



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 16, 2025 AT 11AM | 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Earl Begg, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

Come as you are.

**If you have deep faith
or your faith has run dry,**

*if you know every scripture
or none at all,*

**if you have calloused hands
and live your faith through good works,**

*or if you kneel at God's feet,
with a million hungry questions,*

come as you are.

This is God's house.

None are turned away.

All are welcome here.

from A Sanctified Art

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Grace,

We long to do the “right” thing.

We long to make the “right” choice.

We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.

Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for perfection loosely.

Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.

**For even more than our desire to be right, we desire
to be close to you. Show us the way. Amen.**

from A Sanctified Art

Silent prayers of confession.

Song of Response #576

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Grace

...Nothing can separate you from the love of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Passing the Peace

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

* Song of Response #581

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

Anthem

Bless the Lord

Mikail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff

Westminster Choir

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all is within me bless His holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits.
Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all is within me bless His holy Name.
He is full of compassion and mercy; He will not always be chiding.
He will ever show His mercy and loving-kindness to all,
to all who think on His commandments to do them.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me bless His holy Name,
yea bless the Lord, O my soul.

Second Reading of the Word **Luke 10:38-42**

Sermon

Faith and Works

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Song of Response #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.

You alone, O Lord, we worship.

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

Offertory

† *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.

* Song of Response #606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #324

*For All the
Faithful Women*

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We Go Forth to Serve

* Benediction and Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Go with us, God

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.

Habitat House of Faith: The first of Westminster's annual work days with Habitat House of Faith is coming up this month on **Saturday, 3/22**. This long-standing partnership helps revitalize homes for folks in need throughout our community. We are looking for 4 volunteers each service date. No experience necessary, and all tools will be provided! Visit our website for more information and to sign up, or contact Ron Fairchild with questions (ron@thefairchilds.net).

Organ Recital: Westminster is excited to host a recital with Shawn McDonald (organ) and Sonia Lee (violin) this afternoon! March 16, at 2pm. All are invited to enjoy what is sure to be a wonderful afternoon of music!

Easter flowers: It's time to order daffodils and tulips for Easter! The daffodils and tulips will be in 6" pots with gold foil and a lovely bow. The price this year is just \$12: the same as last year! Flowers may be purchased online from now until March 31st.

Children's Literacy Network: Following worship on Sunday, March 30, we will have an opportunity to hear from Ally Loisel and Kara Woodard from Children's Literacy Network. Come find out what they do and how they do it, where their programs are located, and how you might become involved. You'll be inspired by what this great organization is doing! A light lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help us plan for food.

Everything in Between Devotional: Parallel to our theme for worship is a weekly devotional booklet put together by A Sanctified Art that offers further reflections, art, music, and questions for considering each weekly theme. Check your Friday email for an electronic version of the devotional, or email Pastor Hannah to have a copy sent to you.

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).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Betty Reed, Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane

Condolences to the family of Susan Ainsworth on the February 21 death of Susan.

A Memorial Service for Susan will be held at Westminster on May 10, 4pm.

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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