

A Warm Welcome to All!

We seek to be an inclusive church,
and to show love and compassion in many ways.
If you are a visitor, we invite you to worship with us often
and to consider joining our congregation.

If you'd like to become more connected, please contact
Pastors Scott Paczkowski or Jan Scott at 274-1534.



Meet the Pastor

Today at 10:30 a.m.,
visitors are invited to
Meet the Pastor
via Zoom,
following worship.

This reception is designed for visitors
to become more familiar with Westminster
and ask questions about our church.

Order of Worship

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2020

Gathering the Community of Faith

PRELUDE

You Are Mine
Juli Bey - Piano

Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Paczkowski

**Please let us know you are worshiping with us,
by filling out the "Attendance Form,"
found on the livestream page.**

Celebrating God's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP (Mt. 14)

Scott Blacketer

One: Jesus walks to us over the water.

All: "Call to us, Lord. We long to be with you."

One: Jesus calls to us, "Come! Do not be afraid."

All: "Save us, Lord, we're sinking!"

One: Jesus saves us from our fears. God delivers us from the storm.

All: Thanks be to God!

*OPENING HYMN #387 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (vs. 1, 3)

(Music on pgs. 8 of worship bulletin.)

Tune: BRADBURY

Text: From Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young* (1836)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Gen. 37, Mt. 14)

God of infinite possibilities, we are like a boat that is beaten by the storm: without your aid we are powerless to get where we are going; we are like disciples who sit in fear for their lives: without your presence we are trapped within the prison of our feelings of helplessness; we are like those lost in wonder and disbelief: without your assurance we quickly drown in our hopelessness and despair. Grant us the courage of Peter to believe that through your power anything is possible. Give us the confidence of Joseph to live as dreamers, even when the world turns against us, that we may always be found faithful. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON (Rom. 10:11, 13)

One: Christ's love is greater than our deepest failings. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."...

All: For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

(Music on pg. 9 of worship bulletin.)

Join with the Westminster Virtual Choir.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

When the pastor says, "God of Mercy," please respond with, "Hear our 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.**

Dedicating Our Lives and Offerings

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Miniature No. 1
Juli Bey - Organ

David Maxwell

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #592

Doxology

OLD 100TH

(Music on pg. 9 of worship bulletin.)

Join with the Westminster Virtual Choir.

**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. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Proclaiming God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (NRSV) Scott Blacketer
Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved

Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

ANTHEM

Panis Angelicus

Music: César Franck

Text: Attr. Saint Thomas Aquinas

Krister Strandskov - Tenor; Juli Bey - Piano

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

Scott Paczkowski

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him

walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SERMON

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Scott Paczkowski

Sending the Faithful into God's World

*CLOSING HYMN #361 *How Firm a Foundation* (vs. 1-3)

(Music on pg. 10 of worship bulletin.)

Music: American Folk Melody

Text: Att. George Keith, 1787

*BENEDICTION (Psa. 105, Mt. 14)

Scott Paczkowski

One: God blesses us with strength for the journey.

All: Our hearts sing God's praises.

One: Christ lifts us up from the raging waters of life.

All: Our spirits rejoice in our salvation.

One: The Spirit guides us with dreams full of hope and promise.

All: Our lives rest secure in the One who is faithful. Thanks be to God!

*CHORAL AMEN

DANISH AMEN

(Westminster Virtual Choir 1st time, Everyone 2nd time)

POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Juli Bey - Organ

Tune: ST. ANNE

Arr. Edwin T. Childs

* All who are able, please stand.

Participating in Worship this morning...

Rev. Dr. Scott Paczkowski, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Bill Ekhardt, Associate Pastor, Chief of Staff

Juli Bey, Organ

Scott Blacketer, Liturgist

Westminster Choral Scholars:

Lauren Bailey, Claudia Sloat, Krister Strandskov, Everett Reed

Westminster Virtual Choir

Drew Robertson, Youth Director - Media Engineer

Laura Sherlock, Communications Director - Media Engineer

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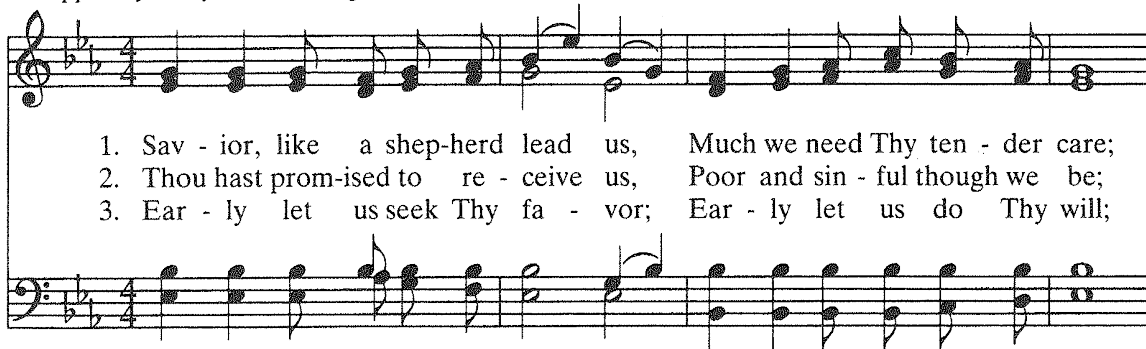
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387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

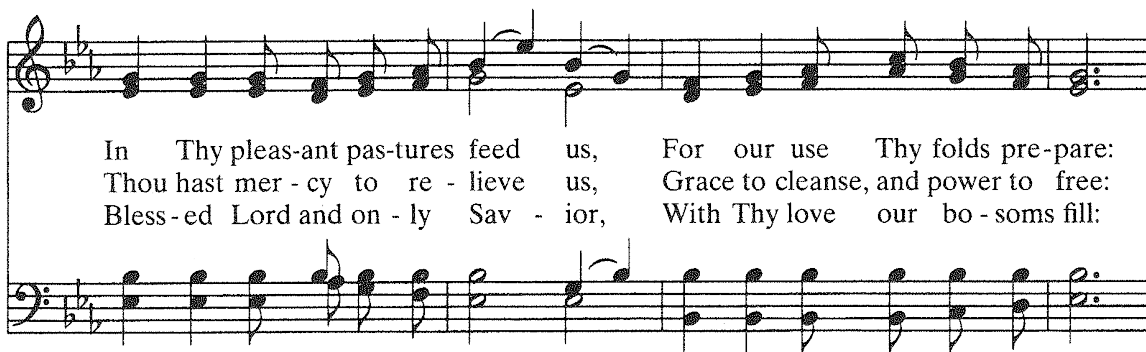
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Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836

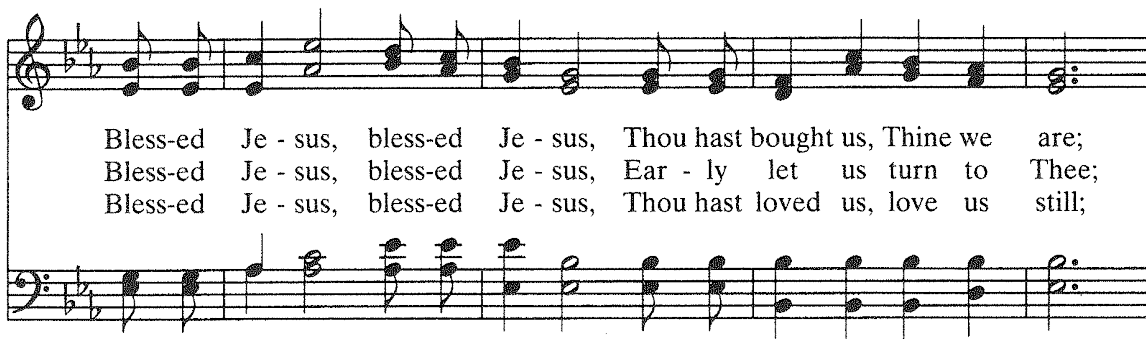
William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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Alternate tune: SICILIAN MARINERS, 538

579

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greathouse, 1851

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.'

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea - tures

here be - low; Praise *Him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one sharp (F-sharp), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise *Him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.'

* Or "God."

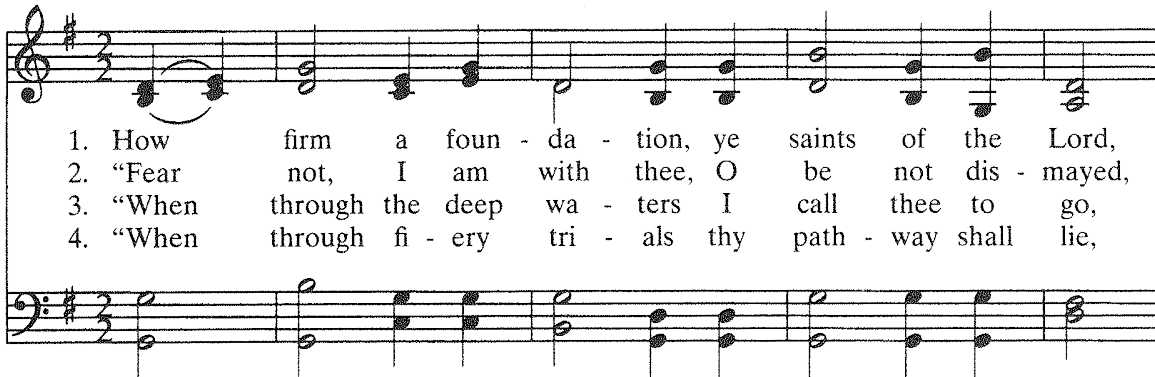
How Firm a Foundation

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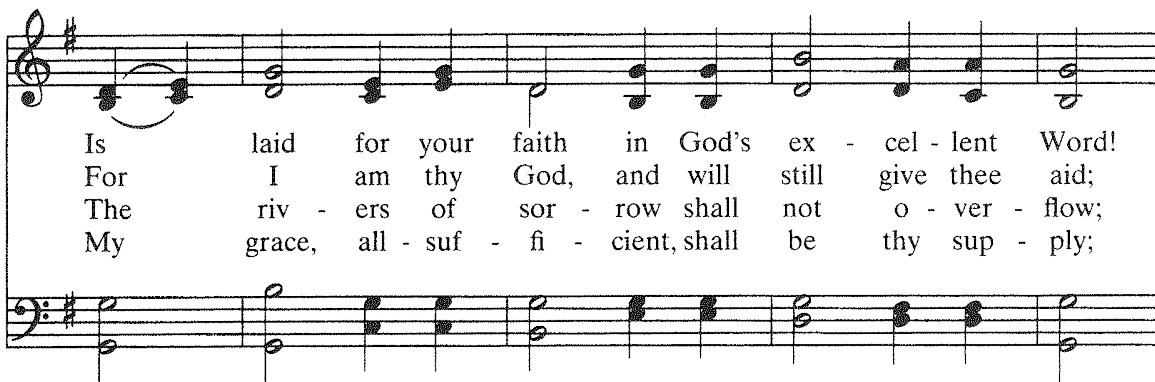
"K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

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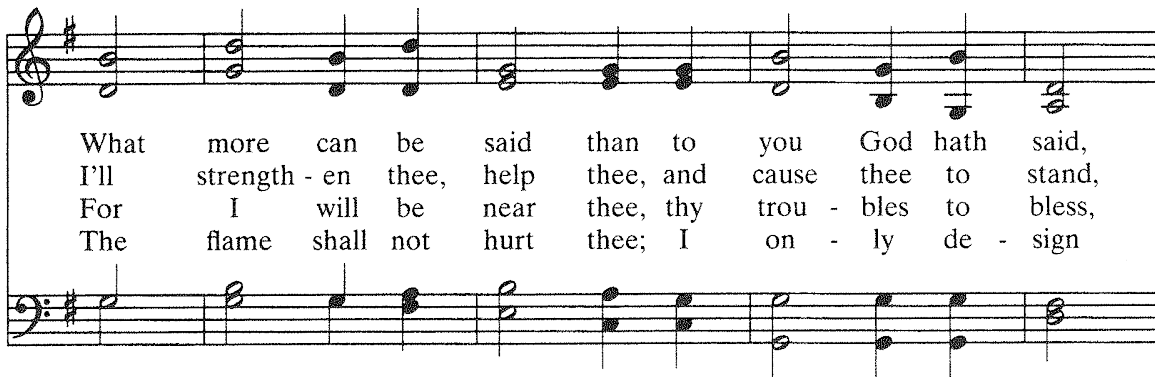
American folk melody
Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832



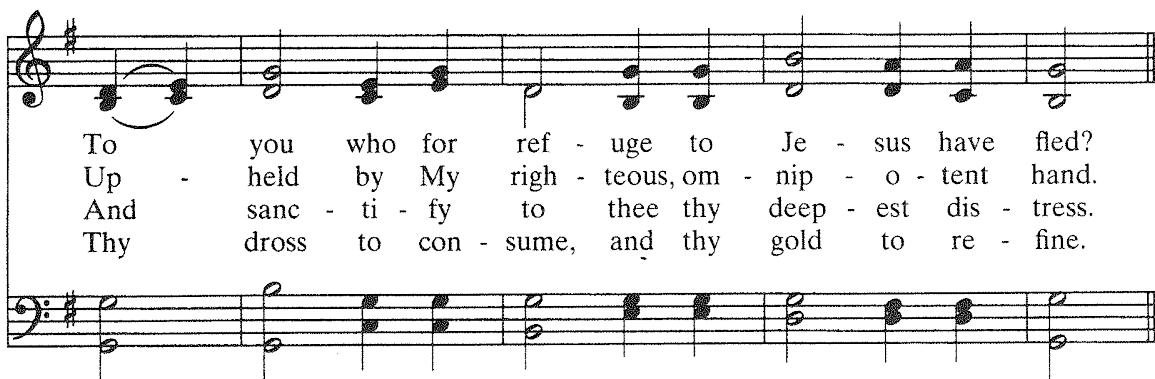
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,



Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;



What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

Westminster Announcements

CROSS Back-to-School Giveaway 2020 - The kids need your help! Whether schools meet in person, or not, students will still need supplies. For 27 years the CROSS Back-to-School Giveaway has helped children in low- and no-income households get the school supplies they need. School districts and their teachers are assisting in ordering supplies. Your gift of any amount will go toward helping at-risk youth have the tools they need to succeed. A \$15 donation will provide a child with a backpack filled with grade-appropriate school supplies. Please make your check payable to Westminster Church, with "CROSS Backpack" on the memo line, or donate online at www.westpres.org/donate and click on CROSS-Back to School. Thank you!

Stay Connected - There are opportunities for all ages to stay connected during this time of social distancing. Please go to <https://westpres.org/connect/#all> on Westminster's website for more information. Youth and Adult information, and opportunities to connect are all available on that page. For further information on youth activities, contact Drew Robertson at drobertson@westpres.org.

Daily Devotion - Monday thru Friday Pastor Scott posts a daily online devotion. If you wish to receive Pastor Scott's Daily Devotion, please contact Susan in the church office, sdenton@westpres.org or 274-1534.

Prayer Requests - If you have a prayer request that you'd like to share with your church family, please select the Prayer Request button on the livestream worship page of the website, or contact Susan Denton at sdenton@westpres.org.

Face Masks Required - Please note, any one over 10 years old who comes into the church is required to wear a face mask, for the protection of yourself and others. If you are in need of a facemask, or have mask(s) you wish to donate, please contact the office at 274-1534. Thank you to all who have donated masks so far!

Lunchtime Devotions - Pastor Scott's Lunchtime Devotions begin again tomorrow. Join him Monday through Thursday, at noon, on Facebook Live. Scott reads his daily devotion and then offers a prayer. You can access the Westminster Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WestPres/>.

Our Weekly Newsletter is available in print or by eblast. Please call the church office, 274-1534, or email Susan at sdenton@westpres.org, if you wish to receive the newsletter in either format.

Westminster Artists - The Visual Arts Committee is planning its first-ever online art exhibit, featuring works by Westminster artists. The theme is "Pandemic Expressions." For more information, contact Jan Davison at janpolk@msn.com.

Baby Meal Train - When a member of the congregation has a baby we invite people to sign up to make a meal for the family. If you are expecting, or have a new baby, please contact Kelcee Murphy at kelceemurphy@gmail.com, so we can help you!

Upper Room and These Days Devotionals Available - The current issues of these devotional booklets are available in the office. Call Susan or Joan at 274-1534, if you'd like one mailed to you.

How Can I Contribute My Offering or Pay My Pledge?

- **Mail** - Westminster Church, 4114 Allison Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310-3398
- **Online** - At www.westpres.org/donate
- **Text** - WPCDSM to 73256.
- **Call the Church Office** - 515-274-1534 for credit card or ACH contribution, ask for Ruth Bloxham, accountant. Thank You!



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We Worship with Tradition • We Connect as a Church Family
We Engage in Mission • We Raise 21st Century Disciples

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

We welcome all persons as participants in our congregation, regardless of age, race, gender, marital status, physical condition, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status, or any other human condition.