



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 20, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Patty Dawes

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Sunday, November 20, 2022 - 9 a.m. Service
Please stand in body or spirit.* • **BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Bless the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

We gather to show our gratitude by worshiping the Living God!

*HYMN #37

Let All Things Now Living

*CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. With one heart and voice, let us pray.

**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

God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and new life.

We are a forgiven people! 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.

*PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION

Stephanie Smith & Mary Lomey on Suppers of 8

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Westminster Chorale

THANKSGIVING LITANY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together in gratitude to God:

God of the living, with all Your creatures great and small we sing Your bounty and Your goodness, for in the harvest of land and ocean, in the cycles of the seasons, and the wonders of each creature, You reveal Your generosity.

Teach us the gratitude that dispels envy, that we may honor each gift as You cherish Your creation, and praise You in all times and places. That this day may be holy, good and joyful: we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.

That we may offer to You our worship and praise along with the work of our hands, minds and hearts: we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.

That we may strive for the well-being of all creation: we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.

That in the pleasures and pains of life, we may know the love of Christ and be thankful: we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by Your Holy Spirit, in communion with all Your holy ones, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ: we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.

That we may always and everywhere give thanks to You, O God, for all of our blessings and giftedness:

we pray in gratitude to You, O Lord.

And in gratitude, we join our voices to pray...

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

Before us is a world in great need, waiting in hope. We are a people holding treasure meant to be given away: the good news of Christ; resources, time, talents, and money. If we are to participate in God's steadfast love and mercy, we must give sacrificially to the needs of God's people. Let us give with grateful hearts.

Prayer of Dedication

God of creation, you water the earth and send forth food; you shower us with grace and feed us with your love. Accept these gifts, humble though they may be, and use them to spread your goodness throughout the earth. Amen.

Offertory

The Water is Wider and Come Thou Fount.

The Reasoners

(During this time, children K-5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School. Parents may pick them up at 10:30 a.m.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. By your Spirit make yourself known to us through the reading and preaching of your Word, that we might be faithful witnesses of your everlasting love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

SERMON

Finding an Attitude of Gratitude - Giving Thanks in Challenging Times
Rabbi Leonard (Len) Zukrow

*HYMN #753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
Jeff Honore



Rabbi Len Zukrow was the rabbi of Temple Beth El in Munster from 2012-2020. His previous pulpits were Florida and Nevada. Rabbi Zukrow received his ordination from the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, California. His most recent achievement is attaining the title of grandfather to his first grandchild, Noah Ezra who lives in Brooklyn, New York with his parents Michael & Izzy (Len's son and daughter-in-law). Noah's aunt & uncle, Rachel and Jonah (Len's daughter and son-in-law) live in Washington, D. C.

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Our deepest sympathies...

to the family of John Trent.

John passed away on the morning of November 12, 2022. He was a long time member of WPC. We join our hearts in prayer for the Trent family. A celebration of John's life will be determined at a later time. In life and in death we belong to God.

Weekly Concerns

Prayers for relief/healing/other

Mario Bravo-92 years old, brain bleed
(friend of Barbie Cook)

Jessica Cook, (friends of Daun DePaul)

Rachel Cook-macular degeneration and abdominal surgery (family/Barbie Cook)

Betty Curvey- recovering/shoulder surgery (at Hartfield Rehab)

Daun DePaul- shoulder surgery

Taddy Ferguson (Gene Estill's sister)

Peggy Knight-Daughter Patty passed away (friend of Chuck Weier)

Koenes, Leonard- nerve pain/Shingles

Diane Lomax (friends of Daun DePaul)

Med Family (friends of Karen Comstock)

Hunter Mitchell- return of brain cancer (friend of Diane Hart-Coons)

Kim Piekarski- breast cancer (sister-in-law of Patty Yackanovich)

Nancy & Terry Quinn

Jim Siergey- back surgery end of month

Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)

Sally VanBokkelen- chemo

Robin Webber- health concerns

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

Fiegle Family (passing of Carol)

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)

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)

NOVEMBER 20, 2022



Contemporary Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Echo

Elevation Worship & Israel Houghton

Sing For You

Steven Curtis Chapman

FAITH IN ACTION

Stephanie Smith & Mary Lomey

SCRIPTURE READING

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MESSAGE

*Finding an Attitude of Gratitude -
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Rabbi Len Zukrow

REFLECTION

Forever

Chris Tomlin

CLOSING SONGS

All The People Said Amen

Matt Maher

BLESSING

Today's Events



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

Join us for donuts and a devotion.

Middle School - Room 401 • High School - Room 305



Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

K-5th Grade will attend Sunday School. Parents may pick up their child(ren) at 10:30 a.m.



Sunday Discussion Group at 10:30 a.m. in Room 209

Join us in an engaging discussion group with Greg Stephan on "How Children Learn Social Expectations RE: Lying and Truth-telling"



Dungeons & Dragons - Sun. Nov. 20

Join us for a game of Dungeons & Dragons from 5:00-7:00 p.m.. All are welcome!



Adopt-a-Family - Now through December 11

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 (35 individuals) this year. As a supplement to our budgeted spending, we are seeking donations of household consumables as well as new (or like-new) items for children ages newborn to 19. Warm clothes (socks, PJs, long-sleeve shirts, coats, hoodies, etc.) are also greatly needed. Consumable items needed include toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, tissues, hand soap, shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent, feminine products, diapers, etc.

Should you wish to make a monetary donation, it can be placed 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 11. Please contact Amy Carter with any questions: amy@pegboardchicago.com or 773-376-0344

Upcoming Events



Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Tues., Nov. 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.



Suppers of 8 - Sign up dates: Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4 & 11

What is Suppers of Eight? Suppers of Eight is an opportunity to get to know members and friends of our WPC family better, while sharing a meal. Sign up between services on November 20, 27, December 4, and 11 or by visiting www.wpcmunster.org. Questions? Contact Stephanie Smith at (847) 287-7854.



2022 Giving Tree - Nov. 27 through Dec. 19

You're invited to participate by making a donation to an organization of your choice now through December 19th either between services on Sunday or online at www.wpcmunster.org. As a gift of thanks, Missions has handmade ornaments and thank you cards available. Thank you for your generosity!



Living Nativity & Bethlehem Market - December 11 from 4-7 p.m.

Join us for two beautiful outdoor Living Nativity shows, at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. with live animals and our annual Bethlehem Market. You will have a chance to shop at local vendor tables, listen to Christmas music from our very own worship band and purchase some yummy food from our concession stand!