

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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SEPTEMBER 24, 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)

"Jesus said, 'I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me won't walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.'" (John 8:12)

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 refreshments 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.***

- 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 - #2025 "As the Deer" Timbrel & Lyre

Words of Greeting Ruth 2:4 Bonnie Sue Lewis
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements Bonnie Sue Lewis

Minute for Mission "Mom's Connect" Katrina Richardson
"CROP Hunger Walk" Tom Stovall

**Greeting Our Neighbors*

**Call to Worship* (Psalm 100: 1, 2, 5) Lorrie Etheredge
Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
People: Worship the Lord with gladness!
Leader: Come into God's presence with singing!
People: Enter the courts of the Lord with praise!
Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
People: And his faithfulness to all generations!

**Hymn #2001* "We Sing to You, O God"

**Invitation to Confession* Lorrie Etheredge

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

*We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

*In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

(Moment of silence for personal reflection)

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Bonnie Sue Lewis

Children's Message

Bonnie Sue Lewis

Anthem

"Christ Redeemer"
by Nate Marailke

Timbrel & Lyre

Gospel: Acts 11:1-18 (NLT)

11 Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God. ²But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him. ³"You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!" they said.

⁴Then Peter told them exactly what had happened. ⁵"I was in the town of Joppa," he said, "and while I was praying, I went into a trance and saw a vision. Something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners from the sky. And it came right down to me. ⁶When I looked inside the sheet, I saw all sorts of tame and wild animals, reptiles, and birds. ⁷And I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat them.'

⁸"No, Lord,' I replied. 'I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure or unclean.'

⁹"But the voice from heaven spoke again: 'Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean.'¹⁰ This happened three times before the sheet and all it contained was pulled back up to heaven.

¹¹"Just then three men who had been sent from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. ¹²The Holy Spirit told me to go with them and not to worry that they were Gentiles. These six brothers here accompanied me, and we soon entered the home of the man who had sent for us. ¹³He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, 'Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. ¹⁴He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!'

¹⁵"As I began to speak," Peter continued, "the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as he fell on us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then I thought of the Lord's words when he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'¹⁷ And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?"

¹⁸When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, "We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"God is Able"

Bonnie Sue Lewis

**Hymn #2236*

"Gather Us In"

**Affirmation of Faith*

(Ephesians 2:8-10, NLT)

Bonnie Sue Lewis

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Pastoral Prayer

Bonnie Sue Lewis

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

"You are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

Timbrel & Lyre

by Marc Imboden & Tammi Rhoton

**Doxology*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Timbrel & Lyre

arr. by Steve Peake

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a key signature change to D major (two sharps) for the second measure. The second staff has a key signature change to G major (one sharp) for the first measure. The third staff has a key signature change to D major (two sharps) for the first measure. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Staff 1: G D Em
Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow. Praise Him all crea - tures

Staff 2: C D G Am C
here be - low. Praise Him a - bove ye hea - venly host. Praise Fath - er, Son, and

Staff 3: G D G D G
Ho - ly Ghost A - men.

* *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Bonnie Sue Lewis

* *Hymn #2162*

"Grace Alone"

* *Blessing*

Bonnie Sue Lewis

* *Response - insert*

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER is Dr. Bonnie Sue Lewis. Bonnie Sue has been a professor of mission at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary for 20 years, and a member of Westminster for nearly as long. She has served on the Session, as a Deacon, on the Westminster Foundation, and most recently on the Strategic Planning Task Force. She is a member of the hospitality team, care team, has taught adult education, and was Moderator of John Knox Presbytery in 2012.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES after worship!

- Children/Youth meet right after worship downstairs
- "*Staying Healthy*"; an adult class follows worship in the Board Room. This is the **final class** of a 3-part series. Class topics include personal health guidelines, pro-active navigation of your healthcare support system, patient advocacy and community healthcare resources. Panelists include friends and members of Westminster with extensive professional healthcare experience.
- **Starting next Sunday, Oct. 1st** is the **Fall Bible Study on the Book of Amos** following worship. Come and see how this ancient prophet's message still speaks to us today! Marsha Wilfong will be leading this study.

PASTOR MURRY is on vacation until October 2. Thanks to Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong who has agreed to respond to requests for emergency pastoral care in Hal's absence. She may be reached through the church office, 563-583-1729 or at home 563-583-6571 (emergency only).

1378.4 POUNDS! That's the harvest from Westminster's Mission Garden thus far -- all donated to local food pantries. Thanks to the many hands that have gotten "dirty" in this mission project! "I planted, Apollos watered, but GOD made it grow." -- The Apostle Paul in I *Corinthians* 3:6.

GREEN TIP: *Make compost, not landfill.* For \$1 a month Dubuque picks up food scraps - even greasy pizza boxes and turkey carcasses. You get a green 13-gallon food scraps container for curbside pickup AND an amazing low tech kitchen countertop food waste container that avoids the awful smell of closed compost containers. **See both containers in the narthex today.**



Fall Rummage Sale Thurs., Fri. & Sat., Oct. 19, 20 & 21

Please start saving your unwanted items for us to sell. Filling up Fellowship Hall is what makes these sales so successful and our church mission goals are so generously met.

Co-chairs: Sue Case and Gerda Preston Hartman

Please call Sue Case @ 599-5289 if you are able to help in any way.

WESTMINSTER BOOK EXCHANGE - Do you have new reading material for that really big first snow? Please bring your used books to the boxes on the bench by the church office during the week of October 8 and take back new reading material on Sunday, October 15. No text books please. Any leftovers will be sold at the WPC Rummage Sale.

2017 DUBUQUE CROP HUNGER WALK COMING OCTOBER 1st

Plan now to join Dubuque's faith community and your Westminster Team on Sunday, October 1st to help end hunger and poverty in our community around the world through the Dubuque CROP Hunger Walk. You can walk, give and change the world! Donations are now being accepted and walkers recruited. Find out how you can help by visiting the Mission Team in the narthex today!

On October 1st, the CROP Hunger Walk will start at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with a free lunch at 12:00 noon. Registration and team pictures for our Westminster Team will be at 12:30 p.m. and the walk will begin at 1:00 p.m. We will walk to Murphy Park and back, about 4 miles. You can walk as little or as much of the route as you like. All Westminster walkers should wear their purple WPC shirts. There will be a scavenger hunt along the route.

Last year Westminster raised over \$1,100 for CROP Hunger Walk. This year we want to do even better! We are now accepting donations for the WPC Team. Please make your check payable to Westminster and write "CROP WALK" in the memo section. 25% of our donations stay locally to assist the Dubuque Food Pantry, the Dubuque Rescue Mission and People In Need (PIN). The remaining 75% goes to Church World Service to fight hunger and poverty around the world. You can also donate online and get more information by visiting www.crophungerwalk.org/dubuqueia/

We are also collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Food Pantry. Please bring your jars of both to church the next two Sundays. Thank you in advance for your caring generosity.



Tim Till is in need of Volunteers to help dig up the geraniums to put away for the winter on

Wed., October 4th at 9:00 a.m.

Rain date is Thurs., Oct. 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Please let Tim know if you can help.

Thank you!

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729

Rev. Marsha Wilfong: 583-6571 emerg. only

Rev. Hal Murry, Teaching Elder

Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins

Faith Formation Leader for Youth: Lisa Fast

Care Ministry Coordinator: Glinda Manternach

Adult Choir/Adult Handbells: Pam Crawford

Band/Youth Handbells: Sally Stulken

Refreshments & Bldg Care: Scott Heicken

Greeters: Gene & Gini Gordon

Fritz/Ruth Cabalka, Russ/Leona Hibben

Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz

Custodian: Tim Till

Nursery: Amy Ehlers/Emily Meeker

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler

Youth Choir: Lizz Tyler

Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler

Head Usher: Pam Adams

Ushers: Jon Davison & Rich Henderson

John & Pam Adams

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Continued prayers for Julie Woodyard's aging mother, Milly Conzett.
- Continued prayers for Wayne Lewis, who is recovering from surgery this past Monday.
- Prayers for Kerin Moldenhauer who was hospitalized this week with dehydration.

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

TODAY at 1:00 p.m. JOYFUL STEWARDSHIP - Your Westminster Green Team and the Dubuque Chapter of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light invites all to a special presentation by Dr. James Martin-Schramm at the Sisters of the Presentation, 2360 Carter. All are welcome! - *see flyer in Narthex*

TODAY from 2-4 p.m. CONCERT FOR NON-VIOLENCE at Blades Chapel, U.D
Speaker: Alan Garfield on "Nonviolence in the Abrahamic Tradition" - *see flyer in Narthex*

HOSPICE OF DUBUQUE - will soon be sponsoring two six-week bereavement support groups. It is suggested that participants wait at least three months after a loss before attending.

The groups will meet on Wednesdays, beginning October 11 through November 15. A morning group will be offered from 10 – Noon, and an evening group will be offered from 6 – 8 pm. Groups will meet at the Hospice of Dubuque office in the Theisen Education Center, 1670 JFK Road.

BETHANY HOME FALL FESTIVAL - Oct. 14th 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. , Crafts & Bake Sale & Turkey & Dressing Sandwiches, chips and dessert will be for sale

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
SEPTEMBER 24TH THRU OCTOBER 1ST

Sunday, September 24

8:00 a.m. Timbrel & Lyre Rehearsal, SA
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. Worship, Dr. Bonnie Sue Lewis,
Guest Preacher
9:30 a.m. Mandarin Worship, BR
10:40 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School, CR
10:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, BR
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany-Rev Wilfong
3:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH, Media Rm.

Monday, September 25

HOTLINE DEADLINE

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

Tuesday, September 26

9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR
1:00 p.m. OPNV Parent Mtg., MS Room
5:45 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
6:15 p.m. Amos Bible Study, CR

Wednesday, September 27

2:00 p.m. Amos Bible Study, Bethany Home
5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal, LOFT
5:40 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.
6:00 p.m. Mom's Connect, 3-5 Rm. Nursery
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

Thursday, September 28

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, 3-5 Gr. Rm.
7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Friday, September 29

2:00 p.m. Mandarin Bible Study, CR

Saturday, September 30

8:45 a.m. AA Something New, MS

Sunday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Adult Handbells, LOFT
8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. Worship, Rev. Dr. Marsha
Wilfong, Guest Preacher
10:40 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School, CR
10:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
10:45 a.m. Amos Bible Study, BR
11:45 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, Choir Rm.
3:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH, Media Rm.



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