

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God*

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## 1 Corinthians

Chapter 3: 10-11, 16-23

**FEBRUARY 19, 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.

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- 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* "Ach, wir armen Suender; "  
"Herzlich tut mich verlangen"  
by P.G. Telleman Luke Tyler  
Organist

*Words of Greeting* Ruth 2:4 Hal Murry  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Minute for Mission* "Mission Garden" Rich Henderson

*\*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* Hal Murry

Leader: God's Spirit lives in us,  
People: For we are God's "temple."

Leader: We belong to Christ,  
People: And Christ belongs to God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*\*Hymn #361 vs.1,2,5*

"How Firm a Foundation"

*\*Invitation to Confession*

Hal Murry

*\*Unison Prayer of Confession*

God our Creator, we offer our prayer as persons who often feel less than whole. We have experienced losses that have diminished us. We have found our attention to your will divided by other claims upon us. We have discovered how difficult it is to fulfill your best intentions.

Forgive us and enable us to enjoy the fullness of your life. Strengthen us and inspire us to whole-hearted devotion. We pray with voices united in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Hal Murry

*\*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.*

*Youth Choir Anthem*

"Make a Joyful Noise"  
*by Jeff Reeves*

Youth Choir

*Children's Message*

"Seedy"

Hal Murry

*Anthem*

"Vision Prayer"  
*by Molly Ijames*

Chancel Choir

**Sermon:** "Paul's Timeless Reminder"

Hal Murry

1. What if it works?
2. Test case: Corinth
3. Today's Scripture: I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-22
4. Can the "center" hold?

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 (CEB)

<sup>10</sup> I laid a foundation like a wise master builder according to God's grace that was given to me, but someone else is building on top of it. Each person needs to pay attention to the way they build on it. <sup>11</sup> No one can lay any other foundation besides the one that is already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you are God's temple and God's Spirit lives in you? <sup>17</sup> If someone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person, because God's temple is holy, which is what you are.

<sup>18</sup> Don't fool yourself. If some of you think they are worldly-wise, then they should become foolish so that they can become wise. <sup>19</sup> This world's wisdom is foolishness to God. As it's written, *He catches the wise in their cleverness.* <sup>20</sup> And also, *The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are silly.* <sup>21</sup> So then, no one should brag about human beings. Everything belongs to you—

<sup>22</sup> Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life, death, things in the present, things in the future— everything belongs to you, <sup>23</sup> but you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

*\*Hymn #379 vs. 1,3,4* "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*\*Affirmation of Faith* (The Supremacy of Jesus," Colossians 1:15-20) Hal Murry

*Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. Whether they are thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities, all things were created through him and for him. He existed before all things, and all things are held together in him. He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the one who is firstborn from among the dead so that he might occupy the first place in everything.*

*All the fullness of God was pleased to live in him, and all things are reconciled to God through him--whether things on earth or in the heavens. He brought peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.*

*Installation of Deacon Janice Lewis (see purple insert)*

*Giving of Our Offerings*

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

*Offertory*

"Kum Ba Yah"  
Arr. Anna Laura Page

Youth Handbells

*\*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 #417 vs.1,4* "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

*\*Blessing*

Hal Murry

*\*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*

"And Can It Be?"

Arr. Tim Doran

Luke Tyler

Organist

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

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.

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 8. If you are willing to host or need more information, please see Hal or Lindsay.

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.

GREEN TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP TODAY from 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](http://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 Foundation Grants

The Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation was established for the purpose of generating financial resources in order to support, in part, specific projects within Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Board of Managers of the Foundation is pleased to announce that in May 2017 it will be awarding a grant or grants totaling approximately \$4,100 for projects within Westminster Presbyterian Church and is now inviting applications from interested organizations, groups, or individuals from the Church. Applications are available in the church office and must be submitted to the office on or before April 15, 2017 in order to be considered. Questions may be directed to members of the Board of Managers who are: Betsy Badger, Ed Blinks, Paul DeLong, George Hellert, Howard McLean, Doug Pearce, Norma Smith and Hal Murry.

**WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

Church Office Number: 583-1729

Rev. Hal Murry: 580-4196

Rev. Hal Murry, Teaching Elder  
Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz  
Custodian: Tim Till  
Nursery: Amy Ehlers/Emily Meeker  
Adult Choir/Adult Handbells: Pam Crawford  
Band/Youth Handbells: Sally Stulken  
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler  
Refreshments & Bldg Care: Mary Breiner/Gidget Maas  
Greeters: Tom & Linda Stovall  
LaDesha & Akbar Turner  
Bruce Hallahan/Rich Henderson

Missional Community Dev: Rev. Lindsay James  
Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins  
Faith Formation Leader for Youth: Lisa Fast  
Care Ministry Coordinator: Glinda Manternach  
Youth Choir: Lizz Tyler  
Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler  
Head usher: Terry Flynn  
Ushers: Wendy & Dan Tabraham  
Mary Breiner, Gidget Maas

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Pat Gabrielson who is in the Skilled Unit at Bethany Home, 1005 Lincoln Ave. 52001
- Wayne Coursey, in Skilled Unit at Bethany Home, 1005 Lincoln Ave., 52001

**Thank you** to Denise Reyerson, Doug Cheever, Rich Henderson and Tim Till for planting the Geraniums. Spring is on the way!

**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION**

Who needs a will? Everyone who cares what happens to what they leave behind.....and anyone who want to leave a bequest to Westminster Presbyterian Church!

*Westminster Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, and the University of Dubuque invite you...*



**Ash Wednesday**

**March 1, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Ash Wednesday begins forty days of preparation for Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Along with many Christian traditions, we observe the start of this season with prayer, ashes, and communion. The contemplative, candlelit service will be led by pastors and members from the three communities. Rev. Dr. Lyle Vander Boek will preach, and the service will feature a combined choir, and sung prayer from the Taize tradition.

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:**  
**FEBRUARY 19TH THRU FEBRUARY 26TH**

**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**  
**4p.m. - 7 p.m. Youth Group, FH**

**Monday, February 20**

8:30 a.m. U.D. Audit, WR  
5:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, FH  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, CR  
6:00 p.m. Scoutmaster Mtg.  
7:00p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH

**Tuesday, February 21**

5:40 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA  
6:45 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, CR

**Wednesday, February 22**

8:30a.m. U D Audit, WR  
2:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, Bethany Home  
5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal, SA  
5:45 p.m. Youth Choir, Media Room  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

**Thursday, February 23**

6:00p.m. Session Meeting, BR  
7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

**Friday, February 24**

**HOTLINE DEADLINE**

8:30a.m. U D Audit, WR

**Saturday, February 25**

7:00 a.m. Share Food Distribution  
8:00a.m. Chili Preparation, K  
12 p.m. Noel Baby Shower, FH, K  
7:00p.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal

**Sunday, February 26**

**Annual Meeting**

8:00 a.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal  
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH  
9:30 a.m. Worship, Rev. Murry  
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School  
4p.m.-7p.m. Youth Group, FH



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