



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 AT 11AM | ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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

Carol Hufnagel, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

A thousand days are but a moment to God;

All flesh is grass, and withers away.

Still, we treasure our days with those whom we love,

And reluctantly give them back to God.

On this day, we thank God for the saints in our lives.

Let us worship God, with gratitude for those who have gone before us.

* Hymn #687

*Our God,
Our Help in Ages Past*

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, whose timeless grace unites us, forgive the ways we have sinned against our ancestors. We failed to follow their example and heed their wisdom. Free us from the legacy of their sins. Forgive the ways we have sinned against our descendants. Our greed has threatened their well-being, and our hatred has damaged their peace. Free us to be your worthy servants in this hour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

* Passing the Peace

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!

† *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 **Isaiah 25:6-9**

Anthem

All Things New

by Elaine Hagenburg

Westminster Choir

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross,
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
Home after wandering, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new; He is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain,
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new, He is making all, He is making all things new.

Second Reading of the Word **Revelation 21:1-6**

Sermon

*Grounded by the Past,
Hopeful for the Future*

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #510

We Gather Here
in Jesus' Name

COME SHARE THE LORD

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great 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 God thanks and praise.

*...Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Song of Response #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Song of Response #553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Unison Prayer after Communion

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful – those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until the day we join the choir of the beloved saints. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Song of Response #712

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought, v.3

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #326

For All the Saints

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We Go Forth to Serve

* Benediction

Postlude

Dismissal

*And let all God's people say:
Alleluia! Amen!*

This Week's News

Members of Riverside Community Gathering thank you for the freshly baked bread offered from our celebration of Communion today and shared with them this Wednesday.

Service of Remembrance: Next Sunday, November 10 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 and light a candle in their memory.

Adult Ed Class: Anti-Racism. As a Matthew 25 church, our Westminster community has heard the call for action to address systemic poverty, structural racism, and congregational vitality. Join us next Sunday, November 10th 9:30-10:30 in the Fellowship Hall, as we continue our conversation about anti-racism and how our church can work together on issues of justice, diversity, and inclusion.

Game Night! The next game night is coming up on 11/8! Meet in the fellowship hall at 7pm. Bring a friend and join in the fun!

Holy Vision Report: The Holy Vision 2024 Team has been hard at work compiling their report! **Following worship on Sunday, November 17,** we will have an opportunity to gather as a congregation and hear about some of their findings and recommendations. Jan and Paul from Transitional Ministry Pathways will also be present for this meeting as well as lead the worship service that morning. Lunch will be provided; please sign up on the bulletin board to help us plan. We would love for as many people to be in attendance as possible!

Garden-Helpers Wanted: One or two people are needed to help put our front gardens to bed for the winter by pulling the annuals and trimming the perennials. Contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) if you can help.

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. On Nov 10, we will be discussing materials from the Presbytery and other sources which will help us develop anti-racism policies for the church.

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.

Matthew 25 Study Group meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For meeting information please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

Thursday Book Club meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. Please contact Linda Harnisch for more information. (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm, Riverside Guests

Please email prayer requests to Gail Arnold (garnold@umich.edu) 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.

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.

For deacon care, please contact Gail Arnold (garnold@umich.edu).

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