



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, February 4, 2024

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Rebecca McCauley

Sunday February 4, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. Service

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

Guest Organist: Don Hill

GATHERING MUSIC

Everlasting God by Brenton Brown

WPC Worship Band

INTROIT

Raise a Song of Gladness

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 40 and Psalm 147)

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

the Lord takes pleasure in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Let us worship the Living God!

*HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*CALL TO CONFESSION

God our Creator knows us each by name and knows our hearts. Let us confess our sins before our God, who desires to save us and set us free.

**Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, we confess that without you, we are not whole. Forgive our foolish ways, reform our prideful selves, make us listen to the way of peace, remove from us the disbelief to which we cling. You are the One who liberates with a word and nourishes us with your Spirit. Give us thankful hearts as we come to the waters of life with trust and hope. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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, amen

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

HYMN #695

Change My Heart O God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

How Can I Keep From Singing
Westminster Chorale

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

Holy God, you have poured out so much for us— the beauty of the world, the care of family and friends, and the gift of the church. We give you thanks for these and many other gifts. Most especially, we thank you for pouring your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Through these offerings, may your love spill over in glad abundance that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those in need. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Let Your Mercy Rain by Chris Tomlin
WPC Worship Band

(Children K through 5th grade are invited to exit for fellowship time in Room 301/302. Parents can pick up after the annual meeting)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 18:41-46

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Olson's Festschrift
Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips

COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion

***HYMN #697**

Take My Life (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All are invited to stay for the annual congregational meeting!



GUEST PREACHER: REV. DR. NATHANIEL D. PHILLIPS

Nate has a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary, and is the author of the book *Do Something Else: The Road Ahead for the Mainline Church*. He grew up a child of Mission at the Eastward, a cooperative parish of nine small churches in rural Maine, has served as a youth director at a medium sized church, associate and co-pastor at a large church, and Senior Pastor at a tall steeple, 1800 member cathedral church. He has served as a chair of Committee on Ministry and spear-headed successful New Worshipping Community efforts. Pastor Nate currently lives in Delaware with his wife, Ari, and four kids. He serves as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff for Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church.

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Heidi Morgan
Ann Sullivan
Bob Vliek

Weekly Concerns

Jean Armstrong
The Borbely family
The Cafmeyer family in the passing of Stephen.
Charlotte (niece of Barb McKinney)
Mary Lou Crowley (leader of The 3 Bs)
Patty Dawes
Dave Ferguson
Grace Delcano (friend of Amy Carter)
LuAnn Franklin
Paul Hoekstra
Laura Kenworthy (niece of April Cafmeyer)
Zora Ludwig and family
Judith Mills (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Sharon Orr and family
Family of Chris Orrick- husband of Morgan and son-in-law of Wendy Borbely.
Glenn Rhodes
Octavio Ruiz (neighbor of Chuck Weier)
Donna Sharp
John Shields
The family of Carl Strain
Stacy Pierce (relative of Sandy Walsh)
Pat Snyder (mother of Christine Cangiano)
Jim Vliek
Kimmy Walker (friend of Nora Alfonsi)
Wendy Wilke-Sola

Continuing Care & Prayers

Ron Allen
David Cafmeyer
Cheryl Clement (Alan Carlson's niece)
Jan & Charlotte, cousins of Barb McKinney
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
Kim Karlen
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron Robbins)
Joe McDaniel
Betty Morris
Pedrick family
Morgan Borbely Orrick
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)
Shelly Walsh (friend of Chuck Weier)
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)

Today's Events



Sunday School (K-5th Grade) - Room 301

Parents may pick up at the conclusion of the meeting.



Disciples & Donuts (6th - 12th Grade)

This event will not take place today so that our youth may attend the annual meeting. Confirmed youth are invited to vote.



Annual Congregational Meeting - at 10:30 a.m.

Our meeting will immediately follow the 9:30 a.m. service.



Pastor Angela Ryo's Installation Service - at 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for Pastor Angela's installation service.

Upcoming Events



Preschool Registration - Opens Monday, February 5 for Members!

Registration for the 2024-2025 preschool year opens Feb. 5 at 9am for our church members (current families on Feb. 12 and new families on Feb. 19).



Second Serving - Sunday, February 11 - 10:00 a.m. in South Hall

Join us in South Hall to help make blankets for children in foster care at SAFY and Kemmerer Village.



Nature Hike - Sunday, February 11 - 12:30 p.m. at Indiana Dunes State Park

Commune with nature and members of the congregation by hiking together! Weather permitting, we will tackle the 3-dune challenge. Meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 to carpool or meet at the State Park Nature Center at 1:30. Drivers will be responsible for the parking fee of \$9. RSVP to Jean Dixon at mt Dixon@comcast.net or Jenny Coble at jennifer.coble@gmail.com



4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Event - Monday, February 12 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Students are invited for pizza and a game of Dungeons & Dragons with host Julian Solis. Let Tricia know if your child can join us for this fun fellowship event.



Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this year's Ash Wednesday service. More informatino to follow. *The sanctuary will also be open from 7:00-9:00 a.m. for the imposition of ashes and time of personal meditation.*

Sign up for a Lenten small group today! You can do that during coffee hour or by going to our website/app or calling the church during the weekday.

Recurring Weekly Events

Monday

- Knitters at 12:30 p.m. in room 106
- Quilters at 1:00 p.m. in room 106

Tuesday

- Discussion Group at 10:00 a.m. in room 209
- Youth Study Group after school in room 401

Wednesday

Thursday

- Youth Study Group directly after school in room 401
- Youth Volleyball at 4:30 p.m. (MS) and 5:30 p.m (HS) in South Hall

Saturday

- Pickleball at 4:00 p.m. in South Hall

Sunday

- Pickleball at 2:00 p.m. in South Hall