



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 1, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Anne Severa

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Sunday, October 1, 2023 - 9:30 a.m. Service

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Table of the Lord by City on a Hill
Worship Band

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Adapted from Colossians 3:14-17)*

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*HYMN #318

In Christ There Is No East or West

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us.

**Prayer of Confession*

O God, whose will it is that all your children should be one in Christ; we pray for the unity of your Church. Pardon all our pride and our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which are the causes of our divisions. Deliver us from narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, from our prejudices. Save us from considering as normal that which is an offense to your love. Teach us to recognize the gifts of grace among all those who call upon you and confess their faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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.

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

HYMN #340

This Is My Song

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Just a Closer Walk by Ed Lojeski
Westminster Chorale

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more we can become, and so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase; that our practice of generosity will be enlarged; and that our joy in believing will encourage others as we share with them the good news of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

Offertory

John Magrou and Steve Strains

(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 brunch in South Hall.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Inspire us as we hear your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:1-17

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CONNECTION INTERVIEW

An interview with the Solis' family.

SERMON

Together We Can: Let's Connect Deep and Wide
Rev. Angela Ryo

people care

COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Communion Music

Purify (Love Divine) by Ben Cantelon

Worship Band

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN #547**

Go, My Children

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

John Magrou and Steve Strains

Westminster Connection Point

HOW CAN WE HELP?

_____ A PASTOR

_____ STEPHEN MINISTER

_____ PHONE CALL

_____ A DEACON

_____ PRAYER REQUEST

_____ HOME COMMUNION

_____ NEW MEMBER

_____ OTHER

CONTACT INFORMATION

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WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

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)
Olivia Jean Ice (Mary Pawlicki's granddaughter)
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
Paul Strand (friend of Barbie Cook)
Donna Sharp
Rochelle Simmons (friend of Nora Alfonsi)
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
Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz
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.

Today's Events



One service at 9:30 followed by All Church Brunch

Please join us for an All Church Brunch in South Hall immediately following the service! Come meet your deacons over delicious food and connect with each other as we dream about the future of our church!



Confirmation Class - Starts Today!

This class is for 9th graders (and above) with Pastor Angela from 4:30-6 p.m. This six week course will provide our youth with the opportunity to affirm their baptism, explore their faith and learn more about 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.



Second Serving: Rise Against Hunger - Sunday, October 8 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."



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

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.



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 hiding the man's drinking. Inspired by a true story.