



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, October 8, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Paul Hoekstra

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Sunday, October 8, 2023 - 9 a.m. Service

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

Guest Organist: Don Hill

## PRELUDE

*Glory Be to You*

## INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**God's people are called to worship, where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers, we come:

**God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones to elders with overflowing hearts, we come:

**God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.**

## \*HYMN #310

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (omit verse 5)*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

## *\*Prayer of Confession*

**Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our confidence in ourselves rather than in you. Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your goal.**

## *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**We are a new creation in Christ Jesus our Lord. We're forgiven and at peace. 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, amen.**

WPC where people

## **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **HYMN #307**

*God of Grace*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FAITH IN ACTION**

A video on Rise Against Hunger.

### **WORD THROUGH MUSIC**

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee* by Ed Lojeski  
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**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

### *Offertory*

*Standin' in the Need of Prayer* by Paul Sjolund  
Men of the Choir with a solo by Joe Keefner

*(Children Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to exit at this time for fellowship in Room 301/302. Children may be picked up after worship to join the all church mission project in South Hall.)*

### *\*Doxology #606*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Revelation 21:1-6

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CONNECTION INTERVIEW**

An interview with the Solis family.

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## SERMON

*Together We Can: Let's Serve*  
Rev. Angela Ryo

## \*HYMN #175

*Seek Ye First*

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

# WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

### New Concerns

The Family of Larry Toll

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Miranda Rockey  
(Sandy Coxhead's niece-in-law)

### Weekly Concerns

PNC Committee  
Anka (niece of Heidi Morgan)  
Lou Anselmo and the family of  
Ann Hudson  
Linda Bishop (friend of Chuck Weier)  
David Cafmeyer  
Herb Cook (brother-in-law of Barbie Cook)  
Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)  
David Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn, WPC  
Financial Secretary)  
Patty Dawes  
Dave Ferguson (family of Gene & Paula  
Estill)  
LuAnn Franklin  
The family of Jeffery Ralph Gardner  
Diane Golden (neighbor of Chuck Weier)  
Pat Jaracz  
Julie (niece of Zora Ludwig)  
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron  
Robbins)  
Chuck Landsdowne for the passing of his  
mother.  
The family of Ryan Mecredy (nephew of  
Cheryl Anderson)  
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)  
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)  
Dennis Madsen (friend of the Estills)  
Elaine Schnider and her friend Debbie  
(friends of Robin Webber)  
Barry Reasoner

Donna Sharp  
Rochelle Simmons (friend of Nora Alfonsi)  
Paul & Carol Strand (friend of Barbie  
Cook)  
Shelly Walsh (friend of Chuck Weier)  
Bruce Elliot (cousin of Chuck Weier)

### Continuing Care & Prayers

Ron Allen  
Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)  
Buddy Borbely  
Lydia Brunton (sister-in-law of Mary  
Lomey)  
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle  
Pedrick)  
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)  
Mike Feege  
Donna Gross (friend of Pam Yttri)  
Ed Harrison  
Don Hill  
Kim Karlen  
The Kozlowski family  
Joe McDaniel  
Betty Morris  
Pedrick family  
Dennis Orr  
Morgan Borbely Orrick  
Eugene Pidzarko  
Holly Ptacek  
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)  
Family of Keith Robbins (brother of Ron  
Robbins)  
Richard Simkins  
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)  
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter &  
son-in-law/Sonja Ross)  
Wendy Wilke Sola (daughter of Martha)

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### **NEW PROGRAM! Helping Hands**

Once in a while a church member needs a helping hand to get to an appointment, run an errand, or a visit while a caretaker is gone for a short time. If you would like to help but can't commit to a regular time or schedule, this is the perfect opportunity to be the answer to someone's prayer. Just call or stop by the office or Card Table to sign up to lend a Helping Hand as a need arises and it matches your schedule. For more information contact Nancy Quinn or Mary Lomey

# CONTEMPORARY *service*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 • 10:45AM**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

*All Things New*

Steven Curtis Chapman

*Where the Spirit of the Lord Is*

Chris Tomlin

**CONNECTION INTERVIEW**

An interview with the Solis family.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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**MESSAGE**

*Together We Can: Let's Serve*

Rev. Angela Ryo

**REFLECTION**

*Your Love is Strong*

Jon Foreman

**CLOSING SONGS**

*Build Your Kingdom*

Rend Collective

**BLESSING**

# Today's Events



## Sunday School

Children may be picked up after worship to join the all church mission project in South Hall - Rise Against Hunger.



## Second Serving: Rise Against Hunger - Today starting at 10:00 a.m.

Join us as we pack 12,000 meals for vulnerable communities around the world! Rise Against Hunger will be in South Hall. All ages and families welcome!



## Westminster Forum- Sunday, October 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Rabbi Zukrow will be here to talk about the Jewish "Holiness Code," a list of laws, including the Ten Commandments, but also including laws about hospitality and the commandment to "Love your neighbor as yourself."



## Let's Connect!

Today during coffee hour, please stop by the tree to write down what WPC does best to serve the needs outside of our church.

# Upcoming Events



## Youth Group - Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.

This month the youth will focus on Doing for Others with projects like College Care Packages and Cookies and Cards for our Shut Ins.



## Flu Shots - October 15 Between Services

Pharmacists Nina and Sam Arzumanian are back! Bring your insurance card and get your vaccination to protect yourself and your loved ones.



## Community Services Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 15 through November 12

Pick up a bag and list to provide Thanksgiving meals to all our neighbors.



## Youth Volleyball - Kicks off Thursday, October 19

Middle School practice 4:30-5:30 p.m. & High School will practice 5:30-6:30 p.m. If interested and need more information, please contact Tricia at [childrenyouthministry@wpcmunster.org](mailto:childrenyouthministry@wpcmunster.org).



## Youth Night at Oak Ridge Prairie - Friday, October 20 6:30 p.m.

Meet at the church at 6:30 to carpool over to Oak Ridge Prairie for a hayride and campfire. Pick up will be at the church at 9 p.m. Please RSVP to Tricia at [childrenyouthministry@wpcmunster.org](mailto:childrenyouthministry@wpcmunster.org) to ensure we have enough drivers.



## Health & Healing - Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion on scams and personal safety with James Ghrist, DARE/Crime Prevention Officer from the Munster Police Department.



## Phantom of the Organ - Friday, October 27 at 7:13 p.m.

Members of the American Guild of Organists present music from our splendid organ to enhance the Halloween season. Come in costume if you so choose!



## Wayfaring Stranger Screening - November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

WPC is excited to present the Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana premiere of "Wayfaring Stranger", a new faith-based film that features one of our youth in a supporting role!

*Synopsis:* When a desperate pastor hires a washed-up singer to build a new church, the preacher's kid with a gift for music trades secret guitar lessons for