



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, November 19, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Brandon Smith

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Sunday, November 19, 2023 - 9 a.m. Service

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

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Nothing Can Trouble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place;

we come today to rest in you.

You have been the voice that guides us;

we come today to listen.

You have been the host who feeds us;

we come today to be filled.

You have been our joy and crown;

we come today to sing your praise!

*HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We know that our sins are too heavy for us to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. But we also know that God can lift that weight from us and transform our lives. So we lift our prayer of confession to God in one voice:

**Prayer of Confession*

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Who is our God?

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

We are forgiven and redeemed. Alleluia! 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 #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (verses 1, 2, 3)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISMS

Brad Miller, Bobbi Uidl & Charlie Uidl

Congregational Response

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

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

Generous God, with Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we are reminded to give you thanks for the ministries of this congregation, which you have entrusted us with. We are honored by the opportunity to be your holy body here. Bless these offerings, however they are given that our efforts may be ever more worthy of your name. Amen.

Offertory

Sicut Cervus by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Westminster Chorale

(Children ages Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to exit at this time for Fellowship time in Room 301/302. Parents may pick up after Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, your wisdom guides us deep into the mystery of your truth. Speak to us today, that we might understand your will and walk in your ways. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I See You
Rev. Angela Ryo

CONFIRMATION RECOGNITION

Ellie Gelarden, Brad Miller, Brennan Rommelfanger, Dominic Sculli,
Daphne Smith, Henry Thompson, Bobbi Uidl & Charlie Uidl

**Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**Apostles' Creed Continued*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places)*

Congregational Response

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

***HYMN #300**

We Are One in the Spirit

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Heartfelt Sympathy

Sandy Walsh in the passing of her cousin
Roland Tapper Jr.

New Concerns

Sharon Flinspach (Alan Carlson's daughter
& Bruce Carlson's sister)
Cheryl Clement (Alan Carlson's niece)
Sonja Ross

Weekly Concerns

PNC Committee
Linda Bishop (friend of Chuck Weier)
Cathy Bomberger and family in the passing
of her son Craig.
The Borbely family in the passing of
Wendy's husband, Buddy.
The family of Barbara Cook
Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)
Patty Dawes
Dave Ferguson (family of Gene & Paula
Estill)
LuAnn Franklin
Diane Golden (neighbor of Chuck Weier)
Julie (niece of Zora Ludwig)
Zora Ludwig and family
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Sharon Orr and family
Barry Reasoner
(Sandy Coxhead's niece-in-law)
Donna Sharp
The Strand family in the passing of Paul
Kimmy Walker (friend of Nora Alfonsi)
Wendy Wilke-Sola

Continuing Care & Prayers

Anka (niece of Heidi Morgan)
Ron Allen
David Cafmeyer
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle
Pedrick)
David Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Bruce Elliot (cousin of Chuck Weier)
Mike Feege
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Pat Jaracz
Kim Karlen
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron
Robbins)
Joe McDaniel
Betty Morris
Pedrick family
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Holly Ptacek
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)
Family of Keith Robbins (brother of Ron
Robbins)
Miranda Rockey
Richard Simkins
Elaine Schneider and her friend Debbie
(friends of Robin Webber)
Colleen Splant (friend of Chuck Weier)
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
The Family of Larry Toll
Shelly Walsh (friend of Chuck Weier)
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter &
son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

Nov. 12, 2023



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, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Say So

Israel Houghton

A Thousand Generations

Brenton Brown

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

MESSAGE

I See You

Rev. Angela Ryo

REFLECTION

Better Is One Day

Matt Redman

CLOSING SONGS

Never Get Over It

Michael Neale

BLESSING

Today's Events



Sunday School and Disciples & Donuts

Sunday School (K-5th) will meet from 10 - 10:30 a.m. in Room 301/302.



Disciples & Donuts - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The group will not meet today so that our youth can join in the Confirmation Celebration during fellowship hour.



Westminster Forum - at 10:30 a.m.

Fred Niedner from Valparaiso University will be here and his topic will be "The Biblical Prophets."



Confirmation Sunday

Come celebrate with us as we welcome our youth confirmands into membership at 9 a.m. service. We will have cake between services.



Ask the Dietician

The holiday season is upon us with all the special foods we prepare and share as part of our celebrations. Our Health and Healing Committee has put together some articles and recipes to help us keep in mind principles of a healthy diet. Please stop at our table in Fellowship Hall. Our own dietitians Audrey Luckey and Linda Welch will be available at the table between services to answer questions and give advice.

Upcoming Events



Youth Group Tuesday Activities

The group will meet this Tuesday to discuss Gratitude and do a fun craft. On Tuesday, November 28 we will begin Advent activities. Come right after school for study time or join us from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. for fun activities.



Youth Group Volleyball

Practices will resume on November 30. Middle School practices 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. and High School practice is 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.



The Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us at St. Paul Episcopal Church located at 1101 Park Dr. in Munster for a beautiful annual service. This year's offering/call to action will support the Welcome Network.



Quilt Raffle - November 19 & 26 and December 3 & 10

Westminster Quilters have been busy! Quilt Raffle, holiday table runners, small quilts and other items will be available at Marketplace in December. Raffle tickets will be sold between worship services on November 19 and 26 and December 3 and 10. Drawing for the quilt will be at Marketplace. We appreciate support for mission and Westminster Quilters!



Adopt-a-Family

Each year, Westminster Deacons support several local families by presenting them with holiday gifts. Through the generosity of our members, we will be supporting 8 families this year. As a supplement to our budgeted spending, we are seeking donations of household consumables such as toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, shampoo/body wash/hand soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, feminine products, diapers, etc.

Should you wish to make a monetary donation, place it in the Adopt-A-Family "gift" box in Fellowship Hall. Non-monetary donations may be dropped off in the collection box near the church office by December 10. Please contact Amy Carter with any questions: amv@neghoardchicago.com or 773-376-0344