



Welcome
TO
Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHO WE ARE:

Westminster is a community where people of all ages are transformed by God's love to serve and grow as disciples of Jesus.



Sunday, January 29, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

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Sunday, January 29, 2023 - 10 a.m. Service

Please stand in body or spirit.* ▪ **BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.

INTROIT

Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Adapted from Psalm 15 and Micah 6)*

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart.

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors.

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God!

*HYMN #625

How Great Thou Art

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We worship a God who stands more ready to forgive than we are to confess our sin. Our God, who is merciful and just, has promised to cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Beloved, with such assurance, let us profess our sin to our God, who has made us, who knows us, and who loves us. Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession*

You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We live as though we are not the recipients of grace upon grace. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We seek your forgiveness and strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We pray in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

We believe the promise of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Response*

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

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.

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*PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN

I Will Follow

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

The Long Family (Kateland, Josh, Ruth & JP), Barry & Beth Reasoner, Sally Woods and Gerry Nelson

Congregational Response

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry for we are all one in Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

Holy God, we have received from your gracious hand abundance upon abundance, grace upon grace. Accept these offerings, O Lord. Bless them and multiply them for the flourishing of your world. Through these gifts, may we see your kingdom at work among us. We pray all these things through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

(During the Offertory, children kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to exit for fellowship and activities in Room 301. Children may be picked up after the Annual Meeting.)

Christ the Appletree

Westminster Chorale (lyrics below for reflection)

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green; the trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the appletree.

This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the appletree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought; I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary'd with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile; under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the appletree.

people care

*Doxology #606

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

Blessed

Rev. Angela Ryo

*HYMN #753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*BENEDICTION

*(Please stay for our Annual Congregational Meeting,
which will begin immediately following the service.)*



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Today's Events



Sunday School (Kindergarten through 5th Grade)

Fellowship time will begin during the Offertory. Children may be picked up after the Annual Meeting.



Disciples & Donuts (6th through 12th Grade)

Disciples & Donuts will not take place today due to the Annual Meeting.



Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will immediately follow today's service.



Pickleball Season Upcoming Dates

Pickleball is on select Saturdays from 4-6 p.m. and Sundays from 1-3 p.m. Please visit the website and/or app to view the dates and to reserve your spot!

January 29 from 1-3 p.m.

February 4 from 4-6 p.m.

Upcoming Events



High School Volleyball - Upcoming Games

Support our high school volleyball team at their upcoming games:

February 4 at 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - @ St. Pauls

February 10 at 7:30 p.m. - @ Westminster



Middle School Volleyball - Upcoming Games

Support our high school volleyball team at their upcoming games:

February 4 at 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. - @ Westminster

February 11 at 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. - @ St. Pauls



Preschool Registration Opens for Church Members - Feb. 6

Our WPC Preschool will open registration on February 6 for church members. Registration is for the 2023-24 school year.



Meditating Moments with Michele - Feb. 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Join Michelle Pedrick in room 209 as we explore meditation to focus us, ground us, and provide a sense of well being. Just bring yourself and an open heart!



Second Serving - Feb. 12 - 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

All are invited to South Hall to hear from one of our mission partners and to participate in a hands-on serving opportunity. During this Second Serving, we will be making tie blankets for foster kids and have chocolates during coffee hour to as a nod to Valentine's Day and to debut the new SAFY coffee sleeves.

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Robyn Chamberlain/Senchak
Bill & Ellen Cunningham- health concerns
Mike Feege
Mary Keller (friend of Chuck Weier)
Xavier Sopher- Soldier going overseas
pray for protection (friend of Wendy Borbely)

Weekly Concerns

Prayers for relief/healing/other
Mario Bravo-92 years old, brain bleed
(friend/Barbie Cook)
Rachel Cook-macular degeneration and
abdominal surgery (family/Barbie Cook)
Family of Dan Fieldhouse
(friend/Shirley Golden)
Donna Gross- (friend of Pam Yttri)
Mary Lomey
Holly Ptacek- back surgery
Jim Yackel

Continuing Care & Prayers

Anderson Family (passing of John)
Ron Allen
Lou Anselmo
Jean Armstrong
Buddy Borbely
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Tom Brown
Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopasz)
Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)
Betty Curvey
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)

Continuing Care & Prayers

Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Ann Hudson
Kim Karlen
Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)
Koenes, Leonard
Mary Kopasz
Eden & Eliana Les (friends/Wendy Borbely)
Joe McDaniel
Medd Family (friend/Karen Comstock)
Hunter Mitchell- return of brain cancer
(friend/Diane Hart-Coons)
Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)
Denny Orr
Pedrick family
Abigail Poerio (Niece of Sue Cook)
Eugene Pidzarko
Kim Piekarski- breast cancer
(sister-in-law of Patty Yackanich)
Nancy & Terry Quinn
Robbins Family
Laura Shields-surgery
Jim Siergey-surgery
Richard Simkins
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)
Sally VanBokkelen
Robin Webber- health concerns
Yackel Family (passing of Erna)
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf
(daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

JANUARY 22, 2023

Westminster Connection Point

HOW CAN WE HELP?

_____ A PASTOR _____ A DEACON _____ NEW MEMBER
_____ STEPHEN MINISTER _____ PRAYER REQUEST _____ OTHER
_____ PHONE CALL _____ HOME COMMUNION

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