



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 16, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

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Sunday, October 16, 2022 - 10 a.m. Service

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Raise a Song of Gladness

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creating God, you call us to worship you as your children, made in your image, with a divine spark within each of us.

We give thanks that God understands us and encourages us to grow in our knowledge of God's awesome holiness.

Glorious God, you invite us to sink our roots deep into your love and to grow stronger each day in our faith in you.

We give thanks that God understands us, and that the fruits we bear are consistent with what God created us to become. We gather to worship and praise our Loving and Living God. Amen.

*HYMN #26

Earth and All Stars

*CALL TO CONFESSION

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are beloved children of God, members of God's own family. With the confidence of beloved children, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession*

O Lord our God, we confess to you our unfaithfulness, our divided loyalties, our dancing around the truth. We look for human approval instead of seeking to serve you. We answer to human authority instead of listening for your Word. Turn our hearts back to you. Consume our sin with holy fire and set us free to sing your praise. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the gospel, the good news we have received: that our Lord Jesus Christ loves us and gave his life to set us free from our sins. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

**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 #37

Let All Things Now Living

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION

Lynn Eplawy on Faith Formation

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Is There Anybody Here

Arranged by Alice Parker - Westminster Chorale with soloist, Holly McCain

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

Gracious and generous God, you are with us always, providing for our needs. Receive what we have brought today: our tithes, our prayers, and our praise—all signs of dedication to you. Help us to grow in our faith through all that we bring to you today. Amen.

Offertory

Psalm 1

Don Hill, Tenor

(During this time, children K - 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School in Room 301/302. Parents are asked to pick their children up following worship and prior to the start of today's Dreaming Session. Childcare will then be provided in the church nursery, Room 208, for the duration of the Dreaming Session.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Spirit of God, may your Word be as rain falling from heaven, soaking dry soil until it sprouts and springs forth, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, through Christ—Living Water, Living Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1:1-3

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

Growing in Faith

Rev. Angela Ryo

Colin Smith

Lucia Castro

Henry Thompson

Julian Solis

***HYMN #730**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugure in F

J.S. Bach

The Best
IS YET TO COME!



GRACE

GRATITUDE

GENEROSITY

GROWTH

A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - WEEK 3

We want your perspective on important questions for our church!

In the Fellowship Hall, you will see a white board with a question for your reflection and several response options. We would like you to indicate the response(s) that best align with your perspective. You can vote twice, using circle stickers that are available at the white board. You may place one sticker on two different responses, or both stickers on one response if you feel more strongly about one above all others.

Today's question is:

What could WPC do better?

Response Options:

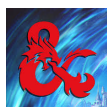
- Grow/nurture relationships with God/Jesus
- Connect Christians/families and foster fellowship in our community
- Provide peace/hope in an often busy/discouraging world
- Coordinate mission/discipleship opportunities

Today's Events



Best is Yet to Come: Dreaming Session - Sun., October 16 - One Service at 10a.m.

Last month, we celebrated 60 years of God's faithfulness in the life of our church. This month, we want to discover and dream about God's hope for our church for the next 60 years because THE BEST IS YET TO COME! Immediately following ONE service at 10 a.m., we'll gather in South Hall for a wonderful time of envisioning the future of our church together. Lunch will be served.



Dungeons & Dragons - Sun., October 16

Join us in Room 401 as we gather and play Dungeons & Dragons every third Sunday of the month from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Room 401.

Upcoming Events



Thanksgiving Food Drive - Now through November 13

Each year we partner with Greater Hammond Community Services Food Pantry to ensure everyone in our community enjoys a Thanksgiving feast. GHCS collects the donated items and adds a turkey to provide a complete meal to families in need. You're invited to participate by picking up a bag on Sunday (or provide one of your own) fill it with as much of the following items as possible and bring it back to the church by Sunday, November 13.



Fall Youth Night- Friday, October 21

Middle School and High Schoolers are welcome to participate in a night of fun! We will have food, activities and a bible study from 6:00-11:00p.m.



Phantom of the Organ - Friday, October 28 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!



Westminster Forum at 10:30 a.m. in Room 209 - Sunday, October 30

Join us as Linda Eastwood from McCormick Theological Seminary discusses "Seeking Hope Amid Despair in Central America."



Annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 22 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Visit Congregation Beth Israel located at 535 Progress Ave. in Munster for this beautiful annual service with several other local congregations.



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WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Prayers

Mike Carmichael– upcoming surgery
Prayers for relief and healing
(brother of Diane Hart-Coons)
Betty Curvey– recovering from shoulder surgery
Peggy Knight-Daughter Patty passed away (friend of Chuck Weier)
Hunter Mitchell– return of brain cancer (Grandson/friend of Diane Hart-Coon)
Jim Siergey– upcoming back surgery
Prayers for relief and healing

Weekly Concerns

Prayers for relief/healing/other
Jessica Cook, (friends of Daun DePaul)
Daun DePaul- shoulder surgery
Gene Estill
Taddy Ferguson (Gene Estill's sister)
Koenes, Leonard– nerve pain/Shingles
Diane Lomax (friends of Daun DePaul)
Rebecca McCauley, *prayers for healing*
Nancy & Terry Quinn
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Friends/family of Barbara Cook
Herbert Cook- complications/diabetes
Michael Kumbalek- bypass surgery
Mia Overgaard- covid

Continued prayers for all those who are hurting in Hurricane Ian's wake. Pray for local churches facing their own losses even as they seek to minister to the suffering.

Continuing Care

Ron Allen
Jean Armstrong
Buddy Borbely
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Tom Brown
Jennifer Dye Foreit
(friend of Michelle Pedrick)
Jack Estill (father of Gene)
Mike & Terri Feege/Fehring
Mary Lou Feist
(Family of Cheryl Anderson)
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Kim Karlen
Elaine Kirk (mother of Ann Williams)
Eden & Eliana Les
(friends of Wendy Borbely)
Joe McDaniel
Heidi Medd (friend of Karen Comstock)
Tracy Mitrano (niece of Art Morgan)
Morfas Family
Adelia Morrow (Paige Stephan/daughter)
Denny Orr
Pedrick family
Abigail Poerio (Niece of Sue Cook)
Eugene Pidzarko
Barb & Ron Robbins
Jeff Rothstein (friend of Sandy Baker)
Richard Simkins
John & Sally Trent
Kathy Truhlar (friend/Shirley Golden)
Yackel Family
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf
(daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

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Westminster Connection Point

HOW CAN WE HELP?

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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