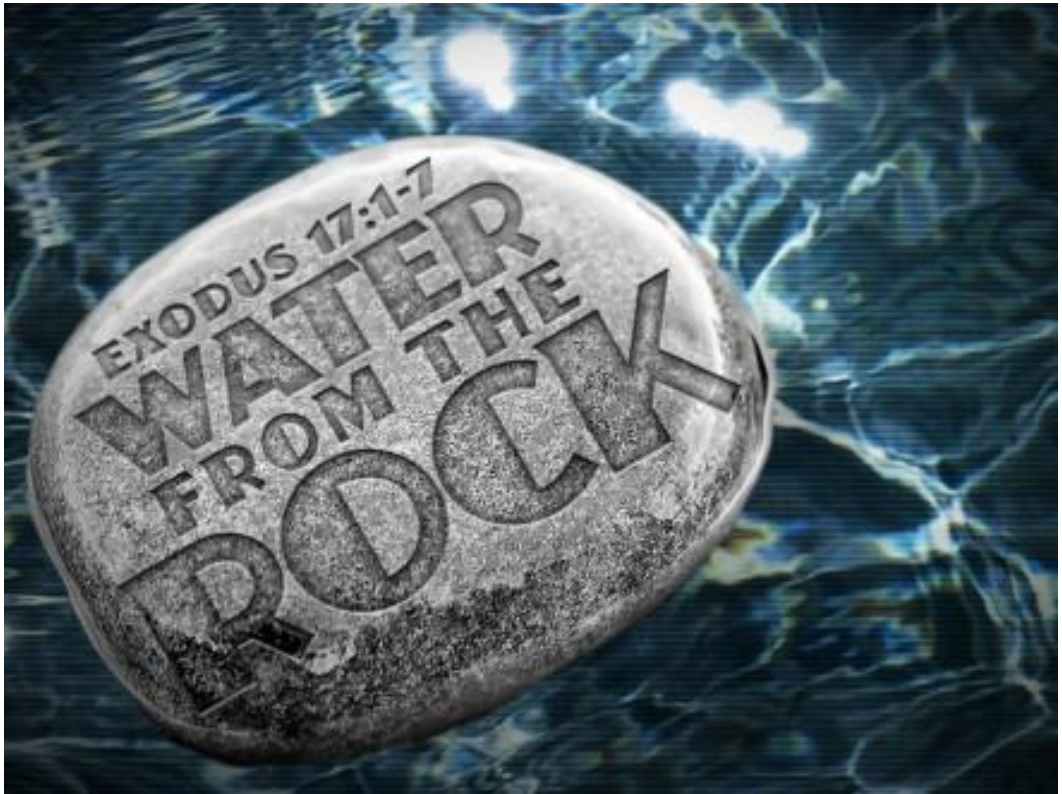


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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MARCH 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.

- 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

****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 Psalm 95:1-2)

Hal Murry

Leader: Come, let us sing to our God!

People: *Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

People: *Singing joyful songs of praise.*

****Hymn #356***

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

****Invitation to Confession***

Hal Murry

**Responsive Prayer of Confession*

Leader: God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people.
For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives
to our own hands alone,

People: Forgive us, we pray.

Leader: For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way
when your response did not come soon enough
or in the way we expected,

People: Grant us mercy, O God.

Leader: For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness
that we have refused,

People: Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.

Leader: For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom,
For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those
who believe differently from us,

People: Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.

Leader: For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence,
and our indifference to the suffering around us,

*People: Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace;
Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion.
For Christ's sake we pray. 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.*

The Sacrament of Baptism for Chloe Diane Malone - insert

Anthem

"For Love Shall Be Our Song"
by Douglas E. Wagner

Youth Choir

Children's Message

Rev. Lindsay James

Anthem

"Keep Me Faithfully in Thy Paths"
by G.F. Handel

Chancel Choir

17 The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?" ³ But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me."

⁵ The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel's elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd's rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. ⁶ I'll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink." Moses did so while Israel's elders watched. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, "Is the Lord really with us or not?"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Oppressed but Viable"

Rev. Lindsay James

**Hymn - insert*

"When Peace Like a River"

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 check your directory contact information and pass down to end of pew.

Offertory

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Youth Handbells

arr Kevin McChesney

**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

Hal Murry

*Hymn #339

"Be Thou My Vision"

*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 Chloe Diane Malone's Baptism in the Narthex. There will be cake and coffee.

TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT. The Christian season of "Lent" draws its name from an Old English word for Spring and the lengthening of days. "In many cultures there is an ancient custom of giving a tenth of each year's income to some holy use. For Christians to observe the forty days of Lent is to do the same thing with roughly a tenth of each year's days. After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves." -- quote is from Whistling in the Dark: An ABC Theologized by Frederick Buechner.

A "MID-LENTEN" Worship Service with Communion will be held in Westminster's Fellowship Hall at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 30. Take time to experience Christ's "unforced rhythms of grace" during this gathering of worship and prayer. All are welcome!

ADULT OPTIONS after worship today:

- Dr. Marsha Wilfong's class on the *Psalms* continues in the Board Room;
- "Books and Bowls" meets in Fellowship Hall to discuss *The Jesus Cow* by local author Michael Perry...and of course there will be snacks.
- Mandarin language Sunday School meets in the Conference Room

A UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE audit class has completed a 2016 Review of Westminster's financial records. There were NO irregularities. Several helpful practical suggestions were received by Westminster's Finance Committee.

WESTMINSTER MISSION GRANTS awarded last week include:

- \$1750 to fund start-up activities of Westminster's "Green Team" which is committed to raising awareness and encouraging responsible stewardship of the earth. "Green Team" membership is open to anyone. Current members include: Mary Breiner, Doug Cheever, Jean Cheever, Rich Henderson, Marilee Loney, Denise Reyerson, Linda Stovall, Tom Stovall, Julia Smith and Marsh Wilfong. Next scheduled meeting is 5:15 on Thursday, April 15.
- \$225 to Westminster's Care Team to purchase Westminster logo canvas bags to be delivered as welcome gifts to first time worship visitors. When first time worship visitors provide contact information, Care Team members follow up with a brief visit to share information about Westminster and a free gift. Care Team members writing this grant: Glinda Manternach, Suzanne Hockley Murry and Carlotta Schmidt.

The purpose of Westminster Mission Grants is to encourage friends and members of Westminster to engage in hands-on mission in order to be a blessing to our community and as a way of nurturing our own faith, consistent with Westminster's 2020 Mission/Vision Statement. See Linda Stovall or Deb Seiffert for more information.

WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION GRANTS - 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 only 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.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: MARCH 19, 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: M. Breiner/G. Maas	Head Usher: Rich Henderson
Greeters: Susan Taylor	Ushers: Dan & Wendy Tabraham
LaDesha Turner & Janet Neumeister	Gidget Maas & Mary Breiner
Bruce Hallahan	

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For Steven McMurray recovering from a major illness at Sunnycrest Manor

Westminster's 2017 Pictorial Directory. Today each pew has bright gold copy of a draft of the names and contact information for Westminster friends, supporters, and members.

Please verify that your **or your family's** information in the attached directory draft is correct.

- **OK?** Circle your directory entry in the attached draft and write **OK** in the circle.
- **Changes needed?** Add them to your directory entry and circle them.

Today, these sheets will replace the Friendship Notebook.

- Pass this draft to everyone in your pew to review their listing.
- At the end of worship, return the draft to the seat by the center aisle

PICTURES are still being accepted for the church's new photo directory. New deadline: **March 22.** Please email an electronic file or mail/bring a favorite photo to the Westminster office. Or contact Doug Cheever (563-845-8309) for a free photo. He is available at Westminster before and after worship services through March 19. More than 125 photos have been taken/submitted to date.

A poster for a Star Wars Movie Night event. The top half features a film strip graphic with the words "STAR WARS" in a stylized, outlined font. Below the film strip, the text "Movie Night" is written in a bold, white font. The bottom half of the poster is a solid yellow background with black text. The text provides the date and time of the event, details about a gift card raffle, and information about the proceeds and ticket purchase.

STAR WARS
Movie Night

March 24th in the Fellowship Hall
Arrive at 5:45pm Movie begins at 6:15pm

\$25 AMC Gift Card Raffle
\$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 6 tickets

All proceeds will be used to send
WPC Youth to Camp Wyoming

Tickets can be purchased before movie night
See Lisa for more details

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
MARCH 19TH THRU MARCH 26TH

Sunday, March 19

CHLOE MALONE BAPTISM

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. James Preaching
9:30 a.m. Worship, Mandarin Speaking, BR
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School-FH
10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class, Library
10:45 a.m. Books and Bowls, FH
10:45 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School - CR
10:45 a.m. Psalms Bible Study, BR
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home
4:00 p.m. 6th Grade Youth Group, FH
4:00 p.m. M.E.S.S. Youth Group, Media Rm.

Monday, March 20

5:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, FH
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Classrooms
7:00p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, March 21

6:45 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, CR

Wednesday, March 22

9:00 a.m. Mandarin Baptism Class, CR
10:30 a.m. Property Policy Review Mtg., BR
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
7:00p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT



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

Thursday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Re-Engage DBQ Women's Retreat,
FH, K, Nursery, BR
5:40 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
6:00 p.m. Session Board Meeting, BR
7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Friday, March 24

HOTLINE DEADLINE

5:00 p.m. Star Wars Movie Night, FH

Saturday, March 25

7:00 a.m. Share Food Distribution
7:00 p.m. Timbrel & Lyre Distribution

Sunday, March 26

8:00 a.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal, SA
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
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