



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 AT 11AM | REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

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

We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Life of the Church

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Gale Ring, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

Through the power of God,

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

May this love guide our hearts.

Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.

* Hymn #14

*For the Beauty
of the Earth*

DIX

Call to Confession

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, creator of all that is and is to come,
You invite us to a kingdom of justice, peace, and abundance.
Still, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers
instead of the power of your love.
Help us to turn our hearts toward you.
Restore us in your love, and set us free
to forgive as we have been forgiven,
by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

*Siblings in Christ, God loves us, forgives us, and frees us from our sins.
Therefore, be at peace.*
Thanks be to God.

* 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

Psalm 93

Anthem

Alleluia

by Ed Harris

Westminster Choir

Come adoring and confessing, Alleluia.
Come to God, receive His blessing, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
God of God and King of Kings, Alleluia.
Maker of all wondrous things, Alleluia.
Sing we praises unto you, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

Second Reading of the Word

John 18:33-37

Sermon

*Different Kinds of
Kingdoms*

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #468

In My Life

† **In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.**
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayers of the People & 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.**

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 #307

*God of Grace
and God of Glory*

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We Go Forth to Serve

* Benediction and Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer, Betty Reed

A memorial service for Bill Kuhn will be held at Westminster on Monday, November 25, at 1pm.

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.

This Week's News

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Bread Exchange: This Wednesday, November 27th, 7pm at Westminster. Everyone is invited to participate by bringing a loaf of bread, homemade or from a bakery, to exchange during the Service. Please attach a note if your bread contains nuts or is gluten-free.

Christmas decorating: We need about 10 to 15 people to help on Friday, November 29 for prep work in the morning and for the decorating in the afternoon. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Caroling and Cocoa: The Children and Families Ministry Team is planning a Caroling and Cocoa event in the parking lot at 6:30pm on Friday, December 6. We will have cookies and cocoa available (and jingle bells!) as we sing favorite holiday songs. We encourage members to dress warm and bring their own chairs. Then, feel free to stick around for Game Night in the Fellowship Hall, right afterwards at 7pm!

Deacon Christmas Baskets: The Westminster Deacons are once again working with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to help two families this Christmas. See the link in your Friday Email or visit our website for more info and to sign up to provide a gift. Please bring all gifts to Westminster by December 8. Thank you for your generosity and care!

Advent Dinner: Our Westminster Advent Dinner will be on Wednesday, December 11. We will enjoy dinner together at 5:30pm, and at 7pm we will move into the sanctuary for a Christmas hymn-sing! We will need several helpers to assist with setup/decorating, serving food, and cleanup. Please sign up on the bulletin board. This is a great event for inviting your family, friends, and neighbors!

Hurricane Relief Special Offering: The Mission Ministry Team has designated the special offerings for Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve to go to hurricane and flood relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You may give on Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve, or at any time by designating your gift for this purpose.

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.

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).

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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