



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.



Reign of Christ Sunday - November 26, 2023

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Anne Severra

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Sunday, November 26, 2023 - 9 a.m. Service
**Please stand in body or spirit. - BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

Glory Be To You

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 100*)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

We are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to God; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

God's faithfulness is from generation to generation.

*HYMN #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

*CALL TO CONFESSION

As individual believers and as a community, we stray from the ways of love and justice. We believe that if we confess our sin we shall be forgiven and empowered to carry on the ministry of Christ. With confidence in God's mercy, let us pray together.

**Prayer of Confession*

Eternal God, we confess that our good intentions have often gone astray. We favor the people who are like us and honor those we deem to be important. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. Our tongues become weapons rather than instruments of healing. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us how to love and serve in the way of Jesus. We ask this in the name of One who is our servant and sovereign. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God's forgiveness is real. God is gracious and merciful.

The One who created us sees our brokenness and awakens the love within us as we are being healed. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**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 #203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Advent Processional
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

We offer to you, O God, the gifts of our hands and the loyalty of our hearts. Accept us with our gifts, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory

John Magrou and Steve Strains

(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

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that in hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-38

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Like No Other
Rev. Mike Pennanen

***HYMN #450**

Be Thou My Vision (Verses 1, 2, & 4)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE



Guest Preacher: Parish Associate, Rev. Mike Pennanen

Late last year, Pastor Angela requested and Session approved that I take on the position of Parish Associate at WPC. Let me say first off that this isn't the same thing as Associate Pastor! My primary role is to be on call for any urgent pastoral need that may come up while the pastor is away for vacation or study leave or is otherwise unavailable. As a retired pastor, I'm grateful for this opportunity because I can be retired and still help out as needed at a church I know and love. As always, if a pastoral need arises you can contact the church office. If I'm "on call," Executive Assistant Gina Nida will know how to reach me.

In addition, Pastor Angela may now and then invite me to help with worship or take a turn with preaching, or assist with church programming. Let's note, finally, that WPC seeks to be of service to the wider community. There are times we're asked to offer spiritual care to a local resident (e.g. a hospital patient) in their time of critical need.

Thank you church, for entrusting me with this privilege! I pray that I may do my part well.

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Jim Vliek

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
Cheryl Clement (Alan Carlson's niece)
Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)
Patty Dawes
Dave Ferguson (family of Gene & Paula Estill)
LuAnn Franklin
Sharon Flinspach (Alan Carlson's daughter and Bruce Carlson's sister)
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
Sonja Ross
(Sandy Coxhead's niece-in-law)
Donna Sharp
The Strand family in the passing of Paul Kimmy Walker (friend of Nora Alfonsi)
Sandy Walsh in the passing of her cousin Roland Tapper Jr.
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)

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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 26, 2023 • 10:45AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

King of Kings

Newsboys

Raise Up the Crown

Chris Tomlin

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:33-38

MESSAGE

Like No Other

Rev. Mike Pennanen

REFLECTION

O Praise Him

David Crowder

CLOSING SONGS

Be Thou My Vision

EQ Worship

BLESSING

Today's Events



Sunday Schools- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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



Disciples & Donuts

The group will not meet today. Advent lessons begin next Sunday.

Upcoming Events



Youth Group Tuesday Activities

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.



Quilt Raffle - November 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 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 - Deadline is December 10

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. Please contact Amy Carter with any questions: amy@pegboardchicago.com or 773-376-0344



Giving Tree - December 3 through December 25

Please join us in our 2023 Giving Tree program! Starting December 3rd, you're invited to participate by making a donation to the organization of your choice after each service on Sundays through December 25 or by returning this form to church. As a gift of thanks, we will have thank you cards and handmade ornaments available from the Missions Team. Thank you for your generosity!



Suppers of 8

Suppers of 8 sign ups for 2024 are starting this week! What is Suppers of 8? It is an opportunity to get to know members and friends of our WPC community better, while sharing a meal. It might be dinner or Sunday brunch. The host provides the main course. Another second pair brings a side dish or salad, and the third couple brings dessert. The host chooses the 4th couple and they may be asked to bring something that complements the meal. If you sign up, you will host one of three gatherings throughout the calendar year. You will attend and bring a side or dessert to the other two gatherings. We invite singles to participate too!

Please sign up on the forms that are located on the card signing table next to the "Suppers of 8" signs. This is a great opportunity to meet people and connect outside of church!