“Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.””  Genesis 11:4 NRSV
ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

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. **If you would like to become a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, please see Pastor Loren Shellabarger.**

- 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.

**Prelude**

Luke Tyler, Pianist

**Words of Greeting**

Psalm 124:8

Loren Shellabarger

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Theme**

**Opening Prayer**

**Minute for Mission**

“Pentecost Offering”

Tom Stovall

**Greet Your Neighbor**

*Introit #426 GTG

“Search Me, O God”

**Call to Worship**

(based on Psalm 53)

Bonnie Sue Lewis

Leader: God looks down from heaven on humankind,

People: To see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

Leader: They have all fallen away,

People: They are all alike perverse.

Leader: But God will restore the fortunes of God’s people,

People: And all will rejoice and be glad.

*Hymn #32 GTG

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

**Invitation to Confession**

Bonnie Sue Lewis
*Unison Prayer of Confession*

Creator God, you created all things perfect and gave them to us to use according to your will. We took those things and used them for ourselves. You gave us the ability to think and to understand right and wrong. We have chosen to do wrong. Forgive us, loving God. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal reflection)

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

Loren Shellabarger

*Response #576 GTG*  
“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mer – cy. Christ, have mer – cy. Lord, have mer – cy on us.

Children’s Message  
Becky Shellabarger

Prayer of Illumination  
Bonnie Sue Lewis

*Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16 (NRSV)*

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, ‘I have produced a man with the help of the Lord.’ Next, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So, Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The Lord said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.’

Cain said to his brother Abel, ‘Let us go out to the field.’ And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, ‘Where is your brother Abel?’ He said, ‘I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?’ And the Lord said, ‘What have you done? Listen; your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.’ Cain said to the Lord, ‘My punishment is greater than I can bear! Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me.’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance.’ And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

Anthem  
“Shout to the Lord”  
Timbrel & Lyre
Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9 (NRSV)

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.’ And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.’ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, ‘Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.’ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Seeking the Kingdom” Loren Shellabarger

*Hymn #451 GTG “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

*Affirmation of Faith from “The Heidelberg Catechism” Loren Shellabarger

Leader: What advantage comes from acknowledging God’s creation and providence?

People: We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move. Amen.

Prayers of the People Loren Shellabarger

Invitation to Giving

ALL encouraged to pass the friendship pad in your pew and to register your attendance. First-time visitors providing contact information receive a valuable free gift!

Offertory “Lord, I Need You” Timbrel & Lyre

*Doxology #606 GTG “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Loren Shellabarger
*Hymn #721 GTG “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

*Benediction Loren Shellabarger

*Response #614 GTG “Great Are You, Lord”

Postlude Luke Tyler, Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S FLOWERS are in memory of Peg Law.

PREVIOUSLY IN "The Story of Scripture"
- God created all things good and placed us into that world of shalom
- We have warped and twisted God’s creation, which is sin
- God’s response to our actions is both grace and justice

In the next few weeks...
- What have we done to ourselves?
- How can we respond to God’s love?
- What will we gain and lose in seeking God’s will?

We will continue to discuss Act 1 of the story, Genesis, through July 7. Pastor Loren will be available to discuss details of the story following worship in the Board Room.

WESTMINSTER HUNGER OUTREACH is seeking volunteers to assist with the food distribution on Sat., August 24th. A list of the jobs needed and sign up forms can be found in the Narthex. Sign up forms can be submitted to the church office or to Tom Stovall at tomsgtov@aol.com. If you have questions email or call Tom at 563-581-7220.

We are partnering with River Bend Foodbank…. OFFERING FOOD AT NO CHARGE. Registration to qualify will begin at 9 a.m. Food distribution ends at 11:00 a.m.

LOST! The Handbell Choir is missing one red tablecloth. See Sally Stulken with any questions.

TOTAL SPRING HARVEST from Westminster’s Mission Garden is 42.7 lbs.

Garden help needed in planting, harvesting, & cleaning the produce. We meet:
- Sunday at 3 PM to 5 PM (if we are not at the Church we are at Don's)
- Monday at 8 AM to 10 AM
- Wednesday at 5 PM to 6:30 PM
- Thursday at 8 AM to 10 AM

Any question see Rich Henderson or Marsha Wilfong
Date Changes for Book Discussion
As We Forgive: Stories of Reconciliation from Rwanda by Catherine Claire Larson
Sign up for the book discussion in the Narthex. Led by Deb Seiffert, Peace and Justice Rwanda Seminar attendee and Pastor Dan Emmert.
When: 10:45 a.m. Sundays at Westminster
June 9th – in the Board Room
June 23rd – in Fellowship Hall

The first WAM Group, Conversations and Yarn, met last week at the Badger household. The group had so much fun that they decided to meet again, at the Badger’s, on May 28th from 6:30-8:30pm. Join us for some good fellowship! Knowing how to crochet or knit is not required. We can teach you!

REGISTER BY TOMORROW for VBS at First Congregational...TO MARS & BEYOND 6/17-20th

VBS Personal Care Drive
June 2-16, 2019

This year’s “To Mars and Beyond VBS” will be hosted by First Congregational Church and held June 17th-20th. During VBS the kids will collect travel sized personal care items and make “Blessing Bags” for those in need. After VBS, the Blessing Bags will be distributed to the Dubuque Rescue Mission, Blessing Box Hygiene Closet, Multicultural Family Center and the Domestic Abuse Shelter. Please review the list below and consider donating items to be collected June 2nd-16th in the Westminster Presbyterian Church Narthex. Thank you.

Travel Sized:
Toothpaste  Toothbrushes
Shampoo  Deodorant
Conditioner  Wide Tooth Combs
Sunscreen

Your support would be out of this world!

GREEN TEAM TIP
Turn Off Electronics
Not in Use
Your TV, computer, video games, and kitchen equipment suck up a lot of electricity. Make sure to turn off and unplug these items when you are not using them.
The WPC Green Team is happy to announce that the Westminster courtyard lawn is now a Healthy Kid Zone. That means that no lawn chemicals are used on the grass and it is safe for children to play on. Thanks to Doug Cheever for his hard work to make this possible and to the Properties Committee.

### Westminster Life and Ministry: May 26, 2019

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### Prayer Requests:

- For Scott Heicken's upcoming hip surgery on June 7th at the University of Iowa Hospitals.
- For Craig Jones who was recently hospitalized. Craig's address: 10830 Cascade Dr. 52003

*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

**Dubuque Observes Memorial Day at Linwood Cemetery** - Free and open to the public. Service will begin at 9:45 a.m. inside the entrance of the Linwood Gates. See more information on the flyer in the Narthex.

**Finley Hospital is Seeking Volunteers** – See flyer in the Narthex.

**Relays Got Talent Contest** – May 31st 7-7:45 p.m. Washington Park – Registration Fee: $20 Donation. Contest limited to the first 10 participants. *Individual & Group Performances – Performance not to exceed 5 min.* – See flyer in Narthex for more information.

**Strawberry Festival** – Sun., June 9th – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ice Cream, Berries, Cake, Coffee and Punch. Sponsored & held at Bethany Home. Donations gratefully accepted.
THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:
MAY 26TH THRU JUNE 2ND

Sunday, May 26
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. Worship, Pastor Loren Preaches
10:45 a.m. Story of Scripture, BR

Monday, May 27
MEMORIAL DAY – office closed

Tuesday, May 28
6:30 p.m. WAM Conversations & Yarn
at Betsy Badger's Home

Wednesday, May 29
5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells, SA

Thursday, May 30
7:30 p.m. Concert Rain Site, SA

Sunday, June 2
8:00 a.m. Adult Handbells Rehearse, SA
8:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, FH
9:30 a.m. Worship, Pastor Loren Preaches
10:45 a.m. Story of Scripture, BR
4:00 p.m. Triennium Gathering, FH, K

SYNOD SCHOOL 2019 – July 21-26,
Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa. Join Tom and Linda Stovall
and register today.
www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool
800-328-1880 ext. 207

Buy in the office or before or after worship

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