



Greetings

We invite you to learn more about Westminster Presbyterian Church (OPC) and our search for an Evangelist. We are praying that God would guide our efforts to identify a man who seeks after Him and who is excited and passionate about walking alongside and leading our congregation.

This packet of information will give our mission and vision for our church and our hopes for the future. Ultimately, we hope to Glorify God by spreading the good news of His Son Jesus Christ. We look forward to connecting with you and seeing how the Lord leads.

In Christ,

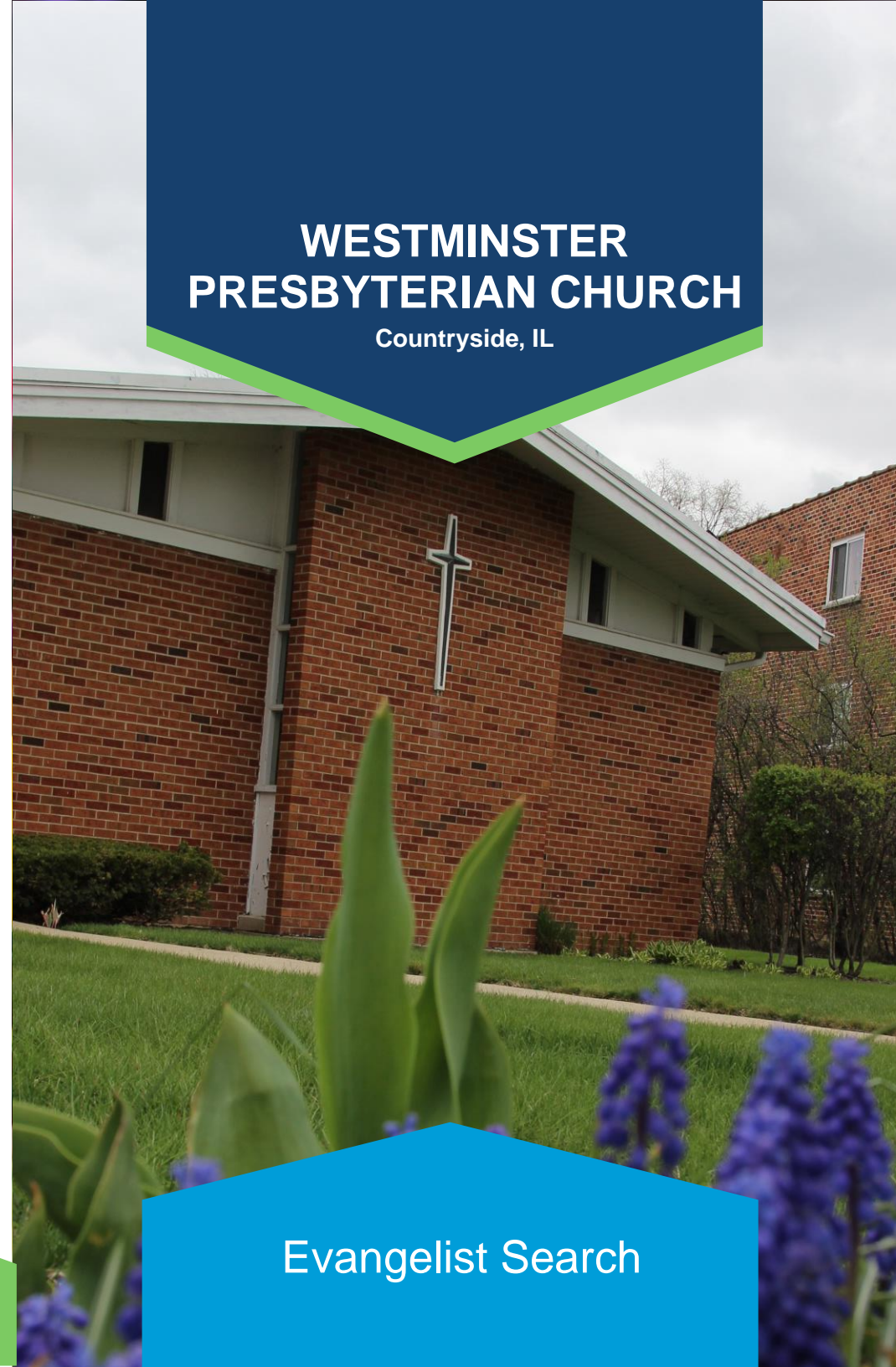
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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Countryside, IL



Evangelist Search



Our Vision

We want to be a church that makes disciples; we want the great commission to be our mission. We want to bring the gospel to those who are spiritually dead, misled, or underfed. We want them to join with Westminster as members. We want members to grow in their knowledge of God, love for God, and love for others.

We believe that our general location, central to the geography of the congregation, is where God wants us to hold worship services. We want to be a membership equipped to engage neighbors, coworkers, friends, and acquaintances for Christ. We desire to have a passion for engagement with those without Christ and an ability to be a witness to them for Christ.

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We believe that calling an ordained, gifted evangelist will enable us to pursue these goals. We believe that we have the resources necessary to enable to call another minister for this vision. If not through our regular offerings, then we will make use of our investment funds for gospel ministry.

Our mission



Westminster Presbyterian Church (OPC) is a Reformed and Presbyterian church in the western suburbs of Chicago. We worship God through the preaching of the gospel, sacraments, and prayer, and through God's grace we seek to equip God's people to share the good news, to love their neighbor, and to live a godly life.

Our Leadership



We currently have two ruling elders and two deacons. John Fry has served as Ruling Elder since 2011, and Rob McKenzie has served since 2014. Matt Anema became a Deacon in 2005, and Jed Bennett has been a deacon since 2018.

Our History



Westminster was organized on April 15, 1951 by a group of Christians who sought a congregation where God and his Word would be front and center in all the life of the church. They worshipped in a church building in Westchester IL, outgrew it, building a larger chapel, also in Westchester.

During the 1990s, the congregation faced both personal and financial challenges. The building was sold, and the proceeds were invested to provide resources to support ongoing ministry. For the first two decades of the 21st century, the congregation rented a church building in Indian Head Park. Since 2022, it has met for worship in Hope Lutheran Church on Joliet Road in Countryside.

Our present pastor, Robert Tarullo, began his ministry in August of 2012. The Lord has blessed the church to become self-supporting, and we are now hoping to use the investment funds to best pursue our mission and vision.



Strengths

Congregation

- Close knit, showing love to each other.
- Spiritually mature and serious
- Multi-generational (members from 0 to 90+)
- Given to hospitality.
- Desiring to learn more
- Healthy and at peace
- Appreciates emphasis on worship and Biblical teaching
- Attracts visitors

Leadership

- Unified
- Committed
- Gifted
- Stable
- Growing and developing
- Podcast: Theology Simply Profound

Finances

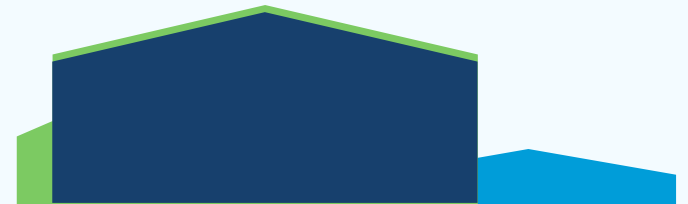
- Giving has been stable for several years
- Investment accounts are ample

Presbytery of the Midwest

- Healthy and stable
- Supportive of / enthusiastic about our plan

Location

- Close to multiple interstates
- Enables people from Chicago and many suburbs to attend
- Provides access to a large target population
- Close to the city of Chicago
- Good relationship with Hope Lutheran Church leadership
- No necessity for setting-up and taking down





Challenges

Congregation

- Relatively small – 56 communicant members, 22 baptized members
- Stretched and tired at times
- Little experience with on-the-ground evangelism or outreach

Leadership

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- loss of two families in early 2023 could mean giving becomes stretched

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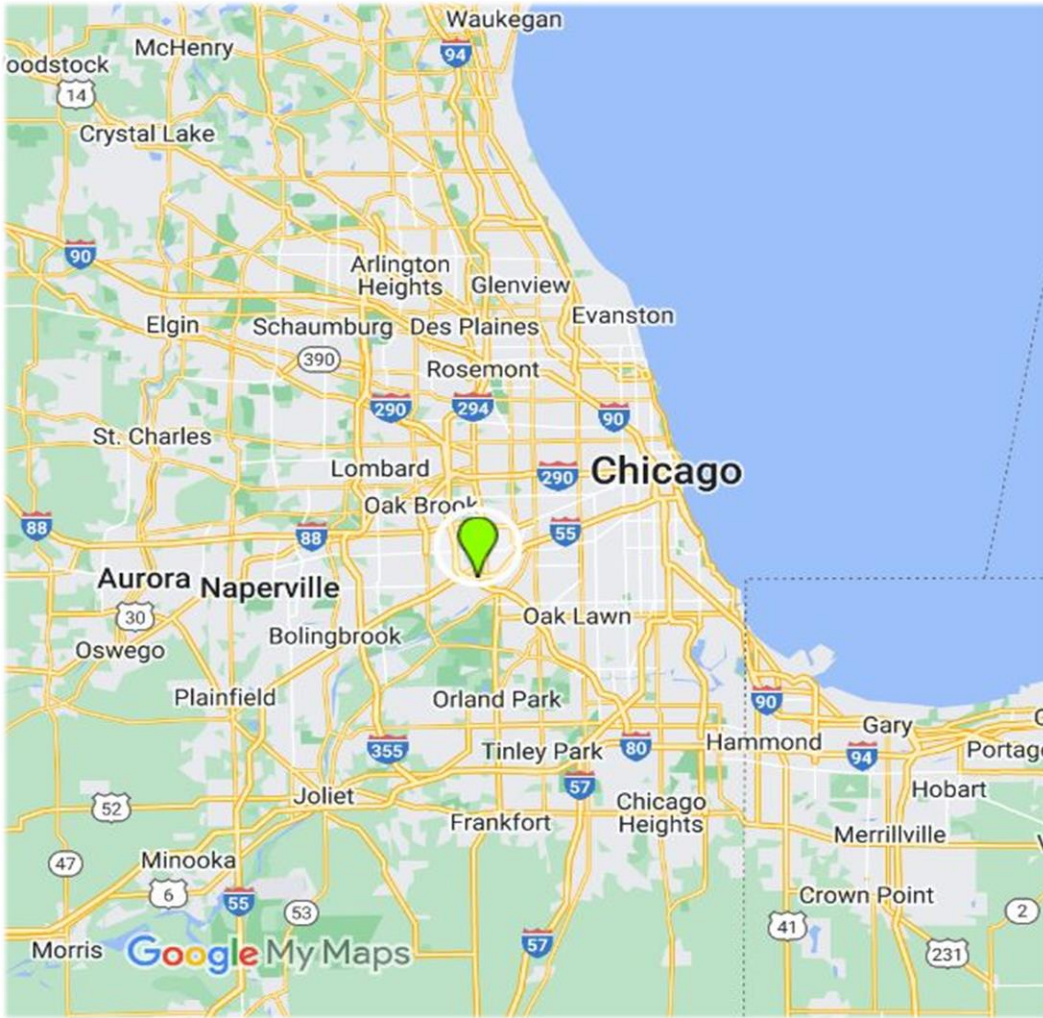
- Families live from the church building.
- Distance between families makes hospitality during the week difficult
- Distance makes it difficult for new person to get to know members
- Few people live close to the building
- Rental building
- Worship location is in a gymnasium

Opportunities

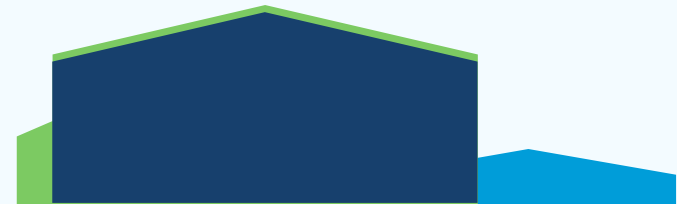
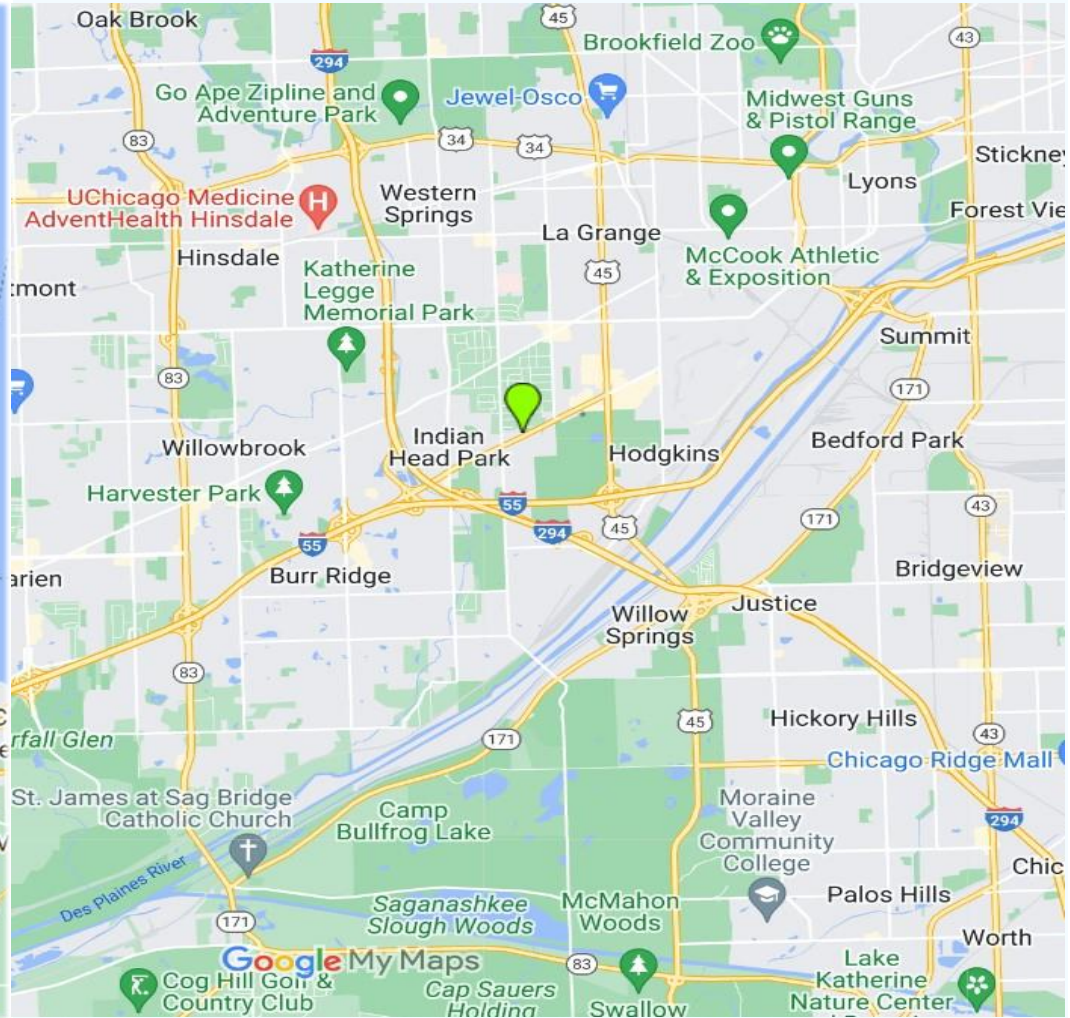
- Evangelism and outreach
- Engaging the communities closest to the church
- Members inviting neighbors.
- Gaining additional visibility, both locally and across the region
- Creating more opportunities to meet in person, outside of Sunday services, to foster a deeper community.



Chicagoland



Westminster





Evangelist Job Description

Westminster OPC, a congregation worshipping in Countryside, Illinois, is seeking a full-time Evangelist who will be responsible for overseeing the evangelistic work of the congregation. The Evangelist will also be responsible for equipping and encouraging the local congregation for evangelism through discipleship training and personal example. The ideal candidate will be a man of God who exhibits an eagerness and a pattern of gospel witness with unbelieving people. The short-term goal being to build up the local congregation with a long term goal of planting churches throughout Chicagoland.

Salary and Benefits:

Compensation and benefits will be based on the successful candidate's qualifications and experience.

Duties

Preaching & Teaching



- Preach regularly at Westminster.

Evangelism & Training



- Train members in community engagement and evangelism
- Model personal evangelism
- Equip and support members in establishing evangelistic efforts
- Develop a plan of evangelism throughout the local area and where our members live

Leadership & Administration



- Help with administrative details related to the church (bulletins, online presence)
- Attend regular Session meetings
- Attend regular meetings with the pastor



How to Apply

If you are interested in learning more about the position, or you would like to provide your information for our consideration, please send an [OPC Ministerial Information Form](#) (MIF) and a cover letter describing your interest in this position to search@westminsteropc.org.



Ideal Characteristics

Preaching



- Clear communicator
- Winsome
- Energetic
- Engaging

Experience



- Putting together a vision for evangelism
- Speaking to unsaved people
- Training and equipping people to speak with unsaved people
- Leading evangelistic Bible studies

Character



- Godly
- A mature Christian
- Has a deep-rooted love for serving Christ in His Kingdom.
- Knows God's Word and handles it well, in the pulpit and in counseling, witnessing, and teaching
- Has a burden for the lost
- Spoken well of by others
- Approachable
- Empathetic and compassionate
- Comfortable working with others
- Willing to challenge others
- Bold