

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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APRIL 23, 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. ***The next series of meetings begins May 21st.***

- 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 #469 "Morning Has Broken" Timbrel & Lyre

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 "Westminster Foundation Grants" Ed Blinks

Minute for Mission "50 Reasons Why Kids Like Camp Fundraisers" Vesperman Family

* *Greeting Our Neighbors*

**Call to Worship* (based on Job 12:7-10) Marilee Loney

Leader: Ask the animals, and they will teach you.

People: Ask the birds in the sky and they will tell you.

Leader: Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you.

People: Ask the fish of the sea and they will recount it for you.

Leader: Who among all these doesn't know that the Lord's hand did this?

People: In God's hand is the life of every creature and the breath of every human being.

ALL: Let us worship God.

**Hymn #293* "This Is My Father's World"

**Invitation to Confession* Mary Breiner

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

Mary Breiner

*Creator God, we have neglected our neighbors in their times of need.
We have enjoyed profits and pleasures that harm your land and pollute your
waters. We have squandered much of what you have made and called "good."
Have mercy on us.*

*Help us change our ways and make us new,
that all may know the joy of abundant life. Amen.*

(Moment of silence for personal reflection.)

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Hal Murry

Children's Message

"Caring for God's Creatures"

Linda Stovall

Anthem

"From a Distance"
by Julie Gold

Timbrel & Lyre

Scripture: Genesis 1 - insert (NRSV)

Denise Reyerson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Message: "Caring for God's Creation"

Tom Stovall, Julia Smith, Doug Cheever

**Hymn #473*

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

**Affirmation of Faith*

"A Brief Statement of Faith"

Rich Henderson

*We trust in God whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone
equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one
community.*

*But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's
commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies
as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet
entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.*

*Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting
love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families
of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the
house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the
covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father
who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.*

Commissioning of Westminster's "Green" Team

Leader: Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. In Genesis 1, humanity was given responsibility over "the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

People: Let us rejoice in what God has created. It is good!

Leader: We are among God's creatures, and humbled that God calls on us to care for God's creation.

People: With hope and inspiration to answer that call, we place our trust in God to show us the way.

Leader: The fate of humans and the fate of the animals are the same:

People: As one dies so does the other; both have the same breath.

Questions for the Green Team

Friends, you have volunteered to lead Westminster in our mission as a church family to care for God's creation. Do you welcome this responsibility?

I do.

Relying on God's compassion and vision, will you serve with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.

I will.

Unison Prayer: Gracious God, give our brothers and sisters all that they need to lead us in this journey and to serve you well. May your love for the world inspire them. May your vision of justice give them courage. We pray in the name of Jesus whose love has touched our lives and whose care extends to all of God's creation. 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

"I Will Rise"

Timbrel & Lyre

**Doxology*

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Timbrel & Lyre

arr. by Steve Peake

The image shows a musical score for a doxology in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first four measures, with lyrics 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all crea - tures'. The second staff contains the next four measures, with lyrics 'here be - low. Praise Him a - bove ye hea - venly host. Praise Fath - er, Son, and'. The third staff contains the final two measures, with lyrics 'Ho - ly Ghost A - men.' Chord symbols (G, D, Em, C, D, G, Am, C, G, D, G, D, G) are placed above the notes to indicate the accompaniment.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Hal Murry

**Hymn #2146 vs. 1 & 2*

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

**Blessing*

Hal Murry

**Response #2146 vs. 3*

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER'S "GREEN TEAM" will be Commissioned during today's worship service. The Green Team formed this Spring from a group of church members and friends who share a commitment to care for God's creation by practicing wise, humble, responsible stewardship of the earth. Team members are planning awareness-raising projects at church and will be participating in wider Christian environmental organizations. Team members include: Mary Breiner, Doug Cheever, Jean Cheever, Rich Henderson, Marilee Loney, Denise Ryerson, Linda Stovall, Tom Stovall and Julia Smith. If you'd like to be part of the Green Team, speak with any current member. ALL are welcome!

Green Team Tip #1 - Use compact fluorescent light bulbs. It is true that these bulbs are more expensive, but they last much longer and they can save energy and in the long term your electricity bill would be reduced.

BOOKS AND BOWLS MEETS TODAY – “Our Souls at Night” is our last book of the season. Aging and loneliness will not overtake 70 year old Addie as she makes a suggestion to 70 year old Louis that scandalizes their adult children and the town gossips. She feels this could be her last attempt at happiness. This book is a charming goodbye to, now deceased, Kent Haruf, who wrote of Holt, Colorado, in “Plainsong, Eventide and Benediction.” Everyone is welcome to **join us after worship in Fellowship Hall.**

THE WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION has awarded grants totaling \$4500 to the following:

- Westminster Hospitality Team to purchase gift pens to share with all guests at Westminster's Open House/Bring a Friend Sunday, August 27.
- Youth Faith Formation Team for a portion of the costs associated with youth recreation equipment and a new classroom table.
- Technology Team for a new portable video projector.
- Property Committee to fund improvements in the sidewalk from the main parking lot to the accessible door into Fellowship Hall

Grants are funded by prior year earnings on the Foundation's investments.



Mulching the Grounds May 6th 8 a.m. to Noon

Need many Volunteers to help! Please call the office if you can help! *If raining it will be cancelled.*

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worship at the Hospitality Counter

The Youth Group will make \$4.00 off each book they sell.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: APRIL 23, 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: Scott Heicken
Greeters: Gene & Gini Gordon
Fritz & Ruth Cabalka
Russ & Leona Hibben

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: Pam Adams
Ushers: George Hellert & Julie Woodyard
John & Pam Adams

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Ruth March. Her address is: 1751 Plymouth Ct., Dubuque 52003
- Suzanne Murry whose surgery is tomorrow in Iowa City. Her address is: 3179 Windmill Lane, Dubuque, 52003
- The Sympathy of the Westminster Church Family is extended to the family and friends of Bob Casper who passed away Thurs., April 20. Visitation will be here this evening from 4:30-7:30 p.m. followed by the Funeral at 8:00 p.m. Zoe's address is: 2688 New Haven, Dubuque, 52001

COMMUNITY EVENTS

“Do you love working with kids? Are you free Tuesday evenings? If so, consider volunteering with the Dubuque Circles Initiative. Starting now, we are looking for volunteers who are available Tuesday evenings from 5:30-8:30 p.m. to volunteer in our childcare program called Kids' Corner. We meet at Prescott Elementary School, 1151 White Street, Dubuque, IA 52001. If you are interested in volunteering or if you would like more information, you can reach out to Helen Bisioulis at Hbisioul@cityofdubuque.org.”

EMMAUS MUSIC DEPARTMENT presents a **Spring Choral Concert**, Sun., April 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Bible College Marble Chapel. Plan now to attend!

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY on Friday, May 5th at Shalom Spirituality Center will be hosted by Dubuque Area Church Women United. A light breakfast brunch (\$6) will be served from 9:00-9:50 a.m. The Celebration and Program begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. See flyer in Narthex for info.



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

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

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
APRIL 23RD THRU APRIL 30TH

Sunday, April 23

8:00 a.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal, SA
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. **Worship**, Tom Stovall/Green Team,
Commissioning, SA
9:30 a.m. **Worship, Mandarin Speaking**, BR
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School-Classrooms
10:45 a.m. Books and Bowls, FH
10:45 a.m. **Confirmation Class, Library**
10:45 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School - CR
10:45 a.m. Psalms Bible Study, BR
2:00 p.m. NISOM Concert, SA
4:00 p.m. Farewell Party, FH, K
4:00 p.m. 6th Grade Youth Group, FH
4:00 p.m. M.E.S.S. Youth Group, Media Rm.
4:30 p.m. **Bob Casper Visitation, SA, Ntx**
8:00 p.m. **Bob Casper Funeral Svc., SA**

Monday, April 24

8:30 a.m. Re-Engage Dubuque, CR, K, FH, N
5:00 p.m. Youth Chorale, FH
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Classrooms
7:00 p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, April 25

9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR
5:40 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
6:45 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, CR
7:30 p.m. Hospice of Dubuque, SA, Ntx

Wednesday, April 26

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

Thursday, April 27

9:30 a.m. Policy Meeting, BR
3:00 p.m. Set up for Finley Brunch, FH
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting, BR

Friday, April 28

HOTLINE DEADLINE

7:00 a.m. Finley Volunteer Brunch, FH, K

Saturday, April 29th

9:00 a.m. Red Basket Project, FH, K, N

Sunday, April 30

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. **Worship**, Rev. Dr. Mark
Achtmeier preaching, SA
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