

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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MAY 28, 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. **Meeting today after worship.**

- 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 "Sanctuary" Timbrel & Lyre

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*

**Call to Worship* (based on Psalm 107:9 and I Peter 2:2-10) Hal Murry

Leader: Come to Christ, people of God, and taste the kindness of the Lord.

People: *Only God satisfies the thirsty. Only God fills the hungry with good things.*

Leader: Come to Christ, God's chosen people, and build your lives on God's cornerstone.

People: *God has called us out of darkness into amazing light.*

Leader: Once we weren't a people...

ALL: *But now we are God's people. Let us worship God.*

**Hymn - insert* "In Christ Alone"

**Invitation to Confession* Hal Murry

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him; Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal reflection.)

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Hal Murry

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14 (NRSV)

Rev. Dr. Lyle VanderBroek

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Lyle VanderBroek

Anthem

"In Christ Alone"
by Michael English

Timbrel & Lyre

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10 (NRSV)

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²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',

⁸and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Story of God's People"

Rev. Dr. Lyle VanderBroek

**Hymn #2172*

"We Are Called"

**Litany for Memorial Day Weekend*

Hal Murry

Leader: Eternal God: before you nations rise and fall; they grow strong or wither by your design. On this Memorial Day weekend, we pray that as Christians we will live lives that are salt and light for our culture.

People: Amen.

Leader: Give us glimpses of the Holy City you are bringing to earth, where death and pain and crying will be no more; where nations will gather in the light of your presence.

People: Great God, renew this nation.

Leader: Teach us peace, that one day we will plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools. Teach us to talk across old divides, as Jesus did, for the sake of a better world for our children and grandchildren.

People: Great God, renew this nation.

Leader: Move our hearts, that we may work to end prejudice and the cruelty that comes so easily when we define others as unworthy.

People: Great God, renew this nation.

Leader: Draw us together as one people who do your will. Make our diversity a strength so that our land may be a light to nations, embodying the Kingdom of God which Jesus proclaimed.

People: Great God, renew this nation.

Leader: Great God, eternal Lord: centuries ago our ancestors sought freedom by coming to this land. Remind us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you modestly, as devoted people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray using these words...

**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 Follow"

Timbrel & Lyre

**Doxology*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Timbrel & Lyre

arr. by Steve Peake

G D Em
 C D G Am C
 G D G D G

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures
 here be - low. Praise Him a - bove ye hea - venly host. Praise Fath - er, Son, and
 Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Hal Murry

**Hymn - insert*

"This Is My Song"

**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.*

Did you get yours yet? Our new pictorial directories are on tables in the back of the sanctuary...look for the one with your name on it!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY, Hal Murry leads the second of four *Welcome to Westminster* classes covering some of the basics of Christianity in general and Westminster Church in particular. Today's topic: "*The Presbyterians.*" What's the uniqueness of being a Presbyterian Christian? What are the strengths of our particular fellowship of faith? Are there weaknesses?!? This class meets fifteen minutes after worship in the Conference Room, down the hall from the Sanctuary. All are welcome. Particularly invited are those considering the possibility of church membership.

AT MAY MEETINGS of the Session (Westminster's governing council):

- The Session met with a representative of the John Knox Presbytery Committee on Ministry and received an orientation to the pastor nominating process. The search for Westminster's next "called and installed" minister is expected to begin this summer. Since June, 2013, Hal Murry has served as Westminster's Interim Pastor.
- The Session elected Jennifer Klinkhammer, Don Ryerson and Norma Smith to terms on the Westminster Foundation Board of Governors. The foundation oversees nearly \$600,000 in assets, a percentage of which is used each year to fund mission and ministries at Westminster and beyond. Thanks to Foundation Board Members whose service has ended: George Hellert and Doug Pearce.

GREEN TEAM TIP #7 – RECYCLE, REC YCLE, RECYCLE! The old adage "reduce, reuse, recycle" still works very well today. If you don't do this now, it is time to get started.

ON GOING! - The Green Team has 2 boxes available to RECYCLE BATTERIES and old PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES. It is important that with the prescription bottles that all your personal information has been removed. It is a simple, but great way to stop putting things in the landfill that do not belong there. The boxes are located at the information counter in the Narthex. If you have questions contact Linda Stovall at LinStov@aol.com



Mission Work

Thanks to Linda Stovall, Susan Taylor, Deb Seiffert and Tom Stovall that prepared the food and served the people at the **Circles Initiative Dinner** on Tues., May 23rd. Thanks for feeding "God's People".



YOUTH HANDBELLS: Congratulations on moving ahead from the level one pieces you have played all year! **Pictured Front Row:** Ricardo Huang, Hao Xu, Grace Wu, Katey Theis, Zach Heidenreich **Second Row:** Sally Stulken, Tailiya Turner, Zach Uzel, Sam Wu, Perry Huang

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: MAY 28, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729		Rev. Hal Murry: 580-4196
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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: Ross Madden
 Ushers: Jon Davison & Julie Woodyard
 Ross & Sally Madden

PRAYER REQUESTS:

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

DUBUQUE FOOD PANTRY is launching a new program called "**LUNCHES TO GO**" - For children ages: Newborn to 18 years old, Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fridays 10:30 - Noon Starting Friday, June 2 - Friday, August 18. Each child will get his or her own lunch bag to fill. This is open to any child in the Dubuque Area. Call 583-4440.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
MAY 28TH THRU JUNE 4TH

Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal, SA
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. Worship, Rev. Lyle VanderBroek
preaching
9:30 a.m. Mandarin Worship, BR
10:45 a.m. Welcome to Westminster, BR

Monday, May 29
MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 30

9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR

Wednesday, May 31

9:00 a.m. Mandarin Baptism Class, CR



Thursday, June 1

7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Sunday, June 4

GRAD RECOGNITION

8:00 a.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal, 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. Mandarin Worship, BR
10:30 a.m. Sam Wu's Graduation Party, FH
10:45 a.m. Welcome to Westminster, BR



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

Who needs a WILL? Everyone who cares what happens to what they leave behind..and anyone who wants to leave a bequest to Westminster Presbyterian Church.



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/>



VBS Donations Needed

Gift Cards to:
Hy-Vee
Wal-Mart
Fareway
Hobby Lobby

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