



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 AT 11AM | 7TH 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

Carol Hufnagel, liturgist

Do to others as you would have them do to you,

For the other is you,

One web of life in the fabric of the cosmos.

Do to others as you would have them do to you,

For the other is you,

Oxygen, carbon, nitrogen ebbing and flowing from this life to that.

Do to others as you would have them do to you,

For the other is you,

When we cultivate compassion for all living beings, ourselves are included.

Do to others as you would have them do to you,

For the other is you,

Together, we are bound in our path of liberation.

Let us worship God, who calls us to love each other.

Adapted from enfleshed

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace. These things we pray through Christ our Savior.

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 **Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Anthem

My Lighthouse
Westminster Choir

by the Rend Collective
arr. David Angerman

In my wrestling and in my doubts,
in my failures You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
Whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea.
In the silence You won't let go,
in the questions Your truth You hold.
Your great love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
Whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
Whoa, my lighthouse, my lighthouse,
I will trust the promise.
You will carry me safe to shore.
Safe to shore. Safe to shore. Safe to shore!

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
Whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Fire before us, You're the brightest,
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest,
You will lead us through the storms.

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.

Installation of Elders and Deacons

Introduction of the Candidates

Elders

Carol Hufnagel (Class of '27)

Bob Hufnagel (Class of '27)

Carole Franklin (Class of '26)

Deacons

Diane Imredy (Class of '27)

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 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 #726

*Will You Come and
Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

We Go Forth to Serve

* Benediction and Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Communion is served next Sunday, March 2. You're invited to bring a loaf of fresh-baked bread to worship, which we'll deliver the following Wednesday to guests at Riverside Community Gathering, as a way of sharing the grace of the Lord's table with them.

Ash Wednesday: Our Ash Wednesday service will be on March 5, at 7pm. We hope you will join us for this meditative gathering.

Lunches for Hope Clinic: Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our sack lunch drive! Please drop off items at Westminster by today, Feb 23rd. Collection bins are located at the Scio Church and West entries. If you have questions or would like to help with packing out the lunches on Wednesday, Feb 26 at 10am, contact Lynda Berg (lrwberg@sbcglobal.net).

Game Night: Our next game night will be on Friday, 3/7, 7pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Save the Date- Habitat for Humanity: Mark your calendars for Westminster's Habitat work days coming up this Spring and Summer. Saturday, 3/22; Friday, 4/4; Friday, 5/9; Friday, 8/8; Saturday, 8/9.

Installation of Officers: Today we will install the remaining elders and deacons who were unable to be here for the earlier installation date in January. As these individuals step into service, we hold them in our prayers, with gratitude for the many ways they share their gifts with the church. After worship today, all current elders and deacons will gather for officer training to continue discerning a vision for the year to come, and the ways God may be calling us as a church in the future.

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

Current needs: Susan Ainsworth

Ongoing needs: Elke Kramer, Betty Reed, Fran Bolhouse

Condolences to Doug Franklin and family on the January 24 death of Doug's mother, Carol. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Christ Our King Lutheran Church in Saline.

Condolences to the family of Jan Gowans on the February 1 death of Jan.

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).

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