



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, August 6, 2023**

**Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo**

**Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain**

**Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff**

**Lay Leader: Ken Schoon**

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

## GATHERING SONG

Celtic music performed by Barry and Beth Reasoner

## INTROIT

*We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 55:1-6)

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;

**and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!**

Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?

**Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.**

Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.

**Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.**

## \*HYMN #370

*This Is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears

all nature sings, and round me rings

the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world;

I rest me in the thought

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,

his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.

O, let me ne'er forget

that though the wrong seems oft so strong,

God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world.

The battle is not done:

Jesus who died shall be satisfied,

and earth and heaven be one.

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Amid the countless things that we cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this: God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Confident in the love of God, let us go to our God in prayer.

### *\*Prayer of Confession*

**Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things.**

**We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy.**

**Though we are distracted by noise all around us, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence. Amen.**

### *\*Silent Prayer*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all of creation.

**We believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, 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 #384

*Soon and Very Soon*

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there: we are going to see the King.  
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.  
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more dying there: we are going to see the King.  
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.  
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more we can become and so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase; that our practice of generosity will be enlarged; and that our joy in believing will encourage others as we share with them the good news of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

### *Offertory*

*Today We are Called to be Disciples*  
Barb and Russ Terpstra

### *\*Doxology #606*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, your word is very near, on our lips and in our hearts. As this Word is read and proclaimed, by the power of your Holy Spirit, make it become in us the word of faith. Then send us in joy to bring this word to others, who also need the good news of salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11 1-7 (New American Standard Bible)

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*The ABCs of Faith*  
Rev. Robert Anselmo

**\*HYMN 375**

*Shall We Gather at the River*

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. (Refrain)

Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

Soon we'll reach the shining river;  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG**

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*Westminster Connection Point*

**HOW CAN WE HELP?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE CALL       | <input type="checkbox"/> HOME COMMUNION |                                     |

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### Rev. Robert Anselmo

Robert studied theology at Trinity Graduate School of Apologetics and Theology. He was ordained a minister in 2008. In 2010 founded Lost and Found, a ministry aimed at school age students young adults and seniors. Robert's teaching style is characterized by a professorial approach to investigating, unpacking and presenting God's Word through studies in early church history, rabbinical teachings, languages, philology, history, theology, sciences, psychology and other academic fields.

Robert currently works for Hearts In Motion and runs Warehouse 18 in Schererville, a NW Indiana outreach of Lost and Found.

## WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

### New Concerns

Charlotte Couch (cousin of Barb McKinney)  
Kelly Eryman (friend of Barbie Cook)  
Julie (niece of Zora Ludwig)  
Shelly Walsh (friend of Chuck Weier)

### Weekly Concerns

PNC Committee  
Anka (niece of Heidi Morgan)  
Cassie (Karen Holden's sister)  
Linda Bishop (friend of Chuck Weier)  
Julie Bland (friend of Amy Carter)  
Richard Boyd (Ronda Reynolds brother)  
Mario Bravo (friend of Barbie Cook)  
Herb Cook (brother-in-law of Barbie Cook)  
Pamela Clark (Karen Holden's neighbor)  
Dave Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn, WPC Financial Secretary)  
Kara Diamond (friend of Barbie Cook)  
Sam Dal Santo ( friend of Barbie Cook)  
Judy Den Hartog (friend of Barbie Cook)  
The family of Kathy Dunn (friend of Pam Yttri)  
Larry Edwards (neighbor and friend of Chuck Weier)  
Hank Eizenga (friend of Barbie Cook)  
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  
Diane Golden (neighbor of Chuck Weier)  
The family of Diane Hernandez  
Bob Hobbs (friend of Barbie Cook)  
Pat Jaracz  
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron Robbins)  
The family of Ryan Mecredy (nephew of Cheryl Anderson)  
The family of Margaret Morris  
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)  
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)  
Holly Ptacek  
Elaine Schnider and her friend Debbie (friends

of Robin Webber)  
Paul Strand (friend of Barbie Cook)  
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 Elliott

### 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)  
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  
Betty Morris  
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)

# Today's Events



## Outdoor Service - Sunday, August 6 - 9:30 a.m.

Join us for an outdoor worship, pending weather! Bring a friend!

# Upcoming Events



## WPC Summer Block Party - Saturday, August 12 - 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Join us for fellowship, fun, food, and activities at our Annual WPC Summer Block Party!

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

4:00-5:00 PM - Fellowship

5:00-6:30 PM - Dinner - *Bring a dessert to share!*

5:30-7:00 PM - Games, Fire Truck Rides & Live Music

6:30-7:30 PM - Bingo



## Rally Sunday/Sunday School Kickoff - August 13

Join us Sunday, August 13 at 9 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. for our Sunday School Kick-Off Celebration. This Fall, children ages K - 5th Grade will enjoy the We Believe Curriculum with a focus on God's Calling of different biblical figures. Our youth, ages 6 - 12th grade, will study how God is Calling them to be a light in this world.



## Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity - Saturday, August 19

Support Habitat for Humanity of NWI for an on-site work day at 8:30 a.m.! 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](mailto:jiwachiw@comcast.net)



## New Member Meet & Greet - Sunday, August 20

Join us at our Meet & Greet on Sunday, August 20th at noon. Lunch & childcare will be provided. Be sure to RSVP by calling the church at 219-838-3131 or send an e-mail to Gina at [gnida@wpcmunster.org](mailto:gnida@wpcmunster.org). If you have questions we would be glad to set up a meeting with Pastor Angela, or you can e-mail her at [angela@wpcmunster.org](mailto:angela@wpcmunster.org)



## Thank You Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, August 20

Between services on Sunday, August 20, the youth will be serving pancakes and sausage as a thank you to the congregation for the financial support for the youth mission trip to Nashville in July.



## The Good Book Club - August 25

The Good Book Club will meet August 25th at 1:00 pm to discuss *Lady Chatterley's Lover* by D. H. Lawrence.