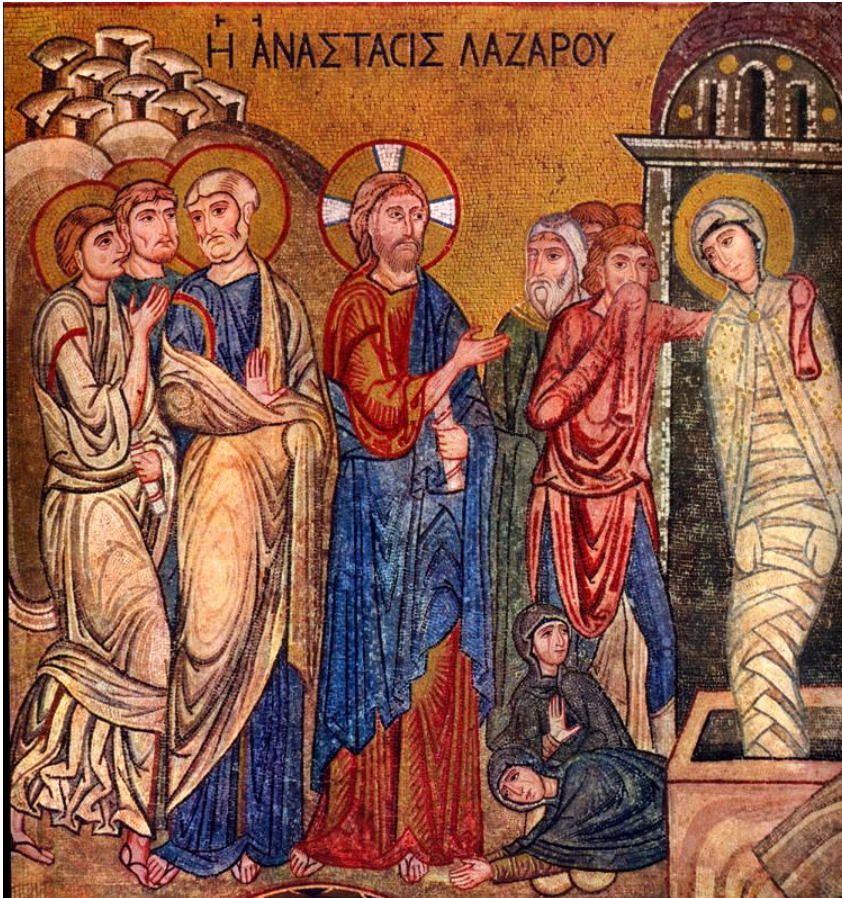


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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Raising of Lazarus

from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, Tenn.

APRIL 2, 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 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 "One Great Hour of Sharing"
Deb Seiffert

**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* (based on John 11)
Adam Etheredge

Leader: "Come out!" Jesus shouts,
People: And calls us back from the dead, into the brightness of a new day.
Leader: "Untie him!" Jesus commands,
People: And unbinds us from the chains of our past.
Leader: "Let her go!" Jesus orders,
People: And frees us to enter a world filled with grace and possibility.

**Hymn #288* "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

**Invitation to Confession*

Adam Etheredge

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

*O Lord, if you held our sin against us,
who could live, who could stand?
We seem to have more faith in death
than hope in your promise of life.
We seek peace through war
and find security in weapons.
In this "land of plenty,"
there are too many who are hungry,
too many who struggle to get health care.
And even so, you love us;
still there is forgiveness with you!
We worship you this day O God,
for you alone can save us from death
and redeem us from sin. Amen.*

(Moment of silence for personal reflection.)

**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.*

Children's Message

"Baptism FAQs"

Hal Murry

The Sacrament of Baptism for Caitlin Savannah Carter - insert

Anthem

"JESU Medley" arr. Otis Skilling

Chancel Choir

(This anthem quotes the familiar hymns of Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Sun of My Soul,
Jesus the Very Thought of Thee, and Fairest Lord Jesus)

Sermon: "Back from the Dead"

Hal Murry

1. John's special way of teaching about Jesus...
2. Today's Scripture: portions of John 11
3. It's about Lazarus, and...
4. It's about US!
5. "From that day on..."

Scripture: John 11- insert

(Common English Bible)

Hal Murry

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn #326 vs. 1 & 4* "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart "

Giving of Our Offerings

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

Offertory

"Chorale of Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

by JS Bach

Adult Handbells

& Organ Duet

**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 Dedication*

Hal Murry

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hal Murry & Lois Pearce

Breaking of the Bread; Pouring of the Wine (Juice)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

"...in gratitude, we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven...

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

...prayer continues and concludes with *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.

Communion of the People

As you pass the bread please say, "The body of Christ given for you."

As you pass the cup please say, "The blood of Christ shed for you."

(Please retain the bread to partake together as a sign of our oneness as a community of faith)

in Jesus Christ. Drink the cup whenever you are ready as a sign of our individual and unique relationship with Christ as our Lord and Savior.)
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Communion Music

"Little Lamb"

Lorrie Etherege
Mezzo Soprano

**Unison Prayer after Communion*

Lois Pearce

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

**Hymn #2158*

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

**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*

Luke Tyler
Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME & CELEBRATE Caitlin Savannah Carter's Baptism in the Narthex. There will be cheese cake bites and coffee.

TODAY is the Fifth Sunday in the Christian Season of Lent. "Lent" is from an Old English word for Spring and the lengthening of days. In the early church, Lent was a time devoted to preparing new Christians for baptism on Easter Sunday. Those to be baptized were taught what it means to be a follower of Christ. On Easter morning they would be immersed in coffin-shaped baptismal pools, symbolic of dying to the values of Roman culture and rising to follow Christ. For many of the first Christians, to claim Christ as Lord (and NOT Emperor Caesar) was a capital offense, punishable by death.

ALL are welcome to join in a study of the *Psalms*. This class for adults meets after worship in the Board Room and is led by Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

LAST SUNDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TONIGHT 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.

COME HEAR Steve Peake and the Julien Chamber Choir at their upcoming concert "Songs of Myth and Legend", TODAY, at 3 PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and April 3, at 7 PM at the Galena Center for the Arts (219 Summit St, Galena).

MAQUOKETA HIGH SCHOOL presents "MARY POPPINS" - April 7th & 8th at 7:30 p.m. \$10 Adults and \$8 for students at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center. The Leads include: Pam Crawford's granddaughter, Blair Bennis, who has sung here at Westminster and Shelby Sargeant, niece of Glinda Manternach. The Director is Joel Hagen who was "Pastor: in "Smoke on the Mountain".

HOSPICE OF DUBUQUE will be sponsoring a six-week bereavement support group. The group will be open to anyone in the tri-state area who has experienced the loss of a loved one, through death, within the past twelve months. It is suggested that participants wait at least three months after a loss before attending.

The group will meet on Tuesday evenings, beginning April 18th through May 23rd, from 6 – 8 pm. Groups will meet at the Hospice of Dubuque office in the Theisen Education Center, 1670 JFK Road. The sessions are meant to be both educational and emotionally supportive. There is no requirement to have had a previous connection with Hospice of Dubuque. Group size is limited so pre-registration is required by April 11th. Please contact the hospice office at (563) 582-1220 for a registration form. Although there is no fee for the group, a contribution to defray the cost of materials would be appreciated.”



KIWANIS K-FAMILY BREAKFAST SATURDAY, APRIL 22

**Serving: 7:30 to 11:30 AM
Westminster Presbyterian Church
2155 University Avenue, Fellowship Hall**

**\$7 for Adults and Teens 13+ \$5 for Youth Ages 5-12
Free for Ages 4 and Under**

Purchase your tickets for this ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT breakfast which includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages, hash browns, and applesauce in advance from any Kiwanis or Key Club member. You can also pay at the door.

All proceeds support the nonprofit Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
APRIL 2ND THRU APRIL 9TH

Sunday, April 2

CAITLIN CARTER BAPTISM

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

Monday, April 3

11:00 a.m. Lana Arnold PEO Meeting, FH,K
3:00 p.m. Property Committee Mtg., BR
5:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, FH
7:00 p.m. Scouts Brd. of Rev., CR
7:00p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Mission Garden Prep, FH
5:40 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
6:45 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, CR

Wednesday, April 5

8:00 a.m. Mission Garden Prep, FH
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
5:45 p.m. Youth Faith Team, CR
6:00 p.m. Mission Garden Prep, FH
7:00p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

Thursday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Mission Garden Prep, FH
9:00 a.m. Mandarin Baptism Class, CR
7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Saturday, April 8

8:00 a.m. Iowa Artists Show, FH, K

Sunday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal, SA
8:30 a.m. Chancel/Youth Choir Rehearsal, SA
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:00 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, SA
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