



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 23, 2025 AT 11AM | 3RD 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

Margaret Klammer, liturgist

Worship is a place to rest.

We breathe deeply here.

We still our aching bones.

We sit in the quiet.

We surround ourselves with music.

We worship in our rest.

Worship is a place to grow.

We listen for God's word.

We invite it to challenge us.

We lean in with curiosity.

We ask questions.

We worship in our growth.

So, come into this space. Come rest and grow here.

For where two or more are gathered, God is always there.

Let us worship our gracious God.

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

There are days when we fail to rest.

We stretch ourselves too thin. We say “yes” to every invitation.

We run a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest.

There are also days when we fail to act.

We wait for someone else. We take the easy road.

We find excuses and justify our inaction.

God, forgive our imbalance.

Fill us in our rest. Fill us in our growth.

Fill us in all the spaces between.

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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

Friends, the mercy of God is near and new each morning.

You are loved, and you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Passing the Peace

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

* Song of Response #814

In God Alone

**In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
in God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find its rest,
find its rest and peace.**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word

Isaiah 55:6-11

Anthem

Give Ear, O Ye Heavens

by Dale Wood

Westminster Choir

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak;
And hear, O earth the words of my mouth.
My doctrine shall drop as the rain,
My speech shall distil as the dew,
As the small rain upon the tender herb,
And as the showers upon the grass:
Because I will publish the Name of the Lord:
Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.
He is the Rock, His work is perfect:
For all His ways are judgment:
A God of truth and without iniquity,
Just and right is He.

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 #182

*I Heard the Voice of
Jesus Say*

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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

Easter flowers: About one week left to order flowers! 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.

Game Night: Our next game night will be on Friday, 4/4, 7pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Habitat House of Faith: Westminster's next work day with Habitat House of Faith is on **Friday, 4/4**. 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).

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: Anne Gensheimer, Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm

Condolences to the family of Ken Teppo on the March 14 death of Ken.

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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