and present special music.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP Senior High Youth Group will have their next gathering **April 26 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** in Parish Hall to celebrate a job well done on Youth Sunday. Thank you to Rev. Sarah for providing the meal.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COLLECTING LAYETTE ITEMS during April and May. Place items in the box located in the West Narthex near the elevator. Items for infants 3-18 months will be donated to Kumler Outreach Ministries. If you shop online, items may be shipped directly to the church.

POKEMON CLUB meets on **Sunday, April 26, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.** with Aaron Berkowitz in the Children's Library. All children and the young at heart are welcome. No experience necessary and all supplies will be on hand.

ADULT ED FORUM -- Mission Study Update and Congregational Roundtable. **On April 26** Join Pastor Anne and members of the Strategic Planning Team as they share insights from the first phase of our Mission Study Process. There will be time for conversation and collecting your questions, feedback, and hopes for the church as we determine next steps for continuing our mission study. Led by Rev. Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall. This forum meets at **11:15 a.m.** in Parish Hall following worship.

APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP Tuesday, April 28 The Apostles' Read Library Book Group meets **Tuesday, April 28 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library to discuss Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews – A History by James Carroll. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER GARDEN PARTY – On Saturday, May 16, the Women of Westminster are invited to a garden party that will be held in Parish Hall from **10:00-11:30 a.m.** It will be hosted by the Ruth and Naomi Circle. RSVP at wpcspi.org or with jalt@wpcspi.org.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY IS JUNE 7! We will recognize graduating high school seniors during the **10:00 a.m.** service. A reception in their honor will be held in Parish Hall following worship. All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 7 bulletin and the June newsletter. Please contact Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) with information by **Friday, May 29.**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, MONDAY JUNE 8 - FRIDAY JUNE 12 Join us in our community garden, with **Just Like Me VBS.** Registration for children gardeners and adult and youth guides opening soon on our website. Mark your calendar now!

WESTMINSTER STAFF

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, April 20

- 2:00 PM Steadfast Neighbor Team Meeting (2nd Floor Class)
- 6:00 PM DAR Sargent Caleb Hopkins (3rd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22

- 10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel (Chancel)
- 10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
- 3:30 PM DBSA Group (3rd Floor Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Bridges (Tower Classroom)
- 4:00 PM Property Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
- 5:00 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
- 5:00 PM Deliver Meal to Helping Hands
- 5:15 PM Membership Committee (Library)
- 5:30 PM Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Room)

Thursday, April 23

- 4:00 PM Personnel Committee (Conference Room)
- 4:00 PM WPC Pastor at IL Presb Home (Off-Site 1)
- 5:45 PM Thursday Night Bible Study (2nd Floor Class)
- 7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, April 24

- 5:00 PM Food Not Bombs Meal Prep (Kitchen)

Saturday, April 25

- 9:00 AM Food Not Bombs Meal Prep (Kitchen)
- 11:00 AM Earth Care Fair (Off-Site 1)

Sunday, April 26

- 10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K- Grade 5) (Chapel)
- 11:00 AM WPC Children's Art Display (Parish Hall)
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
- 5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Room)

The Reverend Dr. Anne Marshall
Pastor and Head of Staff

The Reverend Sarah A. Bishop
Associate Pastor for Family Ministry

The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle
Parish Associate

Dale T. Rogers
Director of Music and the Arts

Sue Sawers, CRE
Interim Care Coordinator

Dr. Aaron Berkowitz
Education Coordinator

Mary A. Ray
Director for Youth

Meleah Berkowitz
Director for Children's Ministry,
Westminster Cooperative
Preschool, and Music Assistant

Keri Tate, Becky Nika
Cooperative Preschool Teachers

Kara Milward, Erin Winn
Nursery Coordinators

Pat Hymans
Hospitality Coordinator

Lisa Runkle
Financial Administrator

Jennie Alt
Church Administrative Assistant

Gary Warnick
Building and Property Manager

**Braden Barton, James Capler,
Terry Gietl, Francis Gyebi,
Jerry McCullum**
Part-time Custodians