

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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GOD'S CHURCH

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

9:30 A.M.

*"Take a hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe."
(Hebrews 3:1 The Message)*

"And what about you? Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29)

TO OUR GUESTS: WELCOME! Thanks for joining us for worship. More information about Westminster Presbyterian Church is available on the Welcome Table in the back of the Sanctuary. We encourage you to fill out the Friendship Binder found in your pew and please join us for coffee and conversation in the Narthex after the service. In the Spring and Fall, Pastor Murry hosts "Welcome to Westminster" orientation meetings for anyone who would like to know more about Westminster or is considering the possibility of church membership. Watch the bulletin for announcements.

- Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
 - Childcare for children 5 and under is provided in the Nursery down the hall from the Sanctuary.
 - Children's activities, books and crayons are on the small table in the back of the Sanctuary.
 - * All who are able may stand.
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Prelude "Symphonic Chorale #1" by John Moss Westminister Band
"... In Endless Song" by Robert Lowry

Words of Greeting Ruth 2:4 Marsha Wilfong
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission "Green Team" Tom Stovall

* *Greeting Our Neighbors*

**Introit* "Gather Us In"
Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

**Call to Worship* Sam Wu
Leader: Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
For you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.
People: *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory*

**Hymn #482* "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

**Invitation to Confession* Sam Wu

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

O Lord, we recognize that we have been created by you, but we have fallen away from the good intent of your creation. Restore again your image within us that we may know what it means to be your children. We confess that we have not been obedient disciples. Cause us to hear again your call and follow you. We acknowledge that we have loved ourselves too much and our neighbor too little. Help us to hear and live your commandment that we should love you with heart, mind, and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to find our peace in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal reflection.)

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Marsha Wilfong

**Response*

"O Lamb of God"

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Children's Message

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Marsha Wilfong

Anthem

"When Peace Like a River"

Chancel Choir

arr by Dale Grotenhuis

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:5-17; 4:6 (NRSV)

Marsha Wilfong

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building,

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

I have applied all this to Apollos and myself for your benefit, brothers and sisters, so that you may learn through us the meaning of the saying, 'Nothing beyond what is written', so that none of you will be puffed up in favour of one against another.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God's Church"

Marsha Wilfong

**Hymn #442 vs. 1-4*

"The Church's One Foundation"

**Affirmation of Faith*

(from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Marsha Wilfong

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

Giving of Our Offerings

Please use this time to pass the Friendship Binder found at the inside end of your pew.

Offertory

"Bourree I" from English Suite No. 2
by J.S. Bach

Marimba Duet:
Josh Husemann
Sally Stulken

**Song of Thanksgiving* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**Hymn #420* "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**Blessing* Marsha Wilfong

**Response* "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

**Postlude* "Laudamus Te" Luke Tyler
by W. D. Armstrong Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS TO OUR GUEST PREACHER Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong, a retired Presbyterian Minister whom we all know as a friend of our congregation. Marsha has agreed to respond to requests for pastoral care while Hal is on vacation. She may be contacted through the church office at 583-1729 or at 583-6571. Teaching Elder, Hal Murry, returns from vacation on Feb. 19.

WESTMINSTER'S PROPERTY COMMITTEE has approved a proposal to extend this summer's Mission Garden to the Fellowship Hall entrance nearest the parking lot. A grant previously approved by the Mission Team funds the garden and construction costs related to the extension. Nearly 600 pounds of fresh produce was harvested from last summer's garden and given to local food pantries. If you would like to help with the garden, see Rich Henderson, Marsha Wilfong or Doug Cheever.

A note from Rich Henderson: I am looking for empty yogurt & cottage cheese containers - both 12 & 24 ounces -- so we can start seeds indoors for the garden.

Also looking for assistance in building the garden addition in April; help in planting & help in harvesting which includes : picking produce, washing produce, weighting produce, recording weight of produce, & delivering produce to pantries.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING to provide hospitality for a one-time meeting of church members and friends during March or April? Hosts provide light refreshments (beverage and snack), determine capacity and are free to choose the date and time for the meeting. The meetings are to discuss the feasibility of establishing an alternate worship service at Westminster. Hal Murry or Lindsay James will provide the program and invite feedback. We are seeking a total of 10 host sites and so far have 7. If you are willing to host or need more information, please see Hal or Lindsay.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation follows worship on February 26, in Fellowship Hall. ALL friends and members of the church are welcome. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the *Annual Report* and to provide an opportunity for questions and discussion. Printed copies of the *Annual Report* will be available in the Narthex on the Sunday prior (2/19) to the meeting.

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY, *Psalms Bible Study* meets in the Board Room. All are welcome!

WOULD YOU LIKE AN OLD PEW BIBLE? Please take one today from the box of the Bibles on the bench behind the last pew on the Narthex side. Note: Most of the Bibles are in poor condition with broken bindings, and would serve better as souvenirs than for everyday devotional use. The translation is RSV, dating from the 1940s (*Old Testament*) and 1970s (*New Testament*) and is not considered to be as "user friendly" for today's readers as more recent translations.

A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN/ preliminary map of proposed roundabouts for the Westminster neighborhood is posted in Fellowship Hall. The preliminary design reduces access to Westminster's parking lots. Project completion is envisioned for the early 2020s. Opportunities will be provided for public comment.

NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY 2017 - Thanks to Doug Cheever who is providing leadership for the development of a new Westminster Photo Directory. This will be a low-cost, in-house project with NO sales pressure. Doug is hoping to gather photos by February 22 and he has developed options for ways in which the photos may be provided.

Please do one of the following by FEBRUARY 22:

1. If already have a family picture that you would like to use, you may send a print labeled PHOTO DIRECTORY to the church office, 2155 University Ave., Dubuque, IA, 52001. List name (s) as they should appear. Prints will be returned after scanning.
2. E-mail a photo file to Doug at jdcheever@msn.com along with the name (s) to be used.
3. Don't have a suitable picture? Have a sense of adventure? E-mail jdcheever@msn.com or call Doug at 563- 845-8309 to schedule 15 minutes before or after church for you/your family to pose for an amateur portrait by Doug.
4. Want more professional results? Consider Susan Sherman who is a Westminster choir member and also operates **Snowflake Photography**. She has posted more information in the narthex. Susan knows what we need. Call Susan at [402-705-4404](tel:402-705-4404).

Thank you!

BOOKS AND BOWLS BOOK GROUP - Books & Bowls will be meeting after worship, 10:45ish, on Sunday, February 19, to discuss George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. Orwell wrote this animal fable at the end of WWII as a warning that slogans and idealism do not protect us from a tyrannical government. On March 19 we will discuss local author, Michael Perry's book, *Jesus Cow*. In April we will meet one week later than usual, April 23 to talk about *Our Souls at Night*. All are welcome to attend, even if you haven't read the book - and- there will be snacks.

GREEN TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP - Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19th - 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Sisters of the Presentation, 2360 Carter Road. Learn how we can organize our very own Westminster Green Team to care for God's wonderful creation in all aspects of our congregational life. **IMPORTANT**, there is no cost but Pre-Registration is required at: iowaip.org/act/register-events

SCOUTS CHILI SUPPER is Monday 2-27 from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM
 Costs: Adult \$7.00; Kids 3 to 11 \$4.00 & Kids 3 & under FREE

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729	Emergency - call Rev. Wilfong at 583-6571
Rev. Hal Murry, Teaching Elder	Missional Community Dev: Rev. Lindsay James
Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz	Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins
Custodian: Tim Till	Faith Formation Leader for Youth: Lisa Fast
Nursery: Amy Ehlers/Emily Meeker	Care Ministry Coordinator: Glinda Manternach
Adult Choir/Adult Handbells: Pam Crawford	Youth Choir: Lizz Tyler
Band/Youth Handbells: Sally Stulken	Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler	Head Usher: Glinda Manternach
Refreshments & Bldg Care: Bill & Janet Porter	Ushers: Hong Yang, Hao Xu, Adam Etheredge
Greeters: Dennis & Susie Williams	Laura Ting, Ricardo Huang
Jim & Sue Huff	
Tom & Vernet Jirsa and Zach Spurgeon & Cody Kramschuster	

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pat Gabrielson who is in the Skilled Unit at Bethany Home, 1005 Lincoln Ave. 52001
- For Wayne Coursey, scheduled for Hip replacement surgery on 2/13th. His address is: 1005 Lincoln Ave., Apt. 108 Dubuque 52001

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
FEBRUARY 12TH THRU FEBRUARY 19TH

Sunday, February 12

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:00 p.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, SA
9:30 a.m. Worship - Rev. Dr. Marsha
Wilfong Preaching
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School-Classrooms
10:45 a.m. Psalms Bible Study, BR
4:00 p.m. 6th Grade Youth Group, FH
5:30 p.m. M.E.S.S. Youth Group, Media Rm.

Monday, February 13

5:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, SA
6:00 p.m. Pack 20 Blue/Gold Banquet, FH
7:00 p.m. Scouts, Brd of Rev., CR
7:00 p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, February 14

5:15 p.m. PIN Board, WR
5:40 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
6:45 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, CR
7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group, MS

Wednesday, February 15

2:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, Bethany Home
5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal, LOFT
5:45 p.m. Youth Choir, Media Room
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

Thursday, February 16

7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Saturday, February 18

9:00 a.m. JKP Video Conference, BR, FH

Sunday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal, SA
8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, SA
9:30 a.m. Worship - Rev. Murry Preaching
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School-Classrooms
10:45 a.m. Psalms Bible Study, BR
10:45 a.m. Books and Bowls, FH
1:30 p.m. **WORSHIP at BETHANY HOME**
4:00 p.m. 6th Grade Youth Group, FH
5:30 p.m. M.E.S.S. Youth Group, Media Rm.



Buy in the office or before or after
worship at the Hospitality Counter

Staff Vacations and Office Hours

Mary Kay, Administrator: Vacation thru 17th
Hal, Teaching Elder: Vacation thru 17th
*Glinda Manternach will be covering for Mary Kay Mon.-Thurs.
Feb. 13-16 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m.-Noon.
*Marsha Wilfong will be covering Pastoral Care thru the 17th.
If there is an emergency, please call the office at 583-1729 or 583-6571.