



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

May 3 at 10:30 a.m., visitors are invited to join
our pastors in Simmerman Lounge after worship.

This reception is designed for visitors to meet our pastors
and ask questions about our church.

Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psa. 23, Eph. 5, Jn. 9)

One: Light of the World, Maker of Visions, Spirit of Truth, you have called us to be light for the world.

All: We hide in the shadows, afraid to let anyone see us as we really are.

One: You call us to see the pain of others, to comfort the suffering and to be channels of your love.

All: Yet we close our eyes to the misery around us, afraid to change the way things have always been done.

One: You call us to show your beauty and truth, in all that we say and in all that we do.

All: Forgive us, Holy One, when we refuse to see the gifts you spread before us for the healing of your world.

DECLARATION OF PARDON (Psa. 23)

One: The One who is the Light of the World restores us, guiding us onto right paths and filling us with light. In the name Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and comforted. Our cups overflow with God's loving mercy.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE #341

Blessed Assurance

Tune: ASSURANCE

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

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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 *Faith (from Songs Without Words)* Music: Felix Mendelssohn

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Doxology* OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Proclaiming God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23 (pp. 435-436 pew Bible) NRSV

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Latin: Dona nobis pacem
English: Grant us peace

Latin: Pie Jesu, Domini
English: Precious Lord Jesus

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14 (pp. 951-952 pew Bible) NRSV
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For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

SERMON

"Sleeper, Awake!"

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Sending the Faithful into God's World

CLOSING HYMN

When Peace Like a River

Text: Horatio Gates Spafford
Music: Philip Bliss

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
 3. My sin O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin not in
 6 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled
 sea - bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ded my help - less es -
 11 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no de -
 back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -
 say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is well _____
 tate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 17 scend, "E - ven so" it is well with my soul.
 _____ with my soul, _____ it is well, it is well with my soul.

BENEDICTION (Psa. 23, Eph. 5)

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One: Open your eyes and your heart to the light of God, even in the presence of your enemies.

All: For the vision of God's light is found in what is good and right and true.

One: Go forth as children of the light, in the name of the One who is Maker of Visions, Spirit of Truth, Light of the World.

All: Amen.

CHORAL AMEN:

DANISH AMEN

(Westminster Choral Scholars 1st time, Congregation 2nd time)

POSTLUDE

Have No Fear, Little Flock
Juli Bey - organ

Music: Melvin Rotermund

Participating in Worship this morning...

Rev. Dr. Scott Paczkowski, Senior Pastor

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Rev. Jan Scott, Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care

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Aaron Schultz, Director of Music and Arts

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Juli Bey, Piano and Organ

Juli@westpres.org

Westminster Choral Scholars:

Lauren Bailey, Claudia Sloat, Krister Strandskov, Everett Reed

Westminster Announcements

A pastoral calling team comprised of Pastor Dick Kiefer, Pastor Ken Arentson and Pastor Jan Scott, along with home communion team members Jan Bannister and Linda Blair, has been assembled and will begin reaching out to the congregation shortly by phone. In particular, they are working with members ages 60+ and with those having underlying health issues. **If you wish to help with personal calling, please contact Pastor Jan Scott at jscott@westpres.org.** The Board of Deacons is working with their member assignments and providing any additional support as needed in caring for our congregation.

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
- **Call the Church Office** - 515-274-1534 for credit card or ACH contribution, ask for Ruth Bloxham, accountant.

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

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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.

Easter Flowers - This Easter, because of the COVID-19 situation, Westminster is going to purchase a few plants to decorate the chancel for Easter Sunday, instead of having folks purchase a flower/s in honor or memory of a loved one/s. You may still submit your loved one's name, to be listed in our electronic bulletin. Information will be forthcoming in next week's newsletter.



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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.