

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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OCTOBER 1, 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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Prelude Luke Tyler, Organist

Introit "Bell Peal" Adult Handbells

Words of Greeting Ruth 2:4 Marsha Wilfong
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements Marsha Wilfong

* *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* Adam Etheredge
Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
People: For great is God's steadfast love toward us;
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!

* *Hymn #517* "We Come as Guests Invited"

* *Invitation to Confession* Adam Etheredge

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

Almighty God, we recognize that we have been created by you, but we have fallen away from the good intent of your creation. Restore again your image within us, that we may know what it means to be your children. We confess that we have not been obedient disciples. Cause us to hear again your call and follow you. We acknowledge that we have loved ourselves too much and our neighbor too little. Help us to hear and live your commandment that we should love you with heart, mind, and soul, and our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to find our peace in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal reflection)

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Marsha Wilfong

**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

Marsha Wilfong

Anthem

"Come to the Table"

Chancel Choir

arr. by Joseph Martin

Prayer for Illumination

Marsha Wilfong

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-9 (NRSV)

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSV)

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him

into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Invited Guests"

Marsha Wilfong

**Hymn #2269*

"Come, Share the Lord"

**Affirmation of Faith*

The Nicene Creed

Terry Flynn

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Giving of Our Offerings

Terry Flynn

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

Offertory

"Adoro te Devote"

Adult Handbells

arr. by Cathy Moglebust

"All youth are dismissed to go downstairs to classrooms."

**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 Dedication*

Terry Flynn

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Marsha Wilfong

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

"...with all the faithful from every time and place, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Communion of the People

As you pass the bread please say, "The body of Christ given for you."

As you pass the cup please say, "The blood of Christ shed for you."

(Please retain the bread to partake together as a sign of our oneness as a community of faith in Jesus Christ. Drink the cup whenever you are ready as a sign of our individual and unique relationship with Christ as our Lord and Savior.)

INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED GLUTEN FREE WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE

**Unison Prayer after Communion*

Terry Flynn

Gracious God, we thank you for setting a table before us, and for calling disciples from every place to feast together. We praise you for love that binds, and for faith that makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. We glorify you for your Spirit at work, building one holy church in the world, to serve Jesus Christ, the true vine and the bread of life, our Lord and living Savior. Amen.

**Hymn - insert*

"One Bread, One Body"

**Blessing*

Marsha Wilfong

**Response - on page 6*

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

THANKS TO OUR GUEST PREACHER Rev. Dr. Marsha Wilfong, a retired Presbyterian Minister whom we all know as a friend of our congregation. Marsha has been responding to requests for pastoral care while Hal is on vacation. She may be contacted through the church office at 583-1729 or at 583-6571 (emergency only). Teaching Elder, Hal Murry, returns from vacation TOMORROW!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES after worship!

- Children/Youth meet right after worship downstairs
- Starting TODAY 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. **Other times to attend are:** Tuesdays at 6:15 in the Conference Room (however this Tuesday will be in the work room) or Wednesdays at 2:00 at Bethany Home.

1510 POUNDS! That's the harvest from Westminster's Mission Garden thus far -- all donated to local food pantries. **A NOTE FROM RICH:** ***We are looking for bagged leaves from your yard. We prefer leaves that are raked & bagged -- that helps us avoid any grass that may have been sprayed. Either drop the bags off by the compost containers or give me a call.***

GREEN TIP: ***Make compost, not landfill.*** Need mulch for trees, shrubs and flowers? Rake or blow leaves into your less showy areas to a depth of 4 inches when compacted. Oak leaves make an attractive natural mulch lasting over a year. Need compost? Build a compost bin like the bins Rich built for the Westminster garden. Or find an out-of-the-way place for deep piles of leaves, no weedy plant material and extra soil. Just keep adding material. In a year, dig deep to get dark, crumbly compost for improving soil quality and plant health. P.S. If you missed last week, see Dubuque's curbside food scraps container and amazing kitchen waste container in the narthex.



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 IS TODAY!

Join your Westminster Team TODAY to help end hunger and poverty in our community around the world through the Dubuque CROP Hunger Walk. **Donations are needed TODAY!** Please make your check to Westminster and write "CROP WALK" in the memo section.

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 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. Thank you for your generosity in advance.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: OCTOBER 1, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729	Rev. Hal Murry: 580-4196
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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: C Dausener/J&JSmith

Greeters: Judy Schuster, Bonnie Sue Lewis

Margaret Callaghan, Patt Carmack, Bev Graves

Communion Servers: *Sally & Ross Madden, Ed Hannon & Pam Crawford, Deb Seiffert

Tom & Linda Stovall, Susan Taylor, Lois Pearce, Jeff Oberhoffer

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: Rich Henderson

Ushers: 7th Grade Youth



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!

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
OCTOBER 1ST THRU OCTOBER 8TH

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.

Monday, October 2

2:00 p.m. JKP Meeting, CR
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Classrooms
7:00p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH
7:00 p.m. Scouts, Brd. of Rev., CR

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR
5:45 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
6:00 p.m. PNC Orientation Mtg., CR
6:15 p.m. Amos Bible Study, WR
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, BR

Wednesday, October 4

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.
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

Thursday, October 5

6:00 p.m. Moon Festival Celebration, FH, K
7:00 p.m. Table Tennis, FH

Friday, October 6

2:00 p.m. Mandarin Bible Study, CR
5:00 p.m. Order of Arrow Lock In, FH, K

Saturday, October 7

7:00 a.m. Order of Arrow Training, FH, K
8:45 a.m. AA Something New, MS

Sunday, October 8

8:00 a.m. Hospitality Breakfast, FH, K
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. Murry Preaching
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. Amos Bible Study, BR
3:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH, Media Rm.



Thank you Church Gardeners in 2017

Gini and Sally, speaking for the church members, would like to thank all the gardeners that helped make our flower gardens beautiful this summer. A big thanks to Tim Till for watering and all the other things he is so willing to help us with and thanks to those that watered the plant by the door faithfully. Thanks to others that pulled a week or two or deadheaded a plant while walking by the gardens. Many hands make light the task. Those helping this summer were Gene & Gini Gordon, Ross & Sally Madden, Jeanne Beeghley, Myra DeLong, Glinda Manternach, Joyce & Paul Ulzel, Janet & Bill Porter, Sheri Hannon, Denise Reyerson, Doug & Jean Cheever, Susan Williams, Lynne Oyen, Pat Judge, Dianne Garrity, the Vesperman family, Pat & Dori Edwards. We had two new subs, Bev Graves and Ruth McEilhiney. We hope all of these gardeners will be available again next year and anyone else that would join us.

THANKS AGAIN