

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

9:30 A.M.

"As Peter began to sink, he shouted, 'Lord, rescue me!' Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him..." (Matthew 14:30 Common English Bible)

*"Take a hard look at Jesus. He's the centerpiece of everything we believe."
(Hebrews 3:1 The Message)*

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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Prelude

Luke Tyler, Organist

Introit

"Bell Peal"

Adult Handbells

Words of Greeting

Ruth 2:4

Rev. Hal Murry

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

**Greeting Our Neighbors*

**Response #2025*

"As the Deer"

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

**Call to Worship*

(from Psalm 107:25-27)

Samuel Wu

Leader: A stormy wind lifted up the waves of the sea.

People: *The waves went up as high as the sky; they crashed down to the depths.*

Leader: The sailors' courage melted at this terrible situation.

People: They staggered and stumbled around like they were drunk.

Leader: None of their skill was of any help.

People: *So they cried out to the Lord in their distress, and God brought them out safe from their desperate circumstances.*

Leader: They rejoiced because the waves had calmed down;

People: *Then God led them to the harbor they were hoping for.*

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Hymn #308**

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

Verse 3 - sung only by Choir accompanied by Handbells

***Invitation to Confession**

Samuel Wu

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. Sometimes we sink in doubt and fear. We hide from challenges. Our purposes are never in full accord with yours.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us to live our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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

"Water Wing"

Hal Murry

Anthem

"Sing a New Song"

by Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir

Sermon: "He's Got You!"

1. Matthew 14: Jesus seeks room to grieve
2. Today's Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33
3. The debilitating power of fear
4. The promise at the heart of our faith

Courage isn't the absence of fear. Courage is the ability to take our stand and do what needs to be done even when we're afraid.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33 (CEB)

²²Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. ²³When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. ²⁴Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. ²⁵Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, "It's a ghost!" They were so frightened they screamed.

²⁷ Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ And Jesus said, “Come.”

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!”

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

³³ Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, “You must be God’s Son!”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn #379 vs. 1,2,4* "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

**Affirmation of Faith*

(Romans 8:35; 37-39)

Hal Murry

Leader: Who will separate us from Christ’s love? Will we be separated by trouble, or distress, or harassment, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

ALL: No! But in all these things we win a sweeping victory through the one who loved us. We are convinced that nothing can separate us from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Giving of Our Offerings

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

Offertory

“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Adult Handbells

arr. Cathy Moglebust

**Song of Thanksgiving #2036 vs 1,4* “Give Thanks”

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Hal Murry

**Hymn #361 vs. 1,2,3,5*

"How Firm a Foundation"

**Blessing*

Hal Murry

**Response*

Go In Peace

Lyrics by: The Worshipbook

Music by: Austin C. Lovelace
Arranged by: Westminster Press

Allegro moderato

Vocals

(Congregation)

Go in peace. Live in free dom. Serve the Lord. Serve the

Vox.

(Chancel Choir Verse)

Lord; re-joic-ing in the pow'r of the Ho-ly spir-it

Vox.

(Congregation)

A - men. A - men.

**Postlude*

Luke Tyler, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING immediately follows worship to act on three Session recommendations related to the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC):

- To receive, with regret, the resignation of Mary Breiner from the PNC;
- To elect Deb Seiffert to the PNC
- To elect Norma Smith as PNC Alternate with voice but no vote unless another PNC vacancy occurs

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin today!

- Children/Youth meet right after worship downstairs
- "*Staying Healthy*", a three-week class adult class begins after the Congregational Meeting (approx. 10:50) in the Board Room. 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.

1130 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.

\$1212 is the amount donated through the church to help hurricane victims. All gifts are forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, already actively engaged with congregations and presbyteries in the affected areas. Please note on your check or envelope "Hurricanes."

PASTOR MURRY is on vacation from September 11 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).

MUSIC MINISTRY... PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US!

Adult Choir Rehearsals Resumed on Wednesdays and begin in Worship TODAY

- Handbells from 5:00- 6:00 p.m. - contact Pam Crawford 563-357-1343
- Chancel Choir from 6:45-8:00 p.m. - contact Pam Crawford 563-357-1343

Youth Choir Rehearsals Resumed

- Tuesdays for Handbells at 5:45 p.m. - contact Sally Stulken 563-542-0035
- Wednesdays for Youth Choir at 5:40 p.m. contact Lizz Tyler 262-909-3822

Band Rehearsal Resumes TODAY & Begin in Worship on Sept. 17th

- 11:45 a.m. in the Choir Room - contact Sally Stulken 563-542-0035

Local music teacher and soprano Cameron Scholtes warmly invites friends and members of Westminster to her recital TODAY 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Westminster!

She will perform with Sharon Jensen, pianist, and Marcus DeJesus, classical guitarist, They will present vocal works by Giuliani, Floyd, Sondheim, Poulenc and Beach. A reception will follow the performance. Goodwill donations will be accepted

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729

Rev. Marsha Wilfong: 583-6571 emerg. only

Rev. Hal Murry, Teaching Elder

Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz

Financial Secretary: Becky Jenkins

Custodian: Tim Till

Faith Formation Leader for Youth: Lisa Fast

Nursery: Amy Ehlers/Emily Meeker

Care Ministry Coordinator: Glinda Manternach

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler

Adult Choir/Adult Handbells: Pam Crawford

Youth Choir: Lizz Tyler

Band/Youth Handbells: Sally Stulken

Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler

Refreshments & Bldg Care: Bill & Janet Porter

Head Usher: Rich Henderson

Greeters: Dennis & Susie Williams

Ushers: Adam Etheredge & Gidget Maas

Jim & Sue Huff

Laura Ting

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

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM - 7:00 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 14: Star, Crescent and Cross - Loras College Alumni Center Ballroom

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 on Sunday, September 24 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sisters of the Presentation, 2360 Carter Road in Dubuque on "Joyful Stewardship". Dr. Martin-Schramm is a religion professor at Luther College and the author of several books including Climate Justice: Ethics, Energy, and Public Policy. He has played a leadership role in helping Luther College transition to renewable energy with wind and solar and was a long time Board President of Iowa Interfaith Power & Light. All are welcome to attend!

CONCERT FOR NON-VIOLENCE - Sun., Sept. 24 from 2-4 p.m. at Blades Chapel, U.D.

Performers: Kristina Castaneda, Ralph Kluseman & Linda Niemann

Speaker: Alan Garfield on "Nonviolence in the Abrahamic Tradition"

The power of music to reach far and wide has fueled countless important movements in recent decades. Now is the time to turn up the music to turn down the hateful rhetoric that has become a hallmark of the gun debate.

The Dubuque Diversity Climate Survey is a research project of Loras students and faculty who are seeking to collect data that will help our city community better understand itself. It asks questions about the current environment in Dubuque as it regards political identity, ethnicity and heritage, religious identity, and sexual orientation. The survey is voluntary, anonymous, and confidential. It takes about 20 minutes to complete. Thank you for your participation!

https://loras.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6EXwGXXJCX3jKn3

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
SEPTEMBER 10TH THRU SEPTEMBER 17TH

Sunday, September 10

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, Hal Murry preaching
9:30 a.m. Mandarin Worship, BR
10:35 a.m. Brief Congregation Mtg., SA
10:40 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School, CR
10:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School, BR
11:45 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, Choir Rm.
1:00 p.m. Cameron Scholtes Voice Recital, SA
2:00 p.m. Youth Team Bible Study, WR
3:00 p.m. Youth Group, Media Room
5:00 p.m. Mandarin Welcome Party, FH, K

Monday, September 11

3:00 p.m. Property Meeting, BR
7:00 p.m. Scouts Brd. of Rev., CR
7:00p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 a.m. School Board Elections, FH
9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR
5:15 p.m. PIN Board Mtg., WR
5:45 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group, MS

Wednesday, September 13

11:00 a.m. Regional Prayer Group, CR
5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal, LOFT
5:40 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

Thursday, September 14

7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Friday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Mandarin Bible Study, CR

Saturday, September 16

8:45 a.m. AA Something New, MS
9:00 a.m. Rescue Mission Prep, K

Sunday, September 17

8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:00 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, SA
9:30 a.m. Worship, Rev. Nancy Bickel,
Guest Preacher
9:30 a.m. Mandarin Worship, BR
10:30 a.m. Family Youth Dinner Prep, K, FH
10:40 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School, CR
10:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, BR
12:00 p.m. Rescue Mission Dinner
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany-Rev Wilfong



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