



Welcome
TO
Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHO WE ARE:

*Westminster is a welcoming church for all,
inspired by God's love to serve the community
and grow as followers of Jesus.*



Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Adam Keefner

Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 9 a.m. Service

**Please stand in body or spirit. - BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Let us Praise Your Name

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to join with all the earth in praise: to sing a new song to the Lord,
who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.

We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:
the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.

On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,
we come to worship you with joy, our living God!

*HYMN #667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

*CALL TO CONFESSION

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

**Prayer of Confession*

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy and reaches out only to those who are like us. Forgive us when we ignore your less convenient commandments and fail to bear fruit in our lives. Nourish us again to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.
Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.
By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.
We are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Response*

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN #24

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Ubi Caritas (Where Love and Charity are Found)

Westminster Chorale

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

Generous God, we bring you our offerings today and ask that you bless them, so that they may be stewarded and spent in ways that honor you. Bless the tasks we will undertake this week that we might be coworkers in your coming kingdom. Bless the hours of our week that our lives may be our offering to you. Bless us to be blessings in this world. Amen.

Offertory

Easter Song
The Handbells

(Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to exit for fellowship time followed by Sunday School. Parents may pick up from Room 301 at 10:30 a.m.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands your Word of life—Jesus Christ— our Lord and our God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17
Acts 10:44-48

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Blessed Uncertainty
Rev. Mike Wicks

COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN #623

I've Got Peace Like a River

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine
The Handbells



Guest Preacher: Rev. Mike Wicks

Rev. Mike Wicks is recently retired from ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA) after 38 years of serving the church in Ohio, New Jersey and Michigan. Mike enjoys walking along Lake Michigan but not swimming in it. He is enormously proud of his family and is the worst dog disciplinarian ever. He is very pleased to be here today.

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Adam Vrabel & family - friends of
Dianne Donaldson

Weekly Concerns

Ron Allen
Elizabeth Allen-Flores
Lou Anselmo
The Borbely family
The family of Jean Armstrong
Alan Carlson
Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)
Mary Lou Crowley (leader of The 3 Bs)
Grace Delcano (friend of Amy Carter)
Alice Esamila
Dave Ferguson
Tod Florek
The family of Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Diane Karlen
Laura Kenworthy (niece of April
Cafmeyer)
Wade Lietzau (father of Jenny Coble)
Karen Marcineck (daughter of Shirley
Golden)
Heidi Morgan
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)
Barbara Powell (mother of Michelle
Myers)
Octavio Ruiz (neighbor of Chuck
Weier)
Dixie Schmitt, Mother of Barb Terpstra
Cheboyn Snell (friend of Chuck Weier)
Colleen Splant (friend of Chuck Weier)
Ann Sullivan (neighbor of Chuck Weier)
Bob Vlieg (brother of Jim Vlieg)

Weekly Concerns Continued

Kimmy Walker (friend of Nora Alfonsi)
Sandy Walsh
Christine Ward (sister of John Shields)
David Webber (son of Robin Webber)

Continuing Care & Prayers

The Cafmeyer family
Cheryl Clement (Alan Carlson's niece)
Jan & Charlotte, cousins of Barb
McKinney
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend of the
Pedricks)
David Dal Santo (husband of Dawn)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Bruce Elliot (cousin of Chuck Weier)
Mike Feege
Kim Karlen
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron
Robbins)
The Ludwig family
Joe McDaniel
Betty Morris
Sharon Orr and family
Morgan Orrick
Richard Simkins
The Strain family
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Shelly Walsh (friend of Chuck Weier)
Wendy Wilke-Sola

CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 • 10:45 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Friend of God
Israel Houghton & New Breed

Marvelous Light
Charlie Hall

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17
Acts 10:44-48

MESSAGE

Blessed Uncertainty
Rev. Mike Wicks

COMMUNION

Our God
Chris Tomlin

OFFERTORY SONG

Draw Me Close
Michael W. Smith

CLOSING

Joy of the Lord
Rend Collective

BLESSING

Today's Events



Sunday School - Room 301/302 from 10:00-10:30 a.m.
Today's lesson is on Peter is Persecuted.



Disciples & Donuts - Room 401 from 10:00-10:30 a.m.
The group will continue with lessons from the New Testament curriculum.



Westminster Forum with Klaus-Peter Adam - at 10:30 a.m. in room 209
Topic: *The Land of the Bible* on May 5 and *Images of God and Narratives of the Bible* on May 12.



Graduating Seniors Meeting - Sunday, May 5 from 6 - 7 p.m.
All high school seniors are invited to join this meeting over dinner as we continue to discuss plans for the June 2 Graduation Sunday worship service. Group will meet in Room 401 with Door 7 open for entry.



Flower Voucher Sales - Sales start Today! Deadline is May 26
Vouchers are \$17.00 and worth their full value at the counter. The youth will earn \$3.00 per voucher upon its use. Cash, check or purchase through the app (credit card) during coffee hour sales. Next week, May 12, hanging baskets will also be available.

Upcoming Events



Coffee with Your Deacon - Every Sunday through May 19
For the next 6 weeks or so, there will be 2-4 deacons and their primary care groups listed on an insert. If you see your name under one of the deacons, grab a cup of coffee during our Coffee Hour and go meet them near the couches in Fellowship Hall. Your deacons look forward to meeting you!



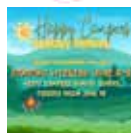
Join Loaves & Fishes on Fridays Starting May 10th!
Loaves & Fishes will be preparing meals the 1st and 2nd Fridays of the month for the on-site volunteers for Habitat for Humanity of NWI! We'd love volunteers to join us to prepare the meals, drivers to transport meals from our kitchen to the Habitat office, and volunteers who could make a couple dozen homemade treats and bring them by the kitchen to serve each week! To sign up in any capacity please reach out to Ginny at missions@wpcmunster.org



Vacation Bible School Volunteer Call Out Meeting
May 19 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 305.
Join us to learn more about VBS and see where you can plug in to help at this special week being held July 15 - 18.



One Worship Summer Service at 9:30 a.m. - May 26-September 1
We will be going back to one blended service throughout the summer at 9:30 a.m. starting May 26.



Happy Campers Summer Sunday School & Camping Weekend
This summer, our K - 5th graders will exit the 9:30 a.m. worship service during offertory and head back to Camp WPC! We will enjoy time together in our "camp site" as we learn more about God through the Happy Campers curriculum.

Families are invited to help us kick off Happy Campers with a camping weekend!
Join us at Camp Sullivan in Oak Forest, Illinois on June 8 -9. Families are invited to bring a tent, sleeping bags and personal items. We'll supply the rest for a fun day with hiking, rock wall climbing, cookout and campfire with smores. We'll enjoy worship together on Sunday morning before heading back to Munster. If interested in attending, please register on line by May 30. Cost is \$25.00 per family. Please indicate if you need to borrow a tent as we have a few to share.

Happy Campers Sunday School class will start on June 16 (classes will not take place on June 2, June 9, June 30 or September 1).



Vacation Bible School - Save the Date - July 15-18
Registrations will open June 1! More information to follow.