



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 9, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Tom Reynolds

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

PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art
Resonate*

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to our God, all who hunger for life:
for it is God who nourishes us at the Table of Grace
Come to our God, all who are worn out by life:
for it is God who provides the rest we need.
Come to our God, all who are weighed down:
for it is our God who carries our burdens with us.

*HYMN #66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Let us come and lay down our burdens at Jesus' feet.

**Prayer of Confession*

Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as you have called us to. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, more rebellious than faithful. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! Through the grace and love of 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 THE PEACE

HYMN #824

There is a Place of Quiet Rest

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION

John Castro, PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

Gracious Creator, you have laced our lives with blessing. As we present these offerings, we also tender our lives. Make us your bold and faithful people, willing to go forward in faith wherever you would lead us, that we might be a comfort in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus, by the gift of your empowering Spirit. Amen.

Offertory

Impossible Things

Chris Tomlin

(Children and youth are invited to exit during this time for a short lesson and games in South Hall.)

*Doxology #606

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, for generations, your Word has brought love and life to your people. Speak to us now; we pray that we may hear, and in hearing, we may be transformed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Kings 3:3-15

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God. Amen

SERMON

Life Worth Living: What Should We Hope For?

Rev. Angela Ryo

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

Word Through Music

You'll Never Walk Alone

Kathy Madgiak, soloist and special numbers by Don Hill and Russel Terpstra

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN #829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Table

Chris Tomlin

Upcoming Events



TODAY - Summer Sunday School - From Offertory through end of Worship Service

Children and Youth are invited to South Hall for a lesson and games related to today's topic, Love. Parents should pick up at worship's conclusion.



Vacation Bible School - July 17 - 20, 9 a.m. until Noon each day

Students ENTERING Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are invited to sign up for Stellar: Shine God's Light VBS. Registration is \$10.00 and will open on June 12 online at wpcmunster.org. Youth Helpers can also sign up online to volunteer.



The Good Book Club - Friday, July 28 at 1:00 p.m.

The Good Club will meet in room 209 to discuss *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout.



Habitat for Humanity Opportunities

Check your calendars now and join us to support Habitat for Humanity of NWI for on-site work days, Saturday, July 15th & August 19th at 8:30 am! We need 10 amazing adults to join us each day to work on homes that are currently being built across NWI. No prior experience is needed - RSVP to Christina Iwachiw at jiwachiw@comcast.net

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

Weekly Concerns

PNC Committee
Anka (niece of Heidi Morgan)
Linda Bishop (friend of Chuck Weier)
Julie Bland (friend of Amy Carter)
Harry Book (brother-in-law of Barbie Cook)
Mario Bravo (friend of Barbie Cook)
Dave Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn, WPC Financial Secretary)
The family of Kathy Dunn (friend of Pam Yttri)
Larry Edwards (neighbor and friend of Chuck Weier)
The family of Geraldine Elman in the passing of her daughter Robin Schalgel.
Dave Ferguson (brother-in-law of Gene & Paula Estill)
The family of Amy Franklin for the loss of her father, Tom Young
Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz
The family of Diane Hernandez
Pat Jaracz
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron Robbins)
The McCauley Family in passing of Rebecca's brother Edward.
The family of Ryan McCreedy (nephew of Cheryl Anderson)

Betty Morris
The family of Margaret Morris
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Ruth Norton (passing of her sister)
Dennis Orr
Holly Ptacek
Elaine Schnider and her friend Debbie (friends of Robin Webber)
Keith & Barbara Robbins (family of Ron Robbins)
Donna Sharp
Wendy Wilke Sola (daughter of Martha)
The family of Harry Witbeot (friends of Barbie Cook)
Chuck Weier's cousin Bruce

Continuing Care & Prayers

Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)
Buddy Borbely
Brown/Boyle Family (passing of Tom)
Lydia Brunton (sister-in-law of Mary Lomey)
Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopasz)
Jessica Cook, (friend/Daun DePaul)
Cunningham Family (passing of Bill)

Edwards Family (passing of son Joshua)
The Fiegle Family
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Donna Gross (friend of Pam Yttri)
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Kim Karlen
Mary Kopasz
The Kozlowski family
Mike Feege
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Joe McDaniel
Pedrick family
Dennis Orr
Eugene Pidzarko
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)
Ron Allen
Richard Simkins
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)
Kurt Visak (brother/Wendy Edwards)
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)
Williams Family (passing of Ann's mother)