

Westminster Presbyterian Church

“Growing in Faith,
Reaching Out in Love.”

May 5, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Communion

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Facebook Live Stream



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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

- PRELUDE Organist: Katherine Shapinsky
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT Chancel Choir
“In Faith We’ll Gather”
*GATHERING HYMN No. 660
“I Sing Praises”
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*See bulletin or screen*)
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
*GLORIA PATRI
EPISTLE LESSON (p. 66) Exodus 20:1-21
ANTHEM Chancel Choir
“Find Us Faithful”
MORNING PRAYER

SHARING IN MINISTRY THROUGH OUR OFFERING

- OFFERTORY Chancel Choir
“In the Shadow of Your Wings”
*(Please fill out & pass the friendship pads from the outside
aisles to the center aisles and back again)*
*DOXOLOGY
*CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostle’s Creed
(Contemporary Version, see bulletin or screen)
*PASSING OF THE PEACE
CHILDREN’S SERMON
Pastor Britt & Laura Carlson
Teacher Appreciation
*(Children ages 3 years old to 5th grade
are excused to Sunshine Singers)*

HEARING GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

- GOSPEL LESSON (p. 4) Matthew 5:17-20
COMMUNION MEDITATION Pastor Mike
“Images of Faith: The Law and Prophets”
(Sanctuary Windows 1-4)
*COMMUNION HYMN No. 698
“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

- INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE
GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S
PRAYER
WORDS OF INSTITUTION/BREAKING OF
BREAD

(We invite the Congregation forward to receive the elements. You will then take the elements back with you to your pew, and once everyone has been served, we will partake of the elements together as a symbol of the unity of the Body of Christ. We also offer a gluten-free option.)

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN No. 667

“God Has Spoken By the Prophets” (V. 1 & 3)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*POSTLUDE Organist: Katherine Shapinsky

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12TH, REV. KRISTEN HARRIS WILL BE GUEST PREACHING

It will be NOROC Sunday, and Rev. Harris has just come back from Romania. It will also be Mother's Day. Our Chancel Choir will be leading us in worship.

Greeters: Gary & Meridee Ofstedahl

Communion Elders: Gary Ofstedahl and
Katherine Pacovsky

Ushers: Rollie Hanson



‘Adopt A Window’

Our beautiful Stained-Glass Windows have been restored and repaired!

We now ask for your support in funding this project. 50% of this project, which cost roughly \$75,000, was paid for by our Faith Forward Funds, but now, we have the remaining \$37,500 that we are asking for from our congregation. You can ‘adopt’ a window as a single person, couple, family, group, or committee for just \$1,000 per window! We also will accept any monetary amount you would care to give towards the project. The official dates for the fundraiser are May 5th - June 9th. It is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so don't delay!

Please note: If the window placard has a sticky note on it, it has already been spoken for. If you have any questions, please come to our table in the Narthex today after the service or contact the church office.

Thank you!



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Summer vacations are coming up, and we could use a few volunteers who would be able to greet people and answer phones while our office staff are away. Please call or see Cindy Jayes if you can help out. There are opportunities starting the week of May 13th.

Thank you!

Prayer of Confession:

Searching God, we have wandered from home,
gone off looking for something;
some vague longing; something that thrills or
excites; something that
takes away this empty gnawing inside. We have
wandered far, gotten lost,
given up ever finding that which satisfies.

Loving God, you have been with us in the search,
you have beckoned us home.

On this Communion Sunday, you have forgiven our
fumlblings and our failures and have prepared a
table for us, a huge welcoming party. And all
heaven rejoices. Thank you for seeking us again
and again. Amen.

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed (Contemporary)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of
heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's
only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose
again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the
right hand of the Father, and he will come again to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Adventurer's
Club
For 2nd-5th
graders

TODAY!! from 2:00-3:30 pm
Invite a friend to our end of the year
celebration! RSVP to Laura Carlson

LADIES OF WESTMINSTER

Ladies Luncheon

You are invited to our monthly Ladies Lunch celebrating our birthdays.

You can bring a friend too! On **May 8th**, **we will be meeting at Bella Victoria at Noon** to celebrate those of us with birthdays in May. Call or text Selene Schulz to let her know you are coming at 507-438-3299.



NOROC SUNDAY May 12, 2024

NOROC (New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children). We will welcome

Rev. Kristen Harris who has just returned from Romania to be our guest preacher on the 12th. Rev. Harris will give us updated information on how NOROC is doing and what their goals are. There will be a short Q & A with Rev. Harris after the Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

Presbyterian Women's Mission Pizza and Salad Luncheon: Sat. May 11th from 11:00am - 1pm

All Women are welcome to join us for a Mission Luncheon as we hear from Rev. Kristen Harris about our ongoing support of NOROC Ministries. Rev. Harris is the NOROC Mission Coordinator and has just returned from Romania. She will be preaching on the 12th, but we wanted to have a more intentional gathering with the women of this church for her to share about what is happening in Romania and how we can continue to support the orphans of that community. We will be having pizza, salads, and bars and we hope you can join us.

Specially Called Session Meeting **TODAY**

All current Elders are requested to attend the Specially Called Session meeting today immediately following the Confirmation Brunch in the Parlor.

Thanks!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am -
4:00 pm Friday - 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Rev. Olmsted Preaching

Communion

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

- 9:30 Worship Service/Chancel Choir
10:30 Fellowship and Donuts & Cookies/FH
10:30 Teacher Appreciation/CYM
10:45 Sunday School (last)/CYM
11:00 Confirmation Brunch & Specially Called
Session Meeting/P
No Beyond the Pulpit
2:00 Adventurer's Club/CYM
6:30 Casa del Alfarero/CH

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- 8:00 Prayer Ministry/P
10:00 Bible Study/P
5:30 Deacon Meeting/P
6:15 Committee Chair/CH
6:30 Committee Meetings/CH/CYM/P

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- 8:00 CBS/CYM
9:30 PWC Coord. Mtg/P
12:00 Ladies Birthday Lunch/Bella
4:45 Rainbow Ringers (last)/CYM
6:00 LIFT/CYM
6:15 Spirit Ringers/CYM
7:20 Chancel Choir/S

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study/P
9:30 Prayer Shawl/YR
9:30 Bible Study/St. Marks
4:45 Serve @ Salvation Army/Personnel & Finance
6:15 Second Edition/P

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- 11 - 1 Mission & PWC Lunch & Program/P
6:30 Casa del Alfarero/CH

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12

Rev. Kristen Harris Guest Preaching

NOROC Sunday

Mother's Day

- 9:30 Worship Service/Chancel Choir/Sunshine
Singers/Rainbow Ringers
10:30 Q & A NOROC Forum/S
10:30 Fellowship and Donuts & Cookies/FH
6:30 Casa del Alfarero/CH



Teacher
APPRECIATION
Sunday!

Children & Youth Ministry

We appreciate our 2023-2024 Teachers,
Youth Helpers, and Nursery Staff.

Thank you!!

Adah, Jacey, & Lenette Baron

Louise Berhow

Cyrene Berthiaume

Laura & Richard Carlson

Emma Evans-Peck

Ann Flisrand

Jake Hiegel

Jim Jayes

Coleen & Rev. Mike Olmsted

Alice & Camille Osmonson

Kalli & Emma Potter

Ann Sundal

Lisa Tapp

Angie, Eva, & Myles Taylor

Greg & Sam Vortherms

Emily Wacholz

Caleb & Rev. Britt Wundermachen

*(Please join us in the Youth Room for treats &
thank you's after the service!)*

Sermon Notes

“Images of Faith: The Law and Prophets”
(Sanctuary Windows 1 - 4)

Free “Estate Planning & Christian Stewardship” Seminar on Mon., May 13th @ 6:30 pm

Join us for a wonderful presentation and discussion on Estate Planning and Christian Stewardship led by WPC member and licensed attorney, Emily Toland. The event will be held at church and will go for approximately one hour, with a Q & A time at the end. Light refreshments will be provided.

Topics will include: Basic Estate Planning Documents, Wills, Power of Attorney, Health Care Directives, and Tax Advantaged Charitable Giving. All attendees will receive a packet of materials to assist in beginning to develop one’s estate plan. RSVPs are appreciated so we can have an accurate count for materials and refreshments. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex after the service today or you may RSVP to Cindy Jayes at 433-3258 or secretary1@westminsteraustin.com.