

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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OCTOBER 8, 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.
 - * All who are able may stand.
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Prelude "Chorale Prelude" by James Swearingen Westminster
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Jim Curnow Band

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

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Month Minute for Mission: "Digital Ministries" Cameron Fast

***Greeting Our Neighbors**

***Introit #217 vs. 5** "O Sing a New Song"
Refrain: O sing a new song to the Lord, Sing to the Lord, Sing all the earth.
Verse: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth re-joice, let the sea roar,
and all its creatures; be glad, you fields, and all your fruit.

***Call to Worship** Samuel Wu

Leader: Jesus said, "Follow me."
People: We don't always know what that means.
Leader: We are on a journey of discovery.
People: *We are here because we want to be God's people.*
Leader: We are here because we are broken and want to be whole again.
People: *We are here to celebrate our lives, and God's presence in this life.*
ALL: *Let us worship God with great thanksgiving.*

***Hymn #414** "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

***Invitation to Confession** Samuel Wu

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

O God, our Giver of Life, we confess that we have a hard time putting you first. We see the ads, hear the commercials, and we find ourselves wanting the latest gadgets, whether we NEED them or not. We like to give, but only after all of our "wants" are met. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to respond to your love with generosity to the church and to the world. Help us to give to you first instead of last. 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

"Thin Slice"

Hal Murry

Anthem

"Creation Shall Be at Peace"
by Anna Laura Page

Chancel Choir

Sermon: "Holy Waste"

1. A stunning moment at a dinner party
2. Judas' response: "What a waste!"
3. **Today's Scripture: John 12:1-8**
4. Abundance of the heart
5. It's personal

Gospel: John 12:1-8 (CEB)

12 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. 3 Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. 4 Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, 5 "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (6 He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

7 Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Digital Moment: "Ways to Give"

Jolene Kilcoyne

**Hymn #422*

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

**Affirmation of Faith*

(from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Hal Murry

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

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.

Stewardship Moment: "Why I Give"

Arlys Williams

Giving of Our Offerings

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

Offertory

**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 #375*

"Lord of All Good"

**Blessing*

Hal Murry

**Response - on page 5*

Go In Peace

Lyrics by: The Worshipbook

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

Allegro moderato

(Congregation)

Vocals

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

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(Chancel Choir Verse)

Vox.

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

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(Congregation)

Vox.

A-men. A-men.

**Postlude*

Luke Tyler, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, right after worship,

- Sunday School for children and youth meets downstairs;
- **Adult** Bible study on *Amos* meets in the Board Room. Turns out the Old Testament prophet has a LOT to day that applies today! Marsha Wilfong leads. Same study also offered at 6:30 on Tuesdays and 2:00 on Wednesday at Bethany Home. ALL are welcome.

OCTOBER IS "STEWARDSHIP MONTH" at Westminster. All members and friends are invited to submit a 2018 Estimate of Giving card to the church office or through the Sunday offering by the end of the month. October worship services will highlight a variety of Westminster mission and ministry emphases:

- Today -- "Digital Ministries"
- Next Sunday -- Youth Faith Formation Ministries
- October 22 -- Ministry to the Mandarin speaking community (fellowship hour with refreshments follows worship in Fellowship Hall)
- October 29 -- Westminster's Ministries of Care

STILL Producing! The harvest from Westminster's Mission Garden is 1559 pounds, all donated to local food pantries to help neighbors struggling with "food insecurity." Cool weather produce is still being planted. "I planted, Apollos watered, but GOD made it grow." -- The Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 3:6.

A NOTE FROM RICH HENDERSON: **We are looking for bagged leaves from your yard for the Mission Garden. 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.**

ALL IN Westminster's famous geraniums have now relocated to their cold weather home (church basement). Thanks to Sally Madden for the assist!

FIRST MEETING Westminster's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) held its first meeting on October 10. Job #1 for the PNC is to complete lengthy denominational forms that will be used to interpret Westminster's pastoral leadership needs to prospective applicants. These documents must be approved by the Session and by John Knox Presbytery prior to posting. Members of the PNC are: Pam Adams, Jennifer Klinkhammer, Steve Peake, Tom Stovall, Deb Seiffert, Dan Tabraham, Arlys Williams and Norma Smith (alternate). Ultimately, at some future date (late 2018?), the PNC will recommend a nominee for Pastor to be considered and voted on by the congregation.

REFORMATION SUNDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP - OCTOBER 29TH AT 4:00 P.M.

EVENT DETAILS: Join us for an energizing & ecumenical worship to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! President Louise N. Johnson, from Wartburg Theological Seminary will be preaching. The Rev. Lindsay James from Westminster will be presiding.

COMMUNITY CHOIR: Pam Crawford, from Westminster, will be directing. Open to all local singers. Rehearsals TBD.

WORSHIP TOGETHER: Here at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Avenue, Dubuque. An offering for local ministries will be collected. Let's come together and show our unity in Christ! **RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

For more information about the service & the community choir, contact Dr. Martin Lohrmann, mlohrmann@wartburgseminary.edu/563-589-0305

GREEN TIP: Ensure refrigerants are wisely recycled. Refrigerants in air conditioners and refrigerators, thanks to worldwide environmental action decades ago, allow the ozone hole to close - making sunlight less likely to cause skin cancer. But, unless the refrigerant is carefully removed from recycled appliances before the system is cut open, the amount of heat trapped in the atmosphere increases an incredible amount. How incredible? When a car loses all its air conditioning refrigerant (about 1.5 pounds), the effect on global warming is about the same as burning 6000 pounds (3 tons) of coal or 700 gallons of gasoline.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM - 7:00 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 12: Scripture Study: Torah - Temple Beth El

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

TROOP II Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale - Monday, November 6th 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Westminster's Fellowship Hall. Adults \$7.00, \$4.00 Kids 4-12, Kids 3 and under FREE
All You Can Eat Spaghetti, Salad, Bread Sticks, Milk and Coffee. Drinks and desserts are available for purchase.



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.



We had 11 walkers participate on the Westminster Team for the 2017 Dubuque Area CROP Walk on Sunday, October 1st.

Thanks to all who walked and to those who generously contributed to this much-needed worldwide and local mission.

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: OCTOBER 8, 2017

Church Office Number: 583-1729 | Rev. Hal Murry: 580-4196

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: Bill & Janet Porter
 Greeters: Dennis & Susie Williams
 Jim & Sue Huff

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: Glinda Manternach
 Ushers: Gidget Maas & Laura Ting
 Ed Hannon & Adam Etheredge

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Prayers for Moses Wu's father and family. Moses is gone for a month to spend time with his father in Taiwan, who has cancer.
- Mark Thetford who is at Finley Hospital, recovering from surgery.

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

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
OCTOBER 8TH THRU OCTOBER 15TH

Sunday, October 8

8:30 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.

Monday, October 9

3:00 p.m. Property Meeting, BR
6:00 p.m. Pack 20, FH
7:00p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH
7:00 p.m. Scouts, Brd. of Rev., CR

Tuesday, October 10

9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR
1:30 p.m. Mandarin Ministry Board, BR
5:15 p.m. PIN Board, WR
5:45 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
6:30 p.m. Amos Bible Study, WR
7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group, MS

Save the Dates: Fair Trade Market (SERRV) coming November 25, 26 and December 3rd.



**FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:**

You can give beyond your life through a bequest to Westminster Presbyterian Church in your WILL.

Wednesday, October 11

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.

Thursday, October 12

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

Friday, October 13

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

Saturday, October 14

8:00 a.m. Scouts, ILST Training, FH
8:45 a.m. AA Something New, MS
9:00 a.m. Youth Team Rehearsal, SA

Sunday, October 15

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

8:00 a.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal, SA
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, SA
9:30 a.m. Worship, Rev. Murry Preaching
10:40 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School, CR
10:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
10:45 a.m. Amos Bible Study, BR
1:30 p.m. Worship at Bethany Home
3:00 p.m. Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, BR
3:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH, Media Rm.

Wreath & Garland Sale
In the Narthex after church
Sunday, October 22nd & 29th

\$21.00 for Wreaths
\$25.00 for Garlands

Youth will use proceeds to purchase gifts for the Angel Tree.

The advertisement features a background image of a decorated Christmas tree with lights and ornaments.