



*Seeking:*  
Purpose



*Westminster*  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**1st Sunday of Lent - February 26, 2023**

**Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo**

**Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain**

**Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff**

**Lay Leader: Rebecca McCauley**

Sunday, February 26, 2023 - 9 a.m. Service

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

## PRELUDE

## INTROIT

*Spirit of Christ Jesus*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

**The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

**Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

**We worship the Lord our God alone.**

## \*HYMN #187

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, if you are seeking grace, this moment is for you. If you are seeking growth, this moment is for you. If you are seeking honesty, this moment is for you. In the prayer of confession, we admit to ourselves and to God that we do not have it all figured out. And in that vulnerability, we are surrounded by God's grace. So let us pray together.

## *\*Prayer of Confession*

**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:32:

**"If you continue in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Embrace the freedom Jesus provides.

**We receive God's truth and grace; we embrace the freedom Jesus provides!**

**Amen.**

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*\*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.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**HYMN #169**

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORD THROUGH MUSIC**

*Bless the Lord O My Soul*

Michail Ippolitoff Ivanoff

Westminster Chorale

**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**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Offertory*

*Milonga del Angel*

Astor Piazzola

*(Kindergarten through Fifth grade children are invited to exit during the offertory for fellowship time prior to Sunday School. Parents may pick up their children from Room 301 at 10:30 a.m.)*

*\*Doxology #606*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of grace, help us to seek you and the message you intend for us today. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.

*people care*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Matthew 4:1-11

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Seeking: Purpose*

Rev. Angela Ryo

## \*HYMN #182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Jesu, Priceless Treasure*

J.S. Bach

## WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

*Our deepest sympathies...*

The Largus Family (passing of Tom)  
The Sandefur Family  
(passing of Curtis-friend of Chuck Weier)  
The Shoemaker Family (passing of Bob)  
Bob was on the Samaritan Center Board  
*Please keep these families in your prayers.  
In life and in death we belong to God.*

### **New Concerns**

*Prayers for relief/healing/other*  
Hunter Mitchell (friend/Diane Hart-Coons)  
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)

### **Weekly Concerns**

Robyn Senchak-Chamberlain  
Mike Feege  
Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz  
Donna Gross- (friend of Pam Yttri)  
Betty Morris (Mother of Sandy Coxhead)  
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)  
John Shields  
Jim Yackel

### **Continuing Care & Prayers**

Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)  
Ron Allen  
Lou Anselmo  
Jean Armstrong  
Buddy Borbely  
Morgan Borbely Orrick  
Brown/Boyle Family (passing of Tom)  
Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopaszcz)  
Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)  
Cunningham Family (passing of Bill)

### **Continuing Care & Prayers**

Edwards Family (passing of son Joshua)  
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)  
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)  
Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)  
Dan Fieldhouse Family (friend/Shirley Golden)  
Ed Harrison  
Don Hill  
Ann Hudson  
Kim Karlen  
Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)  
Leonard Koenes  
Mary Kopaszcz  
Largus Family (passing of Tom)  
Eden & Eliana Les (friends/Wendy Borbely)  
Joe McDaniel

Medd Family (friend/Karen Comstock)  
Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)  
Denny Orr  
Pedrick family  
Eugene Pidzarko  
Kim Piekarski- breast cancer  
(sister-in-law of Patty Yackanich)  
Robbins Family (passing of Barb)  
The Rumas Family (passing of mother Gwen)  
Laura Shields  
Richard Simkins  
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)  
Xavier Sopher- Soldier going overseas  
pray for protection (friend of Wendy Borbely)  
Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)  
Kurt Visak (brother/Wendy Edwards)  
Robin Webber- health concerns  
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf  
(daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

# Today's Events



**Sunday School (Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Today's lesson is on Jesus and the Blind Man.



**Disciples & Donuts (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Middle and High School age youth are invited to Room 401 for donuts and a devotion.



**Sunday Discussion Group. - 10:30 a.m. in Room 209**

Enjoy an engaging discussion on "Police Culture and Change" with Greg Stephan today!



**Youth Group Ice Skating - 1:30 -4:30 p.m.**

Students 6th through 12th Grade are invited to join us for ice skating at Midwest Ice Arena. Meet at Door 7 of the church at 1:30 p.m. to carpool over.

# Upcoming Events



**Pickleball - February 25 & 26**

Pickleball is on select Saturdays from 4-6 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Please visit the website and/or app to view the dates and to reserve your spot!



**Upcoming Volleyball Games**

High School Team plays March 3 at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. at Westminster  
Middle School team plays March 4 at Noon at St. Paul's.



**Community Nonprofit Fair - March 12 from 10-11 a.m.**

Enjoy complimentary coffee and treats while learning about our many wonderful non-profit partners and various volunteer opportunities throughout our local community and beyond!



**VBS Save the Date - July 17 - July 20**

Get excited for an intergalactic Vacation Bible School coming to Westminster this summer! Open to Children Entering Kindergarten through Entering Fifth Grade Students. Stay tuned for registration details!

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## Westminster Connection Point

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

A PASTOR

A DEACON

NEW MEMBER

STEPHEN MINISTER

PRAYER REQUEST

OTHER

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HOME COMMUNION

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PRAISE & WORSHIP

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*You Alone*

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SCRIPTURE READING

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MESSAGE

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REFLECTION

*Enough*

Chris Tomlin

CLOSING SONGS

*Shout Hosanna*

Kristian Stanfill

BLESSING