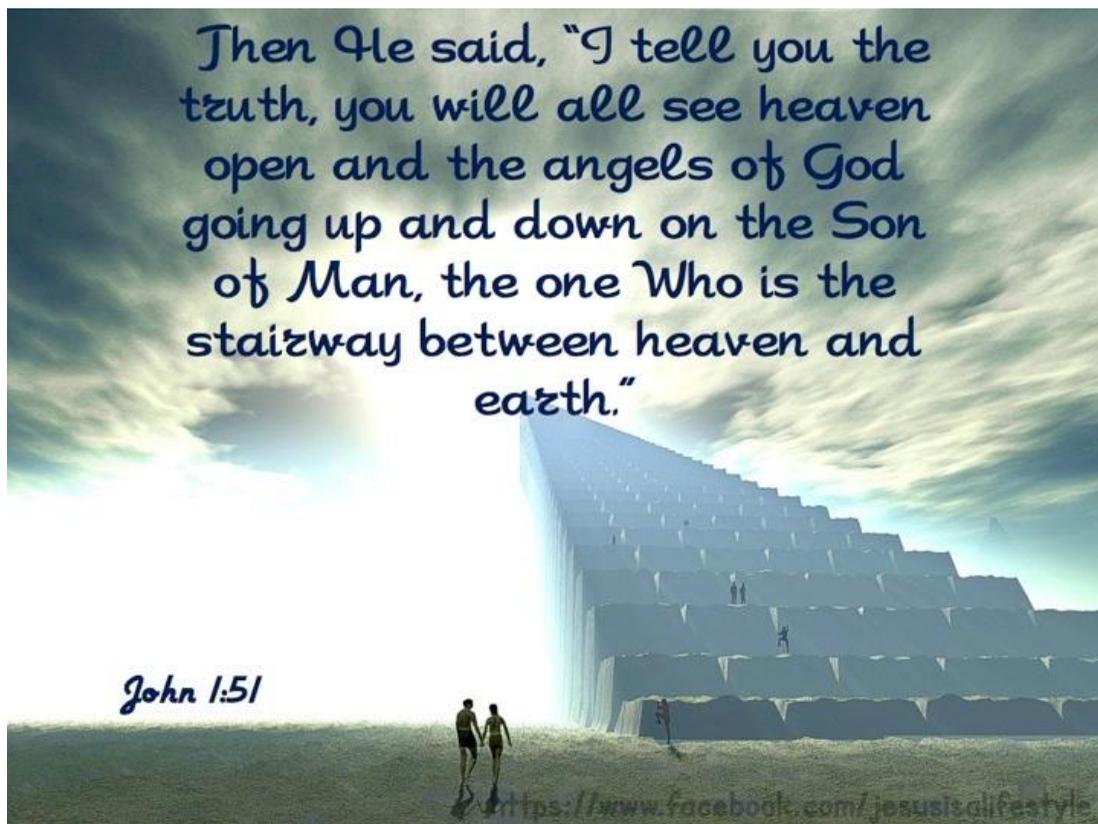


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Inviting All, Exploring Faith, Experiencing God

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JANUARY 7, 2018

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

Luke Tyler, Organist

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*

**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*

(Psalm 66:1-5)

Adam Etheredge

Leader: Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!

People: *Sing praises to the glory of God's name!*

Leader: Say to God: "How awesome are your works!"

People: *All the earth worships you.*

Leader: Come and see what God has done;

People: *God's deeds for humanity are awesome.*

**Hymn #292*

"All Beautiful the March of Days"

**Invitation to Confession*

Adam Etheredge

**Unison Prayer of Confession*

*In the community of Christ's Church
and in the presence of all God's people,
I confess to God that I have sinned
in thought, word and deed.*

*I have not loved God, cared for God's world,
or respected God's people as I should.*

I own my responsibility and pray for God's pardon.

(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

"Look!"

Hal Murry

Anthem

"One King"

Luke & Lizz Tyler
Pianist/Soloist

Sermon: "Stairway to Heaven"

Hal Murry

1. "In the beginning..."
2. John points to Jesus
3. **Today's Scripture: John 1:35-51**
4. Andrew, Simon (Peter), Nathanael
5. "Come and see..."

Scripture: John 1: 35-51 (NRSV)

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and

said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn #2130 vs. 1,2,4,5*

"The Summons"

**Affirmation of Faith*

from "A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

Hal Murry

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Invitation to Giving

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

Offertory

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Luke & Lizz Tyler

arr Mark Hayes

Pianist/Soloist

**Song of Thanksgiving #333*

"Seek Ye First"

*Seek ye first the king-dom of God And His righ-teous-ness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!*

**Prayer of Dedication*

Hal Murry

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hal Murry

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hal Murry & Steve Peake

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.

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

"...therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

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!

...and in whose name we pray these words...

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

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*

Steve Peake

In gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us, that our lives will make the world a better place. Amen.

**Hymn #434*

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

**Blessing*

Hal Murry

**Response #2150*

"Lord, Be Glorified"

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

**Postlude*

Luke Tyler, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, right after worship...

- Sunday School for children and youth, downstairs, meanwhile...
- Christmas decorations come down TODAY! Volunteers needed!

NEXT SUNDAY, Hal Murry begins an "experimental" six-week Bible study after worship, "*Conversations with Scripture*." Participants will have the opportunity to engage the sermon text for the following Sunday. No books to buy/read! No advance registration. Just come! ALL are welcome whether you've never cracked a Bible or you've memorized it cover-to-cover.

Volunteers Needed For DACU Hosting on January 23

Westminster will be hosting the annual meeting and dinner of Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) on Tuesday evening, January 23rd. DACU is the official organization that brings together Dubuque's faith community and Westminster has been a member since the organization's creation.

While the meal will be catered, we will need several volunteers to assist with setup, serving and cleanup. Setup begins at 4:00 p.m. and we will serve the meal at 6:15 p.m. followed by cleanup. Please come to help anytime during that period and be sure to wear your purple Westminster t-shirt.

Westminster will also provide desserts for the meal. If you can provide a dessert please deliver it to church by 5:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers and desserts are located at the counter in the narthex. If questions, please contact Tom or Linda Stovall, Westminster's delegates to DACU. Thanks for your help!

WESTMINSTER LIFE AND MINISTRY: JANUARY 7, 2018

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: C Dausener/J&JSmith
Greeters: Rick Baal, Bonnie Sue Lewis
Margaret Callaghan, Janet Neumeister
Communion Servers: *Joyce Uzel, Robin Beadle, Pam Crawford, Mike Jozefowicz
Betsy Badger, Tom & Linda Stovall, Terry Flynn, Pam Adams & Susan Taylor

Church Administrator: Mary Kay Pancratz
Custodian: Tim Till
Nursery: Amy, Emily, Megan, & Scarlett
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Luke Tyler
Youth Choir: Lizz Tyler
Timbrel & Lyre: Dr. Luke Tyler
Head Usher: Rich Henderson
Ushers: Jeff Oberhoffer & Lori Cray
Sue Dravis & George Hellert

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The sympathy of the Westminster church family is extended to Bonnie Sue Lewis whose father passed away last weekend. Bonnie Sue's address is: 1283 N. Algona St., 52001
- For Dan Tabraham, recovering from surgery. His address is: 1245 Valentine 52003
- For Dan Tabraham's mother who is battling pneumonia

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



FROM YOUR WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION:

Be a WILLING Christian. Remember
Westminster Presbyterian Church in
your WILL!



Did you know...**Scrip can be used
for your groceries?** Buy in the office
or before or after worship at the
Hospitality Counter. **It's no cost to you!**

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
JANUARY 7TH THRU JANUARY 14TH

Sunday, January 7

8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. **Worship, Rev. Murry Preaching**
10:40 a.m. Mandarin Sunday School, CR
10:40 a.m. Sunday School, Classrooms
11:45 a.m. WPC Band Rehearsal, Choir Rm.
3:00 p.m. **Youth Group, FH, Media Room**

Monday, January 8

3:00 p.m. Property Meeting, BR
5:30 p.m. Mission Team, BR
7:00 p.m. Scouts, Brd of Rev, CR
7:00 p.m. Troop 11 Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, January 9

5:15 p.m. PIN Board, WR
5:45 p.m. Youth Handbells, SA
6:30 p.m. PNC Meeting, CR
7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group, MS

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 a.m. **Deacons Board Mtg, BR**
5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal, LOFT
5:40 p.m. Youth Choir, Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Mom's Connect, 3-5 Rm.
6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, LOFT

Thursday, January 11

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

Friday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 13

9:00 a.m. English Tutoring, CR

Sunday, January 14

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. Adult CE, **Conversations**
w/Scripture, BR
3:00 p.m. **Youth Group, FH, Media Room**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER
CANCELLATIONS**

To learn of any cancellations of worship services or events you can check the following:

1. The church website
www.wpcdbq.org
2. You can **listen** to any one of these radio stations below:
 - KDTH 1370 AM
 - KATF 92.9 FM
 - "The Rock" 97.3 FM
 - "The River" 101.1
3. **Watch** KCRG -TV, channel 9, or KWWL-TV, channel 7

Note: This will be followed through ALL winter months and inclement weather times.