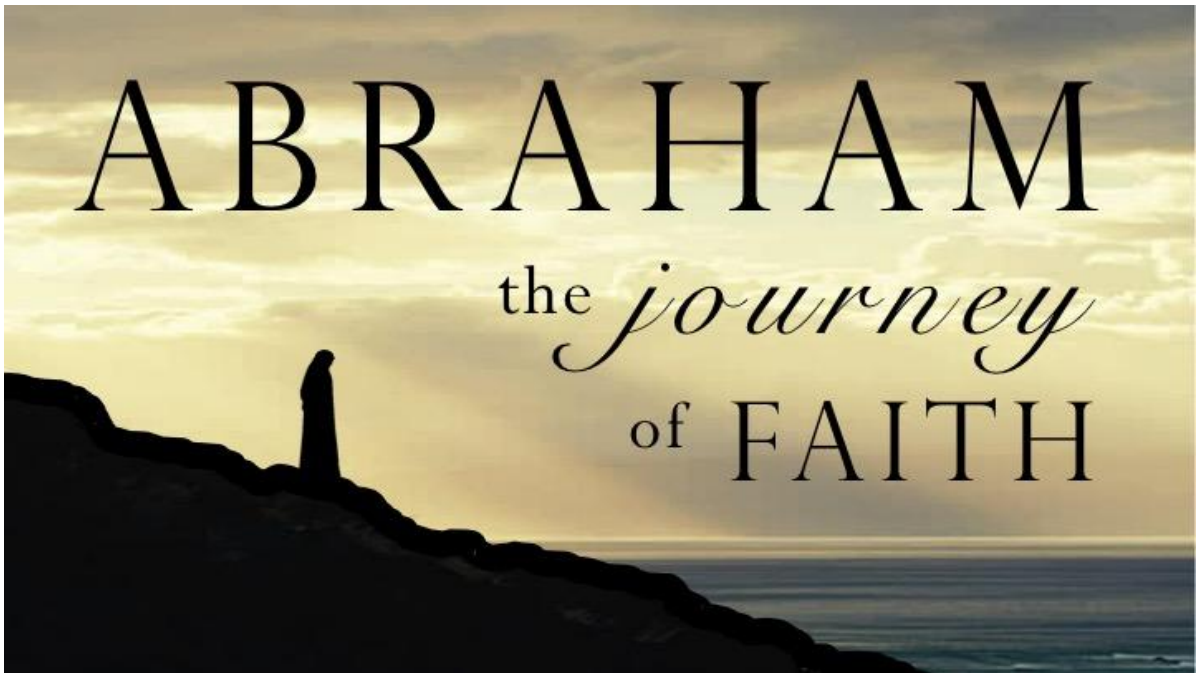


# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God*

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**JUNE 18, 2017**

**9:30 A.M.**

*"Take a hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe."*

*(Hebrews 3:1 The Message)*

*"God isn't far away from any of us. For in God we live, move, and exist." (Acts 17:27,28)*

***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. Periodically, 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.***

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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***

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 #2164***

"Sanctuary"

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

***\*Call to Worship***

(from Hebrews 11)

Sharon Hannon

Leader: Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see.

People: ***The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith.***

Leader: By faith Abraham said yes to God's call to travel to an unknown place that would become his home.

People: ***When he left he had no idea where he was going***

Leader: By faith he lived in the country promised him, lived as a stranger camping in tents.

People: ***His vision was of a city with real, eternal foundations, whose architect and builder is God***

***\*Hymn #356***

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***\*Invitation to Confession***

Sharon Hannon

*\*Unison Prayer of Confession*

*Christ Jesus, we have lived as if we did not need you, pretending that life is only what WE make it. Through the presence of your Spirit, center us in God and deepen our faith. Lead us to find in our neighbors opportunities to extend your compassion. Help us to identify in our culture ways we can work for social justice. Give us courage and faith to respond to your call, and by your grace may we be your hands and feet in a needy world. Amen.* (Moment of silence for personal reflection.)

*\*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Hal Murry

*\*Response #2030*

"The First Song of Isaiah"

*Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.*

*Children's Message*

"A Brand New Dad"

Hal Murry

*Anthem*

"This Is My Father's World"

Women's Choir Ensemble

*arr. John Leavitt*

*Sermon: "Faith"*

1. "Father" Abraham
2. Today's Scripture: Genesis 12: 1-9
3. Faith as "believing" vs. faith as a "journey" (see insert)
4. "The Summer Day" by Mary Oliver

*Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9 (CEB)*

Ed Hannon

12 The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
those who curse you I will curse;  
all the families of the earth  
will be blessed because of you."

<sup>4</sup> Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. <sup>5</sup> Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all of their possessions, and those who became members of their household in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred place at Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites lived in the land at that time. <sup>7</sup> The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I give this land to your descendants," so

Abram built an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him.<sup>8</sup> From there he traveled toward the mountains east of Bethel, and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and worshipped in the Lord's name.<sup>9</sup> Then Abram set out toward the arid southern plain, making and breaking camp as he went.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

*\*Hymn #488*

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*\*Affirmation of Faith*

from "A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

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.*

### *Responsive Prayer for the Journey*

Leader: Our lives are a journey. We come from God and one day we die into God.

*People: For the bread that sustains us, and for the guides who lead us, we offer our thanks and praise.*

Leader: We pray for those whose journey ends way too soon...

*People: We pray for those who do not have the strength to travel on.*

Leader: We pray for those whose path seems to continually wind through poverty, pain, addiction, imprisonment of body, soul or mind.

*People: We pray for those whose path is diverted by anxiety, depression, illness.*

Leader: We know God calls us on journeys to make the world a better place...

*People: ...we are called to help build God's Kingdom here on earth.*

Leader: Where everyone has enough...

*People: ...and no one has to live in fear.*

Leader: Help US to shape such a world.

*People: And keep us mindful that we do not journey alone.*

Leader: You are present in our midst; in Jesus of Nazareth you became one of us.

*People: You walk beside us and ahead of us into the future.*

Leader: So free us from whatever holds us back.

*People: For we yearn to respond to your call like Abraham.*

*ALL: We want to be faithful, trusting, courageous... 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 pass the Friendship Binder found at the inside end of your pew.

*Offertory*

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Peter Woodruff  
Soloist

*\*Song of Thanksgiving #333*

"Seek Ye First"

*Seek ye first the king-dom of God And His righ-teous-ness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!*

*\*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*\*Hymn #262*

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

*\*Blessing*

Hal Murry

*\*Response #2150*

"Lord, Be Glorified"

*In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.  
In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.*

*\*Postlude*

Luke Tyler, Organist

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL FLOWERS today are in honor of Helen Watts, who passed away on June 8th at the age of 100! Helen's services were here on Tuesday, June 13th.

**THE SESSION INVITES APPLICATIONS** from anyone feeling called to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee which will begin a search in late summer for Westminster's next pastor. The application form and a page of information about the process can be found in three places: in the June *Hotline*; posted on the church website ([wpcdbq.org](http://wpcdbq.org) -- click on the purple "button" in the middle of the home page); paper copies are on the Welcome Table in the back of the Sanctuary. **Deadline for receipt of applications is TOMORROW, June 19.** For additional information please be in touch with either of our Session Clerks: Lois Pearce or Tom Stovall.

**THE "STATE OF WESTMINSTER"** follows worship *today* in Fellowship Hall. This is Hal Murry's fourth annual update on Westminister's transitions: past, present, future. ALL are welcome! Free treats for Dads!

### COMING SOON

- **9-4 on Saturday, June 24:** Westminister's Mission Garden is a stop in this year's Tour of Gardens which features six local gardens. \$10 tour tickets are available at any garden location. More information: [www.dbqtoourofgardens.com](http://www.dbqtoourofgardens.com)
- **Next Sunday (June 25) Registration Begins** for our summer discussions on the book *A Short History of Progress* by Ronald Wright. Cost of the book is \$10. We'll have a limited number of books available on June 25 and will re-order as needed. **The class begins after worship on July 16.** Theme of the book: humanity now has unprecedented capacity for self-destruction of the entire planet. The stakes have never been higher. What we do now matters.

**WESTMINSTER'S GREEN TEAM COMMISSIONING SERVICE** was featured in the June Newsletter of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light (I IPL). It also features the wonderful faith statement of our very own Julia Smith. You can find more information at the I IPL website at [www.iowaipl.org](http://www.iowaipl.org) where Julia's story is featured. Thanks to all for your support of our Westminister Green Team. Blessings! Tom Stovall

**GREEN TEAM TIP #10** – **LED Lights: Buy Wisely:** Save money and use resources conservatively; ease into using LED lights to replace standard (incandescent) light bulbs and fluorescent lights over the next few years. Both technology and quality are increasing as quickly as prices are decreasing. Start with LED lights where bright lights remain on the longest.

**BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) Campaign Kicks Off 6/25th**  
The Westminister Green Team is set to launch the BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) Campaign after worship on **Sunday, June 25th**. In order to discourage the use of single-use plastic bags and the severe damage that they do to the environment, and to encourage the use of bags for grocery and other types of shopping, the Green Team will be distributing special green tote bags to all in attendance that day. Each person will receive one free bag in exchange for filling out a short questionnaire. Members are encouraged to buy additional bags at \$2.00 each. Eliminating the use of plastic bags is a simple thing that we all can do to care for **God's Creation**. Please join in the effort!



## WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: JUNE 18, 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: M. Breiner/G. Maas  
Greeters: Bruce Hallahan, Janet Neumeister  
Tom & Linda Stovall


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: Terry Flynn  
Ushers: Dan & Wendy Tabraham  
Mary Breiner & Gidget Maas

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the family and friends of Helen Watts.
- For Tom Stovall's, brother, Edward who is hospitalized in Lebanon, MO suffering from Alzheimer's, pneumonia and heart problems whose prognosis is not very good. Also prayers, for his wife, Mary, and family, for strength and comfort during this difficult period.
- For Stephen McMurray, struggling to recover from serious illness.
- For ALL fathers and those who serve as fathers. Happy Father's Day!

*If you would like to have your name on our Prayer Request list, please advise the church office (583-1729) or the Pastor.*

June 19-23



**VBS Donations Needed**

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**Or donations of cash or a check would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the Church Office. Thank You.**

**THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:**  
**JUNE 18TH THRU JUNE 25TH**

**Sunday, June 18**

8:30 a.m. Women's Choir Rehearsal, LOFT  
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH  
9:30 a.m. Worship, Rev. Murry Preaching  
10:45 a.m. **STATE OF WESTMINSTER**, FH  
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home

**Monday, June 19**

5:30 p.m. VBS at St. Luke's Methodist

**Tuesday, June 20**

9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR  
5:30 p.m. VBS at St. Luke's Methodist

**Wednesday, June 21**

1:30 p.m. Foundation Board, WR  
5:30 p.m. VBS at St. Luke's Methodist

**Thursday, June 22**

5:30 p.m. VBS at St. Luke's Methodist  
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting, BR

**Friday, June 23**

**HOTLINE DEADLINE**

5:30 p.m. VBS at St. Luke's Methodist

**Saturday, June 24**

7:00 a.m. Share Food Distribution, FH  
9:00 a.m. Rescue Mission Prep, K  
**9:00 a.m. Tour of Mission Garden**  
4:00 p.m. Conrad 50th Anniversary, FH, K  
7:00 p.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal, SA

**Sunday, June 25**

8:00 a.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal, SA  
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH  
**9:30 a.m. Worship, Dr. Chris James,**  
**Guest Preacher**  
12:00 p.m. Rescue Mission Dinner

**Summer Hours**

beginning June 19th

Becky Jenkins OFF Tues. & Wed.  
Mary Kay Pancratz OFF Fridays

"Covered" Office Hours  
will remain the same:

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.  
9 a.m. - Noon on Fridays

**4th of July Holiday**

Office closed Mon. & Tues., July 3 & 4



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