



# Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 22, 2023 AT 11AM | 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*An open and welcoming Christian community in service to God and neighbor*

*We Come Into God's Presence with Joy*

Gathering Music

Life of the Church

Prelude

\* Call to Worship

Carole Franklin, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

*God of peace, mercy, and love, we pray for your nearness.*

**Be close to our hurting hearts and hurting world.**

*You call us to remember your faithfulness.*

**May we be open to your mighty deeds.**

*You call us to hope in Your Name.*

**May we find hope abundantly.**

*You call us to worship exactly as we are.*

**Accept our praises, sung with strength or whispered in our hearts.**

*You call us to follow you.*

**Let us draw near to our God who draws near to us.**

\* Hymn #410

*God Is Calling  
through the Whisper*

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\* *You are invited to stand as you are able.*

## Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**God who meets us in our need, we come before you with hearts of repentance. We enter your presence in humility. We confess that we have let anger be our guide. We have let selfishness be our guide. We have let fear, and scarcity, and power be our guide. Return us again, O Lord, to Your gentle guidance. For you lead us in the way of peace and forgiveness.**

*Silent prayers of confession.*

### Assurance of God's Presence and Promise

*Believe the good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \* Passing the Peace

*As we share the peace of Christ with one another, there are several ways we do that here at Westminster. For those who prefer a non-contact sign of peace, crossing your arms over your heart, a wave, or a peace-sign are all great options! Handshakes, elbow-bumps, and hugs with the consent of your neighbor are also welcome.*

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### \* Song of Response #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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† *You are welcome to sign as you are comfortable and able.*

*We continue this practice as a way to engage our whole selves in worship.*

# *We Hear God's Word*

First Reading of The Word **Psalm 85:8-13**

Anthem

***Wake Up Church,  
Wake Up!***

by Pepper Choplin

**Westminster Choir**

How lovely is thy house, O Lord, what joy we find inside  
As we in blessed peacefulness abide.  
How comforting is the music, how comfortable are the pews  
As we rest, rest, rest in the Lord.

Wake up, church, wake up! The Lord is calling you.  
Wake up, church, wake up! There is kingdom work to do.  
And so, arise and shine. Now tell the world your light is come.

Wake up, church, wake up! There'll be plenty time to rest when life is done.  
Wake up, church, wake up! The Lord is calling you.  
He's calling: wake up, church, wake up! There is kingdom work to do.  
And so, arise and shine. Now tell the world your light is come.

Wake up, church, wake up! There'll be plenty time to rest when life is done.  
We can't hide inside the walls, sitting on the pews.  
God calls us to go out, and we cannot refuse.  
And so, arise and shine. Now tell the world your light is come.

Wake up, church, wake up! There'll be plenty time to rest when life is done.  
And so, arise and shine, and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory, children of the Lord.

Second Reading of the Word **Luke 5:27-32**

Sermon

***"Follow Me"***

**Nate Veldhoff**

## *We Respond to God's Word*

\* Preparation for Prayer #466

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

† **Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!**

Prayers of the People and The 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.**

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

\* Song of Response #748      *Go with Us, Lord*

† **Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn #69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

# We Go Forth to Serve

## \* Benediction

. . . and let all God's people say, "**Alleluia! Amen!**"

## Postlude

Our guest preacher this morning is our very own Communications and Media Director, Nate Veldhoff. Nate attended the University of Michigan where he received a degree in Architecture. From there, he immediately pivoted to attend seminary. He completed his Master of Divinity degree from Moody Theological Seminary in the Spring of 2021.

Nate is a self-described "church-staff swiss-army-knife." In addition to serving as Communications Director at Westminster, he also regularly leads worship and preaches at Greenroom Church in Ann Arbor on Monday nights as well as with several other area churches on Sunday mornings. When not in church-world, you can find Nate pouring coffee at Vertex Coffee Roasters in Ann Arbor or playing gigs with several local musicians.

### **We pray for our Westminster family**

**Ongoing needs:** Fran Bolhouse, Cara & Conn Doane, Anne Gensheimer

**Condolences** to JoAnn Hirth and family on the August 21 death of JoAnn's father, Harold Serumgard.

Please email prayer requests to Diane Imredy (imredyd57@gmail.com) for listing here and in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email; or contact Jill Fairchild, prayer chain coordinator (jill@thefairchilds.net or 734-417-0816). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

## *This Week's News*

**Our next Westminster tailgate** and football parking day is 11/4 for the Purdue game. (Game time has not been announced). We will tailgate beginning about 3-4 hours before the game. Come and join us anytime between then and gametime! Bring a comfortable chair for outdoor seating and a dish to pass (if you are able). All are welcome!

**WPC Weekly Offering Envelopes** (Pink) are available. Please contact Dave Gross ([bookkeeper@westpresa2.org](mailto:bookkeeper@westpresa2.org)) to reserve or pick up a box.

**Quarterly Contribution Statements** are available to pick up in the basket on the coffee bar.

**An updated church directory link** was sent in the Friday email this week. You can always bookmark the page ([bit.ly/westpres-directory](http://bit.ly/westpres-directory)). The link will stay constant even when new versions of the directory get published.

**Service of Remembrance:** Sunday, November 12 at 5pm. This service will be a peaceful and meditative time to remember those we loved and still love. Those from the wider community and those from all faith traditions are welcome. You are invited to bring a small framed photo of your loved one.

**House by the Side of the Road** is in need of volunteers. Westminster is a founding church and long-time partner for this important ministry providing free clothing and household items for those in need in Washtenaw County. If you're interested in volunteering to help receive, sort, tag, or display donations, contact [housebyroad@gmail.com](mailto:housebyroad@gmail.com) (734-769-4085), or reach out to Kay Tuttle for more info. Thank you for helping to care for our community!

## Grow in Faith and Friendship

**Reading Through the Bible Group** meets Sundays at 9:30am. Please contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more info.

**Sunday Morning Adult Ed** meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

**Sunday Children's Worship Center** meets in room 43 on the lower level at 9:30 am. Children and grandchildren ages four through 5th grade are welcome!

**Monday Conversations** are weekly at 1pm online. The Zoom invitation is in the Friday *Good Things* and Sunday podcast emails.

**Mary Martha Group** meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) for more information. New members are welcome.

**Matthew 25 Study Group** meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. We are currently studying *A Jesus Shaped Life* by Bob Rognlien. For meeting information please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

**Prayer Group** meets on Tuesdays at 3pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome! Contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) for more info.

**Thursday Book Club** meets each week at 1PM at Westminster and over Zoom. We are reading *Christianity After Religion* by Diana Butler Bass. Please let Sue Flynn know if you would like to join us (cafelapeninsula@comcast.net).

## *Welcome to Westminster*

**Our Values:** Love, Compassion, Connection, Inclusion, Earth-Care, Service

**Our Mission:** Show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church; participating in the joyful worship of God; engaging in regular study, reflection, prayer and sharing of our faith; committing ourselves and our resources to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family and neighbors near and far; seeking to be a good neighbor in our neighborhood.

**Sunday worship podcasts** are at [bit.ly/westpres\\_online](http://bit.ly/westpres_online).

**For deacon care,** please contact Diane Imredy ([imredyd57@gmail.com](mailto:imredyd57@gmail.com)).

**Thank you for continuing to fulfill your pledges** and financial commitments in support of the mission and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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