



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 12, 2023**

**Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo**

**Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain**

**Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff**

**Lay Leader: Dave Radovich**

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Sunday, November 12, 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

Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

**here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.**

Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

**here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!**

Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

**here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.**

Come, let us worship the Living God!

## \*HYMN #275

*A Mighty Fortress*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us turn to the most Holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

### *\*Prayer of Confession*

**God, You call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where You lead— to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that You will provide for us in all things. Forgive us when we doubt You, God. Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns, to Your broader vision for us and for our world. Amen.**

### *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In this place we find God's word, God's way, God's love, God's forgiveness.

**In every wilderness, on every road; in every journey, in every heart, we receive God's hope, God's mercy, God's joy, God's peace. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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 #721

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPDATE FROM PNC

### WORD THROUGH MUSIC

*Teach Me, O Lord*

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

Gracious God, You call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in your love and provision. Take our lives and our gifts. Use them to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, Your kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

#### *Offertory*

*Joyful, Joyful, Joyful* by Arnold B. Sherman

Westminster Handbell Choir

*(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 worship to participate in the all church mission project.)*

#### *\*Doxology #606*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Love and Justice, we are grateful for inheriting the tradition of the Scriptures. By your Holy Spirit, speak to us through your Word, that we may know the love and grace of Jesus Christ, your living Word made flesh among us. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Faith and Fear*

Rev. Mary Ubuntu

#### *\*HYMN #837*

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

#### *\*BENEDICTION*

### POSTLUDE



## Guest Preacher Rev. Mary Ubuntu

I am the daughter of WPC' members, Stan and Edna Vance. I was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 1984 and just retired this past May. I am married to Steve Wohlfeil, who is also a retired ELCA pastor. Between us, we have 5 adult children and 3 grandchildren. We just added a new puppy to our family: Macy Mae. While serving as a pastor in congregations, preaching and celebrating the sacraments were two of my favorite things to do. I am happy to be able to preach today in my dad's congregation!

# WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

### 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 in the passing of her husband Eugene Pidzarko  
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)  
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)  
Dennis Madsen (friend of the Estills)  
Sharon Orr and family in the passing of her husband Denny Orr  
Barry Reasoner  
Miranda Rockey  
(Sandy Coxhead's niece-in-law)  
Donna Sharp  
The Strand family in the passing of Paul  
Rochelle Simmons (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  
Donna Gross (friend of Pam Yttri)  
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)  
Richard Simkins\  
Elaine Schnider 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)

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## Westminster Connection Point

A PASTOR \_\_\_\_\_

STEPHEN MINISTER \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE CALL \_\_\_\_\_

A DEACON \_\_\_\_\_

PRAYER REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

HOME COMMUNION \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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# CONTEMPORARY *service*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 - 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

*Even Then*  
Micah Tyler

*Our God*  
Chris Tomlin

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 4:35-41

**UPDATE FROM PNC**

**MESSAGE**

*Faith and Fear*  
Rev. Angela Ryo

**REFLECTION**

*Living With a Fire*  
Jesus Culture

**CLOSING SONGS**

*Joy of the Lord*  
Rend Collective

**BLESSING**

# Today's Events



## Sunday School and Disciples & Donuts

Youth are invited to participate with their families in today's mission project at 10 a.m. in South Hall.



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

Fred Niedner from Valparaiso University will be here for two Sundays! His topic will be "The Biblical Prophets."



## Second Serving - Sunday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for Second Serving in South Hall! We'll be decorating ornaments for our Giving Tree.



## Thanksgiving Food Drive - Today is the last day!

Turn in your Thanksgiving food drive bag today!



## Confirmation Class

Confirmands will meet from 4:30 - 6 p.m. in Room 401.

# Upcoming Events



## Youth Group Tuesday Activities

The group will meet November 14, 21 and 28th this month. Come right after school for study time or join us from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. for fun activities.



## Youth Group Volleyball

Practices continue November 16 and 30th this month. Middle School practices 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. and High School practice is 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.



## Westminster Forum - Sunday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Fred Niedner from Valparaiso University will be here for two Sundays! His topic will be "The Biblical Prophets."



## Wayfaring Stranger Screening - Saturday, 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! Please register for this event by visiting our website.



## Confirmation Sunday - November 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Come celebrate with us as we welcome our youth confirmands into membership on Sunday, November 19 during the 9 a.m. worship service.



## Thanksgiving Interfaith 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, 26 and December 3 and 10. Drawing for the quilt will be at Marketplace. We appreciate support for mission and Westminster Quilters!