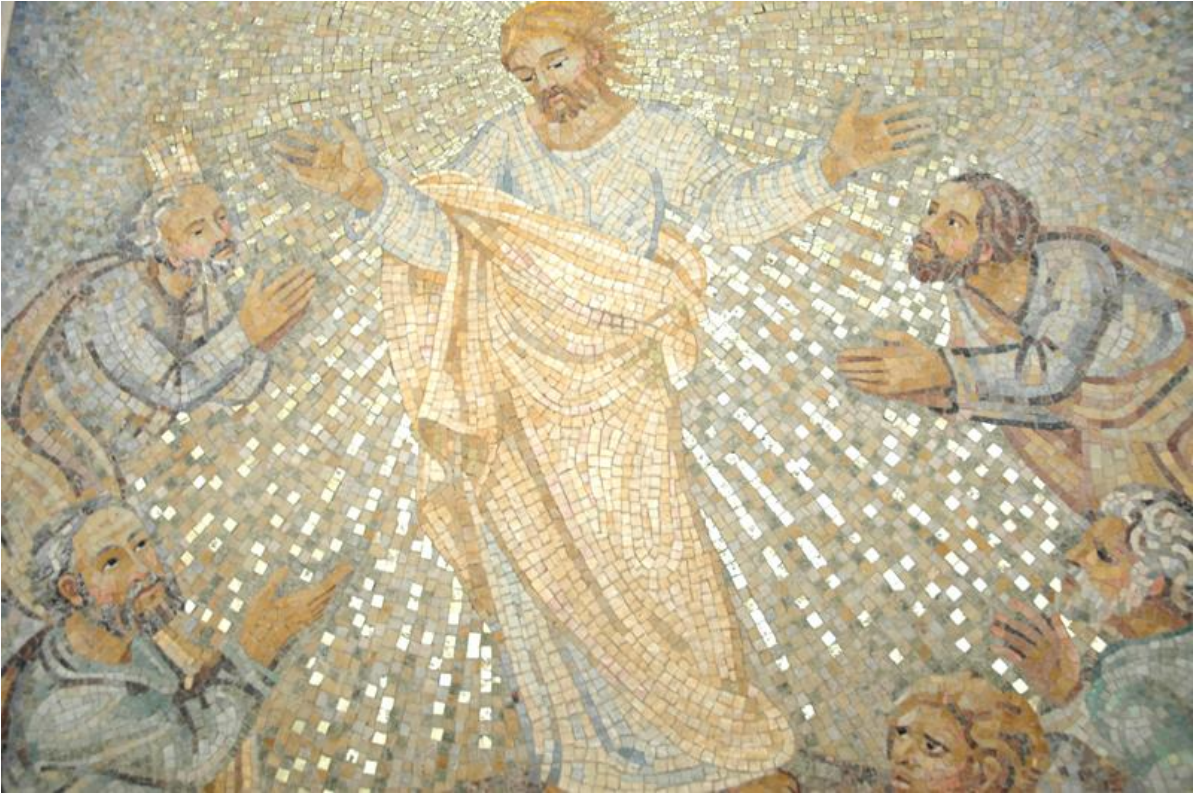


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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Transfiguration of the Lord

FEBRUARY 26, 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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Gathering Song #2272 - sing twice "Holy Ground" Timbrel & Lyre

Words of Greeting Ruth 2:4 Hal Murry

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

**Greeting Our Neighbors*

**Call to Worship* (Today is "Transfiguration Sunday") Hal Murry

Leader: The glory of God transfigures the everyday!

People: *The light of God transfigures familiar faces!*

Leader: At the heights of our worship, may God's presence shine through the commonplace.

People: *At the depths of our pain and struggle, may God's presence give us courage and peace.*

ALL: *May God's light, shining in the face of Christ, illumine all our days!*

**Hymn* - insert "Better is One Day"

**Invitation to Confession* Hal Murry

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

*Glorious God,
you are all wisdom
and a lamp to our feet,
yet we fail to listen to you
and neglect to follow your guidance.*

*Forgive us, heal us,
and lead us on,
that we may walk in your ways
and be happy in your refuge;
in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.*

(Moment of silence for personal reflection.)

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Hal Murry

Children's Message

"God's Bright Light"

Hal Murry

Anthem

"Holy is the Lord"
by Chris Tomlin

Timbrel & Lyre
Soloist: Steve Peake

Sermon: "Numinous"

"numinous" (adjective)-- having a strong religious or spiritual quality; indicating or suggesting the presence of divinity.

1. Always ask: "What does it mean?"
2. Today's Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)
3. Numinous
4. THE foundational belief
5. Jesus remains

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSV)

17Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn #2173**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

***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.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Sung

Timbrel & Lyre

Repeat each stanza after Song Leaders

Giving of Our Offerings

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

Offertory

"Shine on Us"

Timbrel & Lyre

by Michael W. Smith

Soloist: Jennifer Klinkhammer

***Doxology**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Timbrel & Lyre

arr. by Steve Peake

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Ho - ly Chost. A - men

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Hal Murry

**Hymn #339*

"Be Thou My Vision"

**Blessing*

Hal Murry

**Response #339 vs. 3*

"Be Thou My Vision"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ON THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR today is "*Transfiguration Sunday*," always the Sunday before Lent begins. The Transfiguration is as strange a scene as there is in the Gospels. "*His [Jesus'] face shown like the sun,*" Matthew says, "*and his garments became white as light.*" It was the holiness of Jesus shining through his humanness. More in today's sermon!

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation follows worship today in Fellowship Hall. ALL friends and members of the church are welcome. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the *Annual Report* highlighting church activities in 2016, and to provide an opportunity for questions and feedback. Printed copies of the *Annual Report* will be available in Fellowship Hall. A limited number is on the information table in the Narthex.

WATCH YOUR MAIL for information about "home meetings" to be held at 13 different "sites" around Dubuque in late March and April. The Session encourages everyone to participate in this ongoing conversation about Westminster's future.

CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY were donated by Carolyn Dausener in memory of her two big brothers, Tom & Ronnie.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (Westminster's Governing Council) from Feb. 23rd meeting:

- Continued discussions related to the roles, assessment and accountability of Westminster's committees, ministry teams and task forces as part of a general reorganization begun in 2016.
- Reviewed plans for upcoming home meetings to discuss Westminster's future, to be held in late March and April.

SCOUTS CHILI SUPPER IS TOMORROW, 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

MISSION GARDEN 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.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729	Rev. Hal Murry: 580-4196
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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	
Refreshments & Bldg Care: Scott Heicken	Head Usher: Pam Adams
Greeters: Gene & Gini Gordon	Ushers: Julie Woodyard & Scarlett Adams
Fritz & Ruth Cabalka	John & Pam Adams
Barb & Gary Scoggin	
Russ & Leona Hibben, Barb French & Rich Henderson	

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Mary Kay Pancratz's (*church administrator*) friend, Anne, who has breast cancer.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRAISE BAND & GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT - at the University of Dubuque Heritage Center on Wed., March 1st at 7:30 p.m. Admission is FREE; however, a ticket is required. Tickets are available at the Box Office - see details on flyer in Narthex.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Am I Being Unfair to You? Friday, March 3 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 3200 Asbury Rd. 9:30 a.m. Gather/Coffee, 10:00 a.m. Program & Service. Filipino Speakers - "Reflections of the Philippines". Sponsored by: Church Women United. All are invited. Contact person: Sue Hattel 563-556-1394 (Snow date is March 10)

SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - Beginning March 5th thru April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Come and receive Christ! These are brief contemplative services of prayer, praise, scripture, quiet reflection and Holy Communion. Each service is about 35-40 minutes in length. Childcare is provided.

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 Taizé tradition.

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.



Ten Westminster members attended the Green Team Training Seminar on February 19th. The event was conducted by the Dubuque Chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power and Light. It was provided to assist local congregations to organize green teams and share the best practices carried out by existing teams in caring for God's beautiful creation and responding to climate change. Stay tuned in the weeks ahead to hear more about Westminster's Green Team planning and how you can be part of it!

Pictured above (left to right) are:
Doug Cheever, Tom Stovall, Linda Stovall,
Marsha Wilfong, Jean Cheever, Rich Henderson,
Mary Breiner, Marilee Loney, Denise Reyerson and Julia Smith.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
FEBRUARY 26TH THRU MARCH 5TH

Sunday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. **Worship, Rev. Murry Preaching**
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Classrooms
10:45 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING, FH
12:00 p.m. Rescue Mission Dinner
4:00 p.m. Youth Curriculum Search Team, BR

Monday, February 27

4:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Chili Supper, FH, K
5:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, SA
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Classrooms

Tuesday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 1

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
5:45 p.m. Youth Faith Team, CR
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, SA

Thursday, March 2

7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Sunday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Adult Handbells, SA
8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. **Worship, Rev. Murry Preaching**
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Psalms Bible Study, BR
11:45 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, Choir Rm.
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting, BR
4:00 p.m. 6th Grade Youth Group, FH
4:00 p.m. M.E.S.S. Youth Group, Media Rm.



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

Is God's will for Westminster
Presbyterian Church remembered
in your will?



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



Take a look.....

There are a few smaller coats and a woman's scarf,
necklace and lost earring in our Lost and Found.

Items not taken by March 15th will be donated.