

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God*

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*Michelangelo's Pieta*

**MAY 14, 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.***

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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* "Old Rent Meeting" Westminister Band  
by James D. Ployhar

*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 #319* "Spirit"  
*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, Blow through the wilderness, calling and free,*  
*Spirit, spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, Wind, wind on the sea.*

*\*Call to Worship* (based on Ephesians 3:15) Samuel Wu  
Leader: We have gathered in the presence of God, through whom all families on earth receive life and hope  
*People: We come in the prayer that the peace of Christ might dwell in our family relationships.*  
Leader: Today let us thank God for the women in our lives who have mothered us and loved us through thick and thin..  
*ALL: We have come to worship God -- to praise the source of love and peace.*

*\*Hymn #473 vs. 1-4* "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*\*Invitation to Confession* Samuel Wu

*\*Unison Prayer of Confession*

*Loving God, we realize that we have not made our homes the dwelling place for your love that we would like. Too often, we act like individuals who just happen to share the same building, rather than family members who care for one another. Help us to renew our commitments to the growth and development of those who share our homes with us. Empower us to communicate openly with one another and to better show our love to the people in our own home. Amen.* (Moment of silence for personal reflection.)

*\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Hal Murry

*\*Response #210*

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.*

*Children's Message*

"Runaway Bunny"

Hal Murry

*Anthem*

"My Lord, What a Mornin' / Ride That Chariot in the Mornin'"

Men's Chorus

arr. Mike Jozefowicz

*Sermon:* "What's a Mother To Do?"

1. Mary's "Journey" Begins
  - Luke 1:26-38 (Lizz Tyler)
2. Big dreams and high hopes -- Moms have them for us
  - Luke 1:46-55 (Becky Spurgeon)
3. Frustrating? Of course!
4. Still there when all is lost -- Michelangelo's *Pieta*

*Scripture:* Luke 1:26-38 (Lizz Tyler)

<sup>26</sup>When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. <sup>31</sup>Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. <sup>33</sup>He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

<sup>34</sup>Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?"

<sup>35</sup>The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's

Son. <sup>36</sup> Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. <sup>37</sup> Nothing is impossible for God."  
<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:46-55 (Becky Spurgeon)

<sup>46</sup> Mary said,

"With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

<sup>47</sup> In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

<sup>48</sup> He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored

<sup>49</sup> because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> He shows mercy to everyone,  
from one generation to the next,  
who honors him as God.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

<sup>52</sup> He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones  
and lifted up the lowly.

<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty-handed.

<sup>54</sup> He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
remembering his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> just as he promised to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."

**\*Hymn #535 - insert** "A Christian Home" (tune is Finlandia)

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (from "A Brief Statement of Faith") Hal Murry

*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.*

*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.*

*The Welcoming of New Members - please see insert*

*Giving of Our Offerings*

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

*Offertory*

"Nettleton/Beach Spring"

Merrill Crawford

*arr by Merrill Crawford*

*\*Song of Thanksgiving #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*\*Hymn #555*

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*\*Blessing*

Hal Murry

*\*Response #438*

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:*

*The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.*

*\*Postlude*

Luke Tyler, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY:

- Greet our new members at a reception in the Narthex!
- Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong's last Sunday class on the Psalms meets in the Board Room. Thanks to Marsha for sharing her insights on the Psalms this Spring!

NEXT SUNDAY Hal Murry leads "*Welcome to Westminster*", a four-Sunday course that covers some of the basics of Christianity in general and Westminster Church in particular. The class is especially designed for anyone considering church membership and/or desiring a "refresher". ALL are welcome! Child care is provided. The class will meet in the Board Room fifteen minutes after worship.

**Green Team Tip #5** – Simply stop using pesticides on your lawn. Pesticides contribute to the pollution of the Earth and poison our water supply, endanger human health, and sicken wildlife. Look for natural alternatives that are available. It may be time to think about the bees, birds, butterflies, animals or the people.

**Starting May 21st - The Green Team will have 2 boxes available to recycle your batteries and old medicine bottles.** It is important that with the medicine bottles that all your information has been removed from the medicine bottle. It is a simple, but great way to stop putting things in the landfill that do not belong there. The boxes will be located at the information counter in the Narthex. If you have questions contact Linda Stovall at [LinStov@aol.com](mailto:LinStov@aol.com)

**CIRCLE DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - The Mission Team is seeking volunteers to help with the Circle Initiative Dinner on **Tuesday, May 23**. We will do prep work the day before if needed. We need to have the food in place by 5:30 PM and we serve at 5:45 PM at Prescott School. Sign up at the information counter in the Narthex and you will be contacted. If you have questions contact Susan Taylor at [taylorse@iastate.edu](mailto:taylorse@iastate.edu) or Linda Stovall at [LinStov@aol.com](mailto:LinStov@aol.com)

**THANK YOU MULCH CREW** - The grounds and geraniums look beautiful due to the hard work of the following volunteers on Sat., May 6th. George Hellert, Don Keller, Hal Murry, Bob Behnke, Ed Hannon, Jeff Oberhoffer, Mark Oberhoffer, Bud Munson, Ross & Sally Madden, Gene & Gini Gordon and Tim Till. Thanks everyone!





## WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: MAY 14, 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: Bill & Janet Porter  
Greeters: Jim & Sue Huff  
Dennis & Susie Williams  
Tom & Vernet Jirsa

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: Glinda Manternach  
Ushers: Laura Ting, Ricardo Huang  
Gidget Maas, Adam Etheredge

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For ALL mother's and those who serve as mothers. Happy Mother's Day!
- Mark Thetford recovering from an accident. His address is: 1005 Lincoln, Apt. 304
- Suzanne Murry - Her follow up oncology appointment went well. No additional treatments needed! Thanks for all your prayers and support.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS:


The Dubuque Chorale Children's Choir will be holding auditions for children entering the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2017-18 school year. Auditions will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1755 Delhi. The audition will be 5-7 minutes in length; no preparation is necessary. Children should be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Please call Lorrie Etheredge at 563-582-8633 (home) or 563-599-3222 (cell) to schedule an audition time. Audition forms and more info are available at [www.dubuquechorale.org](http://www.dubuquechorale.org)



**June 19-23**  
St. Luke's Church  
5:30pm Dinner VBS 6-8pm


See Lisa Fast for more details

Register On-Line by June 4th  
<http://wpcdbq.org/vbs-2017/>



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**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:**  
**MAY 14TH THRU MAY 21ST**

**Sunday, May 14th**

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal, LOFT  
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH  
9:00 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, SA  
9:30 a.m. Worship, Rev. Murry preaching  
9:30 a.m. Mandarin Worship, BR  
10:30 a.m. Confirmation Reception, Ntx  
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School-Classrooms  
10:45 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School, CR  
10:45 a.m. Psalms Bible Study, BR

**Monday, May 15**

6:00 p.m. Court of Honor, FH, K  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Classrooms

**Tuesday, May 16**

9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR  
6:45 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, CR

**Wednesday, May 17**

9:00 a.m. Mandarin Baptism Class, CR  
1:30 p.m. Foundation Mtg., BR  
2:30 p.m. Psalms Bible Study, Bethany Home  
5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells, LOFT  
7:00p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

**Thursday, May 18**

4:00 p.m. Finance Mtg., WR  
5:15 p.m. Green Team, BR  
6:00 p.m. Special Session Mtg., BR  
7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

**Friday, May 19**

4:00 p.m. Free the Parent Night, FH, K, N, 3-5  
7:30 p.m. Pat Williams Piano Recital, Sa, Ntx

**Saturday, May 20th**

9:00 a.m. Spring Cleaning Classrms, BR, CR  
7:00 a.m. Share Food Distribution, FH

**Sunday, May 21st**

8:00 a.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal, SA  
8:30 a.m. Sun. School Brunch, SS Hallway  
8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT  
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH  
9:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, SA  
9:30 a.m. Worship, Rev. Murry preaching  
9:30 a.m. Mandarin Worship, BR  
10:30 a.m. Camp Wyoming Bake Sale, Ntx  
10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School, Classrooms  
10:45 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School, CR  
10:45 a.m. Welcome to Westminster, BR  
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home  
2:00 p.m. Interfaith Power & Light, BR  
4:00 p.m. 6th Grade Yth Grp, Keller's Farm  
4:00 p.m. M.E.S.S. Yth Grp, Keller's Farm

**Bake Sale for Campers**



**Sunday, May 21st**

Support youth by purchasing delicious baked goods in the Narthex. Proceeds will help pay for camp tuition.



Thank You!



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

You can give beyond your life through a bequest to Westminster Presbyterian Church in your will.