



**COMMON LECTIONARY  
READINGS FOR  
NOVEMBER**



**November 1, 2020, All Saints' Day**

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)

[Psalms 34:1-10, 22](#)

[1 John 3:1-3](#)

[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

**November 8, 2020,**

[Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25](#)

[Psalms 78:1-7](#)

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

[Matthew 25:1-13](#)

**November 15, 2020**

[Judges 4:1-7](#)

[Psalms 123:1-4](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#)

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

**November 22, 2020, Christ the King**

[Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#)

[Psalms 100:1-5](#)

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

**November 29, 2020**

**First Sunday of Advent**

[Isaiah 64:1-9](#)

[Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#)

[Mark 13:24-37](#)

## STEWARDSHIP 2021 - PART ONE

*Brian Hakes*

We are now beginning our 2021 stewardship campaign. We all know why we should give as we have heard it many times in the past. We do so to continue the mission and the ministry of the church and its programs, but what does that mean today?

All of us recognize that the Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted the routine in our daily lives, even to the point the federal government is sending taxpayers money (stimulus checks)! We all know that our church is also no exception to the impact that the virus has had, most notably on our worship services.

During the early phases of the quarantine, the sanctuary was closed to live worship services, but we were able to pre-record and share those services using YouTube and the church website through the internet. Compounding the virus was the mold remediation in the sanctuary. When that work was being done, the worship services were moved from the sanctuary and were conducted and recorded in the chapel. Rev. Clark-Jones shared with the Session "that we are finding a different way to do worship."

Using money from the Westminster Development Fund, Larry Hicks has purchased new recording equipment and video cameras. This has facilitated the live streaming as well as archiving recorded worship services for viewing later. This effort is designed to reach those who are either unable to or prevented from attending services in person. Even now the number of those attending worship is lim-



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VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP WITH  
THE WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY  
AND IN PREPARING THE  
WESTMINSTER WINDOW. WE  
COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

## What does the Lord require of you ...

### Stewardship continued ...

ited to 40, but the number of those who are viewing worship remotely and those in attendance is near to the pre-pandemic attendance level. The number of people viewing the weekly Bible study has been even greater than the attendance before the pandemic.

Rev. Tim Hood once said "...estate gifts are a way to continue giving after you are gone." The money in the Westminster Development Fund has enabled the church to continue its ministry in a new way. The early benefactors to the development fund did not anticipate the internet and had no concept of what live streaming was, much less what YouTube is. But those benefactors had faith in the future of the church and in the continuation in the mission and the ministry of Westminster.

Today we are drawing down the development fund for operating expenses, but at the same time new uses for the O'Neill Parish House are being explored. Jan Leonard has been instrumental in extending the potential uses for the Parish House by broadening the scope of our missions. The Parish House space is being shared with the Peoria Public Schools district and coordinated through the YMCA. No one could have anticipated such a collaboration, but a way has been found to "mission-ize" a solution to a community problem.

We cannot continue to draw down the development fund forever, but we can impact the pace by which it is being done. The Session continues to work at cost control but the larger part of making a difference comes from our pledge commitment. Like many other Christian congregations, our church is confronting difficult times in declining attendance and a changing demography. While things may never be the same, I am confident that the benefactors to the Development Fund would be pleased to see Westminster adapting to the challenges while still being faithful to mission and ministry.

To make this possible, please complete and submit your 2021 pledge card and remember the saints who have gone before us and their faith in the future of Westminster. ✞

**THE 6:8  ASSIGNMENT**

## STEWARDSHIP 2021 - PART TWO

*Pastor Denise Clark-Jones*

Looking out of my office window on to the beautiful tree-lined Moss Avenue, the trees splendidly adorned with red, yellow, orange and green foliage, I am acutely aware of the season changing from fall to winter. The scene before me is an awesome display of the glory of God and a provocation to thanksgiving. As a pastor, it is also a reminder that it is time for pledging our financial commitments to supporting the work and worship we do at Westminster.

The year 2020 has been difficult for us all. At Westminster, the new activities, which have begun utilizing the Parish House for the benefit of the community, came to a halt. The Iben Series concerts, which had been attracting an increasingly larger participation were canceled for the Spring season. **The Children's Choir camp, which had grown in attendance each successive year since its start in 2015, could not take place this summer.** Our worship services were video-taped and seen on the internet only for many months. Yet, in spite of all the stumbling blocks the Covid-19 placed in our path, worship, ministry, music, mission and outreach have continued. This has been possible by your continued financial support through your pledges and the endowments given the church through the planned giving of the saints of the church that entered the Church Triumphant before us.

Thanks to the financial contributions, both past and present, we have purchased equipment for live-streaming services so that you can participate in Sunday morning worship either in-person or on the internet. Westminster Infant Care Center and the Food Pantry have continued operations. The session, with the leadership of our Elder for Missions, Jan Leonard, has persevered in finding uses for the Parish House that will be a ministry of love and service to others. We are happy to announce that, starting November 5, the Fellowship Hall will be used during the school day for a group of children from Whittier Elementary (K-4) to do remote learning on the days they are not at school. Peoria will begin opening schools for kindergarten and first-graders on a **"hybrid schedule."** **Children whose parents must be at work on-site, or who are having difficulty with supervising remote learning, will have a place where their children will have adults**

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## WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session .....	Jim Burnham Class of 2021
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Church Life .....	Open
Finance .....	Brian Hakes Class of 2023
Membership .....	Kim Mitchell Class of 2023
Missions/Outreach .....	Jan Leonard Class of 2022
Personnel .....	Larry Hicks Class of 2022
Properties .....	John Jackson Class of 2021
Worship .....	Suellen Kirkwood Class of 2020



**SESSION MEETS ON THE  
SECOND TUESDAY, MONTHLY,  
6:30 PM, IN THE PARLOR!**

## DEACONS

Moderator .....	Jeanie Olson Class of 2022
Anna Bussian .....	Class of 2020
Sue Burnham .....	Class of 2020
Alice Nash .....	Class of 2022
Phyllis Rafferty .....	Class of 2021
Marge Willadsen .....	Class of 2020
Laura Van Riper .....	Class of 2021

## A CLEAN AND SAFE CHURCH

Steven Sager

Recently Buildings & Properties purchased an Ultra-Low Volume fogger and Hypochlorous Acid (HOCl) disinfectant for the church. HOCl is the perfect weapon against germs and viruses. It is 100% safe for humans, chemical-free, non-toxic, and all-natural.

So, what is Hypochlorous Acid? It is nature's oldest disinfectant. It is the substance in your white blood cells that fights off infections, and it is also the active ingredient in electrolyzed water, which is an industrial technology used for green cleaning and sanitizing. HOCl is FDA and CDC approved and is so gentle that it is used in the healthcare and food service industries. HOCl is 80 to 120 times more efficacious at killing viruses than bleach.... making this a most effective agent in killing the COVID-19 virus.

The ULV fogger disperses the Hypochlorous Acid into a fine mist over hard and soft surfaces ensuring a complete saturation over an area, killing the COVID-19 virus in 60 seconds or less. This provides a safe, easy, affordable, and effective method for disinfecting our building(s) to keep staff, parishioners, and visitors safe. ☞

## and to love kindness,

to supervise and assist their online instruction so they will not fall behind academically.

If you listen to my preaching, you know that the Bible tells us God expects us to prioritize the welfare of the underprivileged, downtrodden and those at the edges of society. This mandate to take care of the poor, the widows and orphans, immigrants, and the sick and disabled appears over 400 times in the Bible and more than 2,000 times if you consider passages in which the idea is inferred, but not addressed specifically. After worship, our next highest priority is mission. There are a lot of noble charities to which we might contribute our money, but it is only through the church that we give our witness to the love of Jesus Christ to those outside the church. The most compelling argument for making a financial pledge to Westminster is that by doing so, you give yourself to reach out to a world in need with a loving hand in the name of Christ.

The Bible tells us God is the source of all creation. Everything we have is from God. What do we give back to demonstrate our gratitude and thanksgiving? Asked that question, I believe the prophet Micah gave the most accurate and succinct response:

*"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

When asked how much church members should give, my **mentor in pastoral ministry** responded: **"Give until it feels good!"** I hope that as you consider your gift to Westminster for the coming year, you will do just that – give until it feels good. Our generosity is used to further the kingdom of God, and the ministry of this church. In this troubled world, we need to do all we possibly can to bring about the coming of the kingdom here with us!

May the peace of Christ be with you. ☞

**Our Mission is: "Serving God with Open Mind, Hands, and Heart."**





## POST-ELECTION COMMUNITY

*Pastor Denise Clark-Jones*

At the time I am writing, the U.S. elections are still two weeks away. I neither know the results of the elections or the events which may result as consequences of the election. What I do know is that our country has narrowed the definition of community to one which is antithetical to the biblical concept of community. I have been amazed at how quickly a national culture of common decency in public discourse has dissolved. At the core of this **problem is our culture's loss of ability** to put aside our own self-interest and consider the well-being of others. The Church cannot solve the problem, but we can be witnesses to the biblical mandate to be servants to one another and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The Bible is all about relationships, **both divine and worldly**. **"Identity politics"** has created false idols of political ideologies and divided people into factions that have nothing to do with real human relationships. Instead, we have become labels to one another and identify ourselves as opposed to those deemed unworthy of inclusion. God, to whom we claim to place our highest allegiance, is the very foundation of relationship. Genesis, the first book of the Bible, tells us we were created in the image of God. God is a God of community and to be created in His image means that we are also made for community.

How do we find our way back to being a community of citizens who exist with the global **community of all God's children**? There is much biblical wisdom and witness to guide us if we direct our attention there rather than the angry voices of those that incite discord and domination.

Although we have been our own worst enemies in protecting the democratic principles upon which we believe the country was founded, foreign enemies of the United States have determined the best way to undermine and discredit this country is by delivering the siren calls of divisive social media posts. The internet has become a source of community for people without the demands of a real relationship. People, who are strangers, are invited to form pseudo-communities based on hate for those judged to have no value to **their goals**. **God's Word has been usurped by "code words" that en-flame animosity.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 20<sup>th</sup> century pastor, scholar, and theologian, experienced firsthand the slippery slope that led to tragic consequences for a nation that was led into deep division, both within the nation and between other nations. In Nazi Germany, during **the 1930's and into the war years, the Christian Church** was complicit in the Holocaust. Putting allegiance to Hitler and his belief that only able-bodied, heterosexual, Christian, ethnically Anglo-Saxon deserved to live, German citizens turned in their neighbors to be disposed of by the state. In his book, Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community, he wrote about the cognitive bubbles in which we isolate ourselves when we stop listening to other points of view:

***"There is a kind of listening with half an ear that presumes already to know what the other person has to say. It is an impatient, inattentive listening, that despises the brother and is only waiting for a***

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# WESTMINSTER INFANT CARE CENTER



## MAKE IT - BAKE IT FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 22 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Parish House

The Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC) will be hosting the annual **“Make It – Bake It”** fundraiser selling home-made items, baked goods, books, vinyl records, puzzles, games, audio media and art. All items will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall and Library with special emphasis on social distancing and the wearing of masks for staff and public safety. Baked items can be collected in the Fellowship Hall or for curbside pick-up at that location.

This year we are taking Pre-Orders for baked goods. You do not have to pre-order, but it is helpful if you do. We will have baked goods for sale even if you do not pre-order. Just tell us what you want, and we will make it! Curbside pick-up is available beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, November 22. Deadline to pre-order items is November 14, 2020. Please call Marilyn Luman at (309) 691-0607 with your pre-order details.

If you are donating items, you may drop off at the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. Sunday or at Marilyn’s house located at 501 E. Prospect Lane on Saturday, November 21.

Food items available for pre-ordering are as follows:

Rhubarb pie (2), Peach pie (2), Apple pie (2), Pea and Ham Soup (9 pints), Cookies (Ginger and Chocolate Chip), Fudge, Divinity, Chocolate Dipped Pretzels, and Brownies.

The WICC **“Make It – Bake It”** fundraiser is a wonderful pre-holiday opportunity to escape your social isolation, shop in a safe environment and show your support for the Westminster Infant Care Center. **This event is WICC’s only fundraiser for calendar year 2020. Donations can be made by check made payable to WICC** if you are unable to attend. WICC continues to struggle financially during this pandemic like many other small businesses. Our high school parents have their own challenges of remote learning and returning to high school with ongoing changes. Without Westminster Infant Care Center’s assistance with childcare, their future would be very limited. ☺

## NOTABLE NUMBERS

Brian Hakes

		Year to date	
	September	Actual	Budgeted
<b>Receipts</b>	\$ 3,534	\$ 158,929	\$ 152,794
<b>WDF</b>	\$ -	\$ 200,614	\$ 191,999
<b>Total</b>	\$ 3,534	\$ 359,543	\$ 344,792
 <b>Expenses</b>	 \$ 51,115	 \$ 319,663	 \$ 344,792

We continue to rely on Westminster Development Fund to support church operations. The Session will continue to explore means of reducing expenses for 2021. While our congregation has always be one of generous givers, not everyone makes a pledge commitment. The pledge drive will begin soon so if you have not done so in the past, please give your careful consideration to a pledge. ☺



It is the duty of every person to exercise their right to vote. Both Jesus and John Calvin placed a significant emphasis on the role of civic engagement as central to our faith. A list of resources on voting rights and fighting voter suppression, and a copy of the newly updated pamphlet, Seeking to Be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians in Times of Disagreement can be found at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christian-citizen-election-day/>

### Other Congregational Resources from the PC(USA):

Advocacy in the New Age of Voter Suppression: This guide gives a historical overview of voting rights and the social movements that secured the Voting Rights Act, and provides discussion questions and suggestion activities related to the reading material.



Lift Every Voice: Democracy, Voting Rights and Electoral Reform. Published by the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, approved by the 218th General Assembly.



"A Call to Citizenship- Answering the Challenge of Political Life." An essay from Rev. Dr. Cynthia M. Campbell,

which gives the theological and biblical basis for public witness role of the Christian community within society. ☞

## TAIJI & QIGONG CLASSES

*Donna Sturm*

Hello Taiji friends!

We will resume our Qigong and Taiji Classes in the Fellowship Hall Westminster Church on Wednesday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

This will be a series of six (6) classes which will take us into mid-December.

We will continue to work on Qigong, 5 Element and the 5 Circles.

Classes will be \$5 per session and are free to cancer survivors. Donations are accepted.

Dates:

October 28,  
November 4, 11, 18,  
December 2 and 9

Wearing loose fitting comfortable clothing and smooth sole shoes is suggested.

Follow us on [Facebook](#). ☞





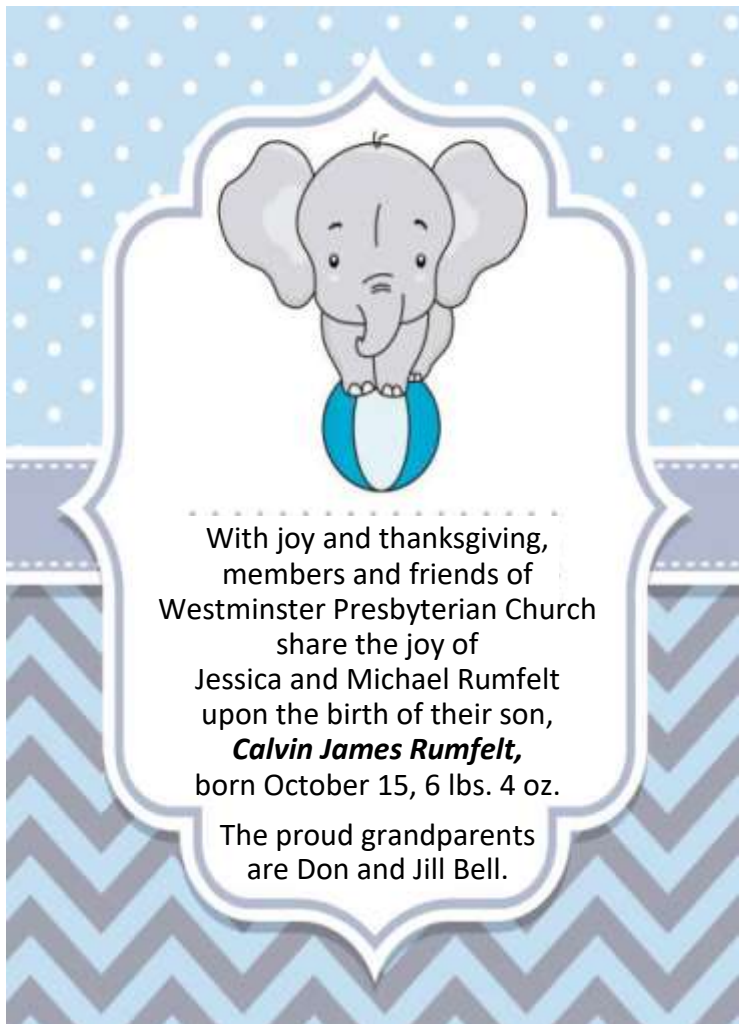
*chance to speak and thus get rid of the other person. This is no fulfillment of our obligation, and it is certain that here too our attitude toward our brother only **reflects our relationship to God**... Christians have forgotten that the ministry of listening has been committed to them by Him who is Himself the great listener and whose work they should share. We should listen with the ears of God that **we may speak the Word of God.**"*

Jesus was crucified when powers of politics and religion joined to silence his speech, which they deemed a threat. Jesus taught that our faith in a merciful, just, and loving God should guide our behavior in political, social, and eco-

nomic matters. Once we allow self-interest and fear rule our lives, God is no longer the focus of our worship and Christ becomes irrelevant.

We are ending this Christian Calendar year on Christ the King Sunday, November 22. Our gospel readings from Matthew tell us about the **final days of Jesus' conflict with political powers**. Jesus exposes the dark side of Roman-style, **imperial politics, which secures people's trust** as an idol that separates them from God. On Christ the King Sunday we celebrate that the **empire did not end Jesus' kingship with his crucifixion**. When God raised Jesus from the dead, God had the last word, and it was a definitively counter-empire proclamation.

When our political election is over, whatever anger and dissent, whatever political or judicial machinations are attempted, God is still in charge. In the words of a great president, **Abraham Lincoln: "My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."** May we proceed with that being our greatest concern and to strive to be the kind of community God created us to be. ✞



VOTE NOVEMBER 3, 2020





**Bruce Andrews**



1935 - 2020

**Janet Andrews**



1937 - 2020

**Carolyn Cuthill**



1929 - 2020

## **ALL SAINTS' SERVICE NOVEMBER 1 - 10 AM** *Presbyterian Mission*

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs. ☞

## **THE FAITHFUL OF EVERY GENERATION**

An excerpt from the [\*Companion to the Book of Common Worship\*](#) (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year. ☞

**Join us Sunday, November 1, at the 10 a.m. service,  
where we will remember those who have  
gone on to the Church Triumphant.**

# PARISH HOUSE UPDATE

*Janet Leonard*

10/20/2020

**The efforts to better utilize the William R. O'Neill Parish are coming to fruition. We have secured approval for a special use permit from the Peoria City Council. As a result, we will be hosting a daycare that will be run by the YMCA.**

Peoria Public Schools is currently running a hybrid model of attendance for primary level students. We will be housing Whittier primary level students in Fellowship Hall. Students that attend school on Monday and Wednesday will come to Westminster on Tuesday and Thursday. Students that attend on Tuesday and Thursday will come to Westminster on Monday and Wednesday. Students will also come on Friday. Still to be worked out are the hours of operation and number of students. Currently the number is scheduled to be 10-20. Hours of operation will still allow for Taiji classes to run in Fellowship Hall as scheduled. The program is scheduled to begin on November 5 and run until the end of the school year.

Special thanks go to the Moss Bradley Residential Association, the Peoria City Council, Farnsworth Group Architects, Pastor Denise, Steve Sager and Elders for all their support. 

## GRETCHEN R. IBEN ART SERIES **HAIL, CÉSAR!!!**

*Thomas Clark-Jones*

The next concert in the Gretchen R. Iben Arts Series will be an organ recital by our own Tom Clark-Jones playing works of César Franck (1822 – 1890). Thus, the title!

Among organ composers, Franck is ranked second only to J.S. Bach by most musicians, in importance as a composer who changed the ensuing literature written over the next century. Franck was a Belgian by birth. He left for Paris to continue his studies in organ and composition and never again lived permanently in the country of his birth. He adopted France as his spiritual and physical home, and in his compositions created a new vocabulary in organ music. As Bach established the organ as the ultimate contrapuntal instrument, Franck established the new instruments of his time (created by the distinguished organ builder, Aristide Caville-Coll) as a symphonic iteration of the pipe organ. His works paved the way for later Romantic composers (Widor, Vierne, and more) who thought of the organ as a great symphony orchestra of pipes.

The music of Franck also established the basis of a new musical language for non-organ composers such as Debussy and Ravel. The extreme chromaticism of the Franck opus laid the foundation for Impressionism (where the tonal center is continually changing) and later twelve-tone music (where all notes in the chromatic scale are treated as equals).

**The organ was certainly Franck's primary instrument. Even his chamber music and symphonic creations reflect the fact that he is first and foremost a great organist.**

Thus, on Friday evening, 20 November, the Iben Series will present Tom Clark-Jones in a program of **several of the major works of Franck. Included will be the gentle 'Pastorale', a sweet lyric 'Cantabile' and the 'Piece Herôique'.** The second half of the program will be devoted to Franck's ultimate masterwork, the "Three Chorales" for organ. Written as a set, but each standing on its own, it is a monumen-

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tal outpouring of Franck’s mature romanticism. During the composition of the set, Franck was badly hurt in an accident, being hit by a bus. The prognosis was good for a full recovery, but as time dragged on, Franck never rallied and eventually passed away. The last notes of the pieces were written down by students at Franck’s direction from his death bed.

The importance of these works in setting the direction of organ composition in a new and daring direction cannot be overstated. In exploring the Westminster organ (which has a strong German accent) Tom found that using the various stops creatively, most of the necessary tonal resources of the Franck organ could successfully be translated for use here. Often, we think of the greatness of an instrument by what it does with music for which it was not specifically designed. On that count, our Visser-Rowland shines.

The concert is scheduled for 20 November, Friday evening, at 7:30. A limited number of tickets will be available ... see the church web site for details. If a large response is received where we cannot accommodate everyone, a second date will be announced at a later time. Admission is free, of course. A plate will be at the door as you leave the concert. All proceeds from this concert are for the benefit of the Iben series. Set the date aside early and get your tickets soon at EventBrite. ☞

**NOVEMBER**

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- 14 Kairi Grant
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- 27 Rosemary McCurdy
- 27 Betty Oaks
- 30 Gregory Neubert

Give them a shout out. Click on their email address and send a birthday or anniversary wish. If you want to mail them a card and need an address, contact the church office.

Did we miss your birthday or your anniversary? Please let the office know (wpc@westminsterpeoria.org) so we can update Realm. Thank you.



**NOVEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE**

1	Greeter	Dick Helfrich
	Ushers	Suellen Kirkwood Laura Van Riper
8	Greeter	Dick Helfrich
	Ushers	Suellen Kirkwood Laura Van Riper
15	Greeter	Dick Helfrich
	Ushers	Need two volunteers
22	Greeter	Dick Helfrich
	Ushers	Suellen Kirkwood Laura Van Riper
29	Greeter	Dick Helfrich
	Ushers	Jeff Case Diane Case

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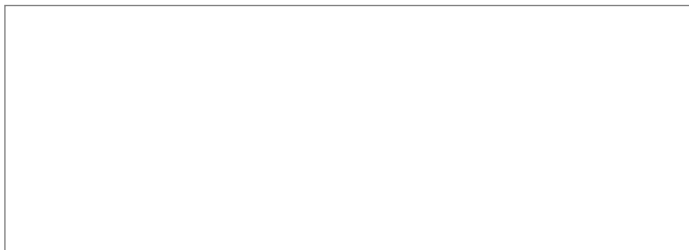




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**WALK**  
*humbly*



As of September 27, a limited-capacity in-person 10 a.m. service has resumed. Advance registration is required due to limited space, and social distancing measures will be in place. Mask wearing is required. A live stream of this service on YouTube will continue indefinitely.

To register for in-person services, visit the church website or click on the button below. If you are having trouble signing up, PLEASE email ([wpc@westminsterpeoria.org](mailto:wpc@westminsterpeoria.org)) the office or call (673-8501 / option 5 / ext. 3) to reserve your seat for church.



*To Serve God and Others with Open Mind, Open Hands and Open Heart.*