



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 15, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Laura Shields

Sunday, October 15, 2023 - 9 a.m. Service

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

## PRELUDE

*Morning Hymn*

Westminster Handbell Choir

## INTROIT

*Spirit of Jesus Christ*

## CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 146)

Praise the Lord!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live.**

Sing praises to God,

**who made heaven and earth,**

who is faithful forever,

**who gives justice to the oppressed,**

who gives food to the hungry,

**who sets the prisoners free,**

who watches over the stranger,

**who cares for widows and orphans.**

The Lord will reign forever.

**Praise the Lord!**

## \*HYMN #667

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

## *\*Prayer of Confession*

**God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

**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, amen.**

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

### **HYMN #693**

*Though I May Speak*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FAITH IN ACTION**

Ann Williams on the Thanksgiving Food Drive

### **WORD THROUGH MUSIC**

*Like a Lamb* by Ralph Carmichael  
Men of the Choir

### **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*

*Now Thank We All Our God* by Paul Manz  
Westminster Handbell Choir

*(Children K - 5th are invited to exit during this time for Fellowship followed by Sunday School at 10 a.m. Parents may pick up at 10:30 a.m. from Room 301.)*

### *\*Doxology #606*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

John 13:3-17  
1 Peter 4:8-11

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

*Together We Can: Love in Action*  
Heather Casiano

## \*HYMN #700

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*This Little Light of Mine* by Valerie Stephenson  
Westminster Handbell Choir



### ABOUT OUR GUEST PREACHER - HEATHER CASIANO

Heather Casiano is a ruling elder and 2021 graduate of the presbytery's Ministry Formation Program. Heather and her family are members of First Presbyterian Church of Highland, where she also serves as the part-time Faith Development Coordinator. Heather and her husband Jesse have lived in Munster since 2018 with their two sons Robbie and Tristan. In her spare time, Heather enjoys camping, knitting, gardening and reading.

## 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  
Jack 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 Schneider 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)

# CONTEMPORARY *service*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023 • 10:45AM**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

*Compass Point*  
Lowen and Navarro

*God Is On the Move*  
7eventh Time Down

**FAITH IN ACTION**

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 13:3-17  
1 Peter 4:8-11

**MESSAGE**

*Together We Can: Love in Action*  
Heather Casiano

**REFLECTION**

*Lord, I Need You*  
Matt Maher

**CLOSING SONGS**

*I Will Follow You*  
Chris Tomlin

**BLESSING**

# Today's Events



## **Sunday School (K-5th Grade) - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Children will exit worship at 9:30 for fellowship followed by Sunday School. Parents may pick their children up in Room 301 at 10:30 a.m.



## **Disciples & Donuts (6th - 12th Grade) - 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

Disciples and Donuts will not meet today as our youth will be distributing our Thanksgiving Food Drive Bags during coffee hour.



## **Let's Connect!**

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



## **Westminster Forum- Today at 10:30 a.m.**

New to the Westminster Forum is Dr. José Morales, faculty member of the Chicago Theological Seminary. He will discuss how we can learn by listening to Christians with viewpoints other than our own.



## **Flu Shots - Today Between Services**

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



## **Thanksgiving Food Drive - Today through November 12**

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

# Upcoming Events



## **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.



## **Westminster Forum- Sunday, October 22 & October 29 at 10:30 a.m.**

Peter Katic is the first speaker we've had who is an Orthodox Christian. On October 22 and 29 he will discuss his time at the Holy Lands and the Christian Orthodox faith.



## **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.