



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 19, 2025 AT 11AM | 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

Gail Arnold, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

Let us gather in the steadfast love of God.

**How remarkable, how magnificent,
how wondrous is Love so abundant.**

Let us take refuge in the shadow of Love's wings.

**Like a tender parent,
God invites us into gentle embrace.**

Let us give thanks, for God rejoices over us.

**In this collective of individuals,
each unique and beloved,
we, too, delight.**

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* Hymn #767

Together We Serve

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to give to others. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential, too often believing that someone else could serve you better. God, forgive us when we have doubted or misused our gifts. Embolden us to understand their value. Help us to claim our gifts and use them to create goodness, love, and peace in the world.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

*Beloved, God forgives your sins;
be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.*
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 36:5-10**

Anthem

As We Believe

by Eugene Butler

Westminster Choir

As we believe, so let us live and give.

Let us pray that others looking to us can observe in truth,

“See how they love one another,

see how they love one another,

see how they love one another.”

As we believe, so let us live and give.

Let us live so that where we walk the report goes forth,

the report goes forth that the poor are clothed,

the hungry fed, and the sorrowful comforted,

and all creation proclaim God's wondrous works,

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Second Reading of the Word **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Sermon

Many Gifts, One God

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Song of Response #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

† **Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Introduction of the Candidates

Elders

Connie George

Carol Hufnagel*

Vickie Gross

Bob Hufnagel*

Deacons

Amy Welzenbach

Diane Imredy*

**Will be installed at a later date*

Constitutional Questions

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead and serve in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they and the entire Session guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

...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

Offertory

* Song of Response #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, v.1

**God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

We Go Forth to Serve

* Benediction and Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Shopping bags of nonperishable food and personal and household items dedicated with our offering today will be given to Hope Clinic's food pantry.

Joint Worship Service: This Thursday, January 23rd, Westminster will gather with several Presbyterian churches on the western side of the Presbytery for a joint dinner and worship service, celebrating our connections and offering prayer for one another. We will gather at First Presbyterian Church of Saline (143 East Michigan Avenue, Saline, MI 48176) at 6pm for a potluck dinner, followed by worship at 7pm with Communion. Bring a dish to share that is significant to your heritage or family tradition. NOTE: FPC Saline does not have its own parking lot. Parking is available on Hall and McKay Streets next to the church, on Michigan Avenue in front of the church, and in city parking lots directly behind the church and at City Hall.

Ordination and Installation Sunday: Today we ordain and install our new elders and deacons for 2025.

Incoming elders joining the Session are Connie George (joining for a two-year term), Carol Hufnagel, Vickie Gross (re-upping), and Bob Hufnagel (re-upping)

Incoming deacons are Amy Welzenbach and Diane Imredy (re-upping)

Together, we celebrate and welcome our new leaders and their sense of call!

Coffee Hour Hosts: A signup sheet for coffee hour is posted on the bulletin board. We welcome all to support this item of hospitality to our members and guests. Instructions and training are available for folks who are new to this activity. We are also looking for people to provide snacks. Contact Carol Hufnagel for more info (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

Quarterly contribution statements are available for pickup on the coffee bar.

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. Our current study is based on Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking*.

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: Elke Kramer, Betty Reed, Fran Bolhouse

Please email prayer requests to Janet Eaton (jmfeaton@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 Janet Eaton (jmfeaton@umich.edu).

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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