

This Week at Westminster

Welcome guests! We're delighted that you've come to worship with us here at Westminster this morning. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you'll worship with us again soon.

Upcoming Events

Many of our Growth Groups for adults will start this week: To see the full list of available groups, either pick up an information card at the Resource Center in the lobby or go to the church website & select 'Adult Groups and Classes' under 'Ministries' on the menu bar at the top of the homepage.

The Tuesday ladies Bible study will resume this Tuesday, August 22, at 10 am in the Parlor. This group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Wednesday Night Youth Study resumes THIS Wednesday, August 23 in the Parlor. All youth are invited to join us for a light meal at 6:15 pm. From 6:30 – 8:30 pm, we will be studying *Just Do Something* by Kevin DeYoung. For more info, contact Eric Fulcher at eric.fulcher@gmail.com.

The Adult Choir meets weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, and we are looking for new members. This is a great opportunity to learn if you have always wanted to test that “shower aria” or “lawn mowing motet” voice and grow in a welcoming environment! For more information, please contact Tom Adams at (256) 797-5656.

The Beginning and Student Choirs also meet weekly on Wednesday nights: The Student Choir (2nd grade and up) meets from 6:15 - 6:45 pm, and the Beginning Choir (4s/5s-1st grade) meets from 6:45 - 7:15 pm. Both groups meet in the sanctuary classroom to the right of the platform. Contact Rebecca Johnson to register at 256-508-9352.

The next "Who-Said-Men-Can't-Be-Social" gathering will be Thursday, August 31, 6:30 pm, at the home of Curry Knight, 1460 Rountree Place, Madison. Be sure to put this on the calendar now!

Dinners of Eight—TODAY is the last day to sign-up for the Fall! Dinners of Eight are a way for us to get better acquainted with each other here at WPC. Each month during the fall eight people—singles and couples—will get together for dinner at someone's house (or at a restaurant if that works better). The host will supply the main dish and bread, while the others will be assigned to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share. Groupings and assignments will rotate each month so that when the cycle concludes, everyone will have had dinner and fellowship with 24 different people. Interested? Sign-up on the blue sheet today or contact coordinator Erica Parker at erica.r.parker@gmail.com.

The next church membership seminar—called First Steps—will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 9 am – 2 pm, in the church parlor (lunch included). First Steps is for anyone who would like to know more about our beliefs, values and commitments as a congregation and serves as a 'first step' toward membership. If you're interested in the seminar or are ready to sign up, check the appropriate box on the blue sheet today and we'll be in touch.

The next “Women Reading Great Books” gathering will be Thursday, September 21st: September's book selection is, *Openness Unbindered: Further Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert on Sexual Identity and Union with Christ* by Rosaria Butterfield. We look forward to discussing this important book together this fall!

Ministry Opportunities

Opportunities in the Nursery: We have several needs in staffing the nursery for the fall. Look at today's blue sheet to see what's available and let us know how you would like to serve the littlest members of our covenant family!

Communion Set-up & Clean-up: The church is looking for volunteers to join the rotation for Communion setup and cleanup. The duties are either Sunday morning first Sunday of the month or Sunday evening the third Sunday of the month. With enough folks on the team there will be only a few months of service per year. If you are interested, please contact Joel Hall (joel.hall@gmail.com) or Joe Crowhurst (crowhurst.je@gmail.com) or sign-up on the blue sheet.

2017 Theology Conference

The 2017 Westminster Theology Conference, 'Reformation Reflections: 500 Years and Counting' will be Saturday-Sunday, August 26th and 27th. Join us as we reflect on the historical impact and the continuing implications of the Protestant Reformation for our lives and our world today. There will be two conference sessions on Saturday morning, and three on Sunday during our regular Sunday School and worship hours. Childcare will be provided for the Saturday morning sessions, so be sure to register your children for childcare on the blue sheet today!

Our speaker this year is Dr. L. Roy Taylor, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in America and Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary (Atlanta). Dr. Taylor is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He has served as a Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) pastor for sixteen years, as Professor of Practical Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson for ten years, and as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PCA since 1998. He has served as an adjunct professor at RTS since 1998. He has written various articles and is the author of several books. He and his wife, Donna, have two children and five grandchildren.

Sunday's Servants

SERVING	TODAY: Aug 20, 2017	NEXT WEEK: Aug 27, 2017
NURSERY – Morning Worship	Scooter & Angie Johnson, April Stegman	Rebecca Harness, Emily Vechinski, Lady Emrich
	Garret Grady	Bill Emrich
	Micah & Charissa Matson	Alex Covert
NURSERY – Sunday School	Noelle Thompson, Molly McCune	Amy Vechinski
	Kendall Branscomb	Paul & Mary Katherine Keel
NURSERY – Evening Worship	Eion Grady, Anna Bosma	Susann Anderson
HEAD USHER	Jay Lauderdale	Daniel Palmer
SEXTON COUNTER	Wade Pettus, Art McKinney	Art McKinney, Craig Bosma
SOUND	Clif Barnes	Clif Barnes, Eric Fulcher
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Nancy Lokker	Monday Mbila
COMMUNION SET UP	McKinneys	----

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm

Attendance for August 13, 2017

Morning Worship – 295
Sunday School – 203
Evening Worship - 73

Staff and Ministry Team

Bob Brunson
Curry Knight
Tracey Zumbach
Jessica Perez
Mary Spybey
Stephen Hooks

Interim Pastor
Administrator
Children's Ministry Director
Nursery Coordinator
Office Manager
WCA Head of School



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 20, 2017

A BEACON OF HOPE

OFFERING LIFE AND LIGHT
IN CHRIST TO THOSE IN
DARKNESS, HERE AND
AROUND THE WORLD



*“In Him was life, and this life
was the light of men.”*

John 1:4



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Morning Worship

9:30 A.M.

The Prelude

All My Love
(Lari Goss)

O Savior, Precious Savior
(Trinity Hymnal #159, arr. L. Smith)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Preparation for Worship

Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell
(Trinity Hymnal #340)

Miss Bertha Dykstra

† The Call to Worship

from Psalm 18

Pastor: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

People: My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

Pastor: He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

People: I call to the Lord who is worthy of praise.

† The Hymn of Praise *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

#342

† The Invocation and 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.

† The Confession of Faith *The Apostles Creed*

Hymnal, pg. 845

† The Gloria Patri

#735

The Call to Repentance

from Psalm 40

Pastor: Do not withhold your mercy from me, O Lord; may your love and your truth always protect me. For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.

People: They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me. Be pleased, O Lord, to save me; O Lord, come quickly to help me.

The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, you who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us as we come to you, humbly confessing our sins and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:3-4

† The Hymn

I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew

#466

The Old Testament Lesson

Haggai 1:1-2:9
Church Bible, pg. 790

The Prayer of Intercession & Dedication

Mr. Fred Diaz

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

To Be with Christ is Better Far
(folk hymn, Paul S. Jones)

The New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:42-47
Church Bible, pg. 911

The Prayer for Illumination

The Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Bob Brunson

“Baby Pictures”
2017 Theology Pre-Conference

† The Hymn of Response

Christ for the World We Sing

#447

† Benediction

† The Doxology

#731

The Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
(setting of Handel's *Prelude in G*, Beethoven/arr. Berry)

Miss Bertha Dykstra

† Congregation Standing

Aids to Worship

To use the church's wifi, select WPC Guest and enter 'matthew633' when asked.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

To hear an audio of today's sermons again, go www.wpc-hsv.org and click on the link at the bottom right corner of the home page.

If providentially hindered from attending worship on the Lord's Day, you can still join us for the morning service via video-streaming. Simply go to www.wpc-hsv.org and select "Watch Live" on the menu bar at the top of the page.

Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

The Prelude

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord
(Trinity Hymnal #465, arr. J. Innes)

My Faith has Found a Resting Place
(Trinity Hymnal #468, arr. M. Ham)

The Welcome and the Call to Worship

† The Hymn of Praise

Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him

#17

† The Invocation

Songs and Prayers

The Offertory

For Your Gift of God the Spirit
(Trinity Hymnal #339)

The Ministry of the Word

Dr. Jeff Hamm

“A Wing and a Prayer”
Acts 12:1-19
(Church Bible, pg. 920)

† The Hymn of Preparation

What Wondrous Love Is This

#261, vv. 1-2

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The inner circles of cups contain wine and the outer circle contains grape juice. The bread is gluten free. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.

The Deacons' Offering

To God Be the Glory
(Doane, arr. Berry)

It is our custom to receive an offering for those in financial need, both in the congregation and the wider community, as our response of thanksgiving for the grace received in the Supper.

† The Hymn of Response

What Wondrous Love Is This

#261, v. 3

† The Benediction

† The Doxology

#731

† The Postlude

Name of All Majesty
(from I Chronicles 29:11)

Miss Bertha Dykstra