

WESTMINSTER

AT THE CROSSROADS

AN ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Morning Worship:

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Location:

Meeting at Lyonsville Congregational Church
6871 Joliet Rd, Indian Head Park

Pastor:

The Rev. Robert E. Tarullo

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

December 6, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

As you come in, please prepare quietly with prayer and Scripture reading to enter the presence of the King of Kings

God Calls Us to Worship Him

Apostolic Greeting: our Lord greets us as we gather

*Call to Worship:

Psalms 66:1-4

*Hymn of Praise: *"Worship Christ, the Risen King!"*

No. 286

*Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer of Confession of Sin (in unison)

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: we acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (from a 1543 Geneva Liturgy).

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Grace:

Isaiah 53:4-6

*Hymn: *"Man of Sorrows! What a Name"*

No. 246

*The Nicene Creed (in unison)

p. 846

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

God Teaches Us

Old Testament Reading:

Psalms 112:1-10 (p. 509)

*New Testament Reading:

1 Timothy 6:2b-10 (p. 993)

Sermon:

"Content in Christ"

Pastor Tarullo

*Communion Hymn: *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

No. 508

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

God Receives Our Thanks

- *Hymn: *"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"* No. 257
*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering (plates are in front and back)
*Benediction and Threefold Amen No. 740

**Congregation Standing*

Announcements

- Welcome to worship at Westminster! We pray you are blessed in your time of worship with us today.
- This morning we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you are visiting with us and would like to participate in this sacrament, please read the bulletin insert "Shall I Take Communion Here?"
- The offering plates will not be passed during worship; they are located in the area near where you enter and exit the building.

Upcoming Church Events:

- Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. – Men's Bible study and prayer meeting via Zoom; read Chapter 6 of *Who He Says I Am: A Study of Our Identity in Christ*, by Jean Gaffin.
- Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m. – Evening worship resumes.
- Sunday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. – Youth Group via Zoom.
- Thursday, December 17, 6:00 p.m. – Session meeting at the Tarullo home.
- Sunday, December 27 – the Rev. Alan Strange, Professor of Church History at Mid-America Reformed Seminary and Associate Pastor at New Covenant Community OPC, will fill the pulpit during the morning and evening worship services.

Presbytery Prayer Requests:

Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church

Pella, IA

Pastor: Zech Schiebout

Praise:

1. For recent births
2. The congregation's love for God, love for each other, and love for the lost

Prayer:

1. For conversions
2. Continued love and unity in the church as we do life together and reach out

“Shall I Take Communion Here?”

The Lord’s Supper is a visible sacrament given by our Lord Jesus Christ to His visible church to commemorate His death until He comes. As Elders of this church – responsible to exercise “the keys of the kingdom” (Mt. 18:29) – we invite all who are confessing members in good standing in a Bible-believing church to join us at the Lord’s Table. At the same time, we must remember the Bible’s warning that we examine ourselves before we participate, lest we eat and drink judgment to ourselves (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, before you come to the Table of the Lord, please ask yourself the following questions of self-examination:



The Lord's Table

1. Do you recognize your sin and in true repentance see your need for salvation?
2. Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior in that you depend upon Him alone for salvation?
3. Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
4. Do you in gratitude for your salvation and with the help of the Holy Spirit, rededicate yourself to God in a life of loving service?
5. Since in the Lord’s Supper believers renew covenant and have communion (fellowship) both with the Lord and with His Church (1 Cor. 10:16-17), are you now a confessing (communicant) member in good standing in a

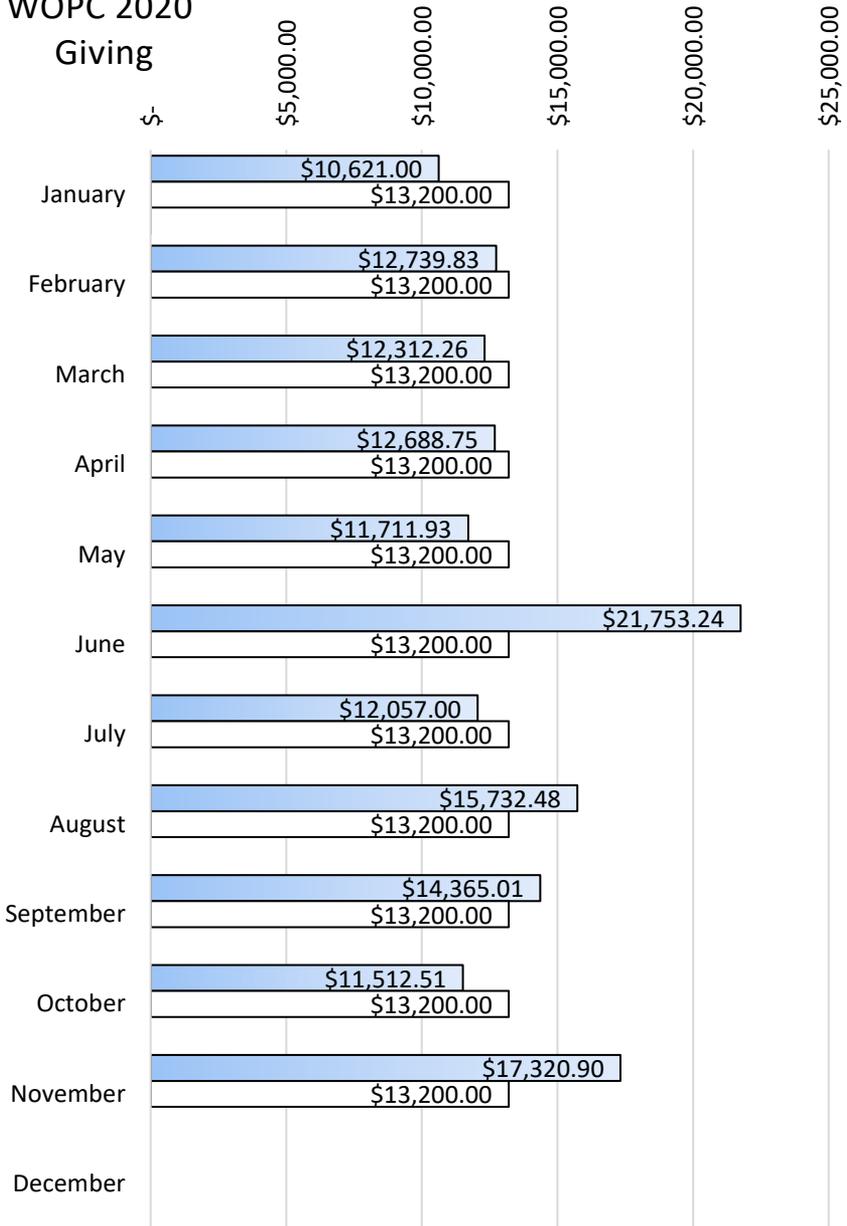
Bible-believing church?

If you can answer “yes” to these five questions of self-examination, we invite you in the name of Christ to come to His Table with confidence, celebrating and remembering Christ’s sacrifice on the cross for our salvation.

If you cannot answer “yes” to these five questions of self-examination, then it is the judgment of the Session that it would not be appropriate for you to participate in the Lord’s Supper at this time. We invite and encourage you in the name of Christ to take steps that will enable you to enjoy full fellowship with Christ and His people. To this end, please speak with the Pastor or with one of the Elders.

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Giving



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□ Goal (to date): \$145,200.00

■ Giving (to date): \$152,814.91

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

We are glad that you have joined us today to worship the living and true God. We hope you will experience His grace through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our beliefs: We receive and confess the Word of God written by the prophets and apostles in the Bible. We believe the Bible is true and fully trustworthy. We want it to be the foundation of all our teaching and where we look for answers to all our spiritual questions. Though the Bible, and not the church, is infallible, we believe that the early church was correct when it summarized biblical teaching in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. We also believe that the church in the years following the Protestant Reformation produced some very helpful and accurate documents. We receive the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter Catechism and the Larger Catechism as accurate summaries of what the Bible teaches.

The Lord's Supper: We celebrate the Lord's Supper during morning worship on the first Sunday of the month, and during evening worship the third Sunday of the month. We invite to the Lord's Table all who have professed faith and are members in good standing of a church which proclaims the true Gospel, or who have been admitted to the Lord's Table by our officers.

Our Officers:

Robert (Bob) Tarullo, Pastor
John Fry, Ruling Elder
Robert McKenzie, Ruling Elder
Timothy Karr, Ruling Elder
Jed Bennett, Deacon
Mark Dokter, Deacon
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Our Christian Education: (Normally) Nursery is available during the Sunday school hour for infants through age 3. Sunday school is available for ages 4 through adult. Children ages 4 through Jr. High will meet as a group for a time of singing before separating into individual classes.

Our Ministries: (via Zoom)

Wednesday Women's Bible Study (1st & 3rd) 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Men's Bible Study (2nd & 4th) 7:00 p.m.

Other events or changes in the calendar are noted in the bulletin
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