



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 20, 2025 AT 10AM | 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Cathy Daniels, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

The word of God lights our way,

And guides our path.

The love of God shines upon us;

It shines within us and through us.

Let us light the way to the presence of God,

Bringing warmth and clarity to dark places.

And let us illuminate God's workmanship in each of us,

As image-bearers of the Divine.

Let us worship the Lord together.

* Hymn #314

*Longing for Light,
We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful Lord, forgive us for the ways we have turned our eyes aside from your guiding light. Forgive us for the ways we have shut you out. Forgive us for days spent selfishly trying to outshine one another. Forgive us for how we have covered up someone else's light. Forgive us, Lord, in your abounding love. For, we confess our great need and rely upon your great faithfulness.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

Friends, receive the mercy of God.

For you are beloved and precious in God's sight.

You are welcomed home, 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 #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Psalm 27:1, 7-14**

Anthem

Second Reading of the Word **Matthew 5:14-16**

Sermon

Light of the World

Nate Veldhoff

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #377

*I Want to Walk as
a Child of the Light*

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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

* Song of Response #714

God of the Fertile Fields, v2

**We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from you
all that you give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care for people everywhere,
that all may live.**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #192

*Lord, the Light of Your
Love Is Shining*

SHINE JESUS SHINE

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Summer Schedule: Through August 31, worship will begin at 10:00am. The Fellowship Hall Class meets before worship, from 9:00 to 9:45am, and Reading Through the Bible gathers afterward, from 11:15 to 12:15pm.

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

Mission Workshop: After worship on July 27, all are invited to a Mission Workshop and lunch as we reflect together on how our church serves the community. We'll look back on past mission efforts, consider ongoing partnerships, explore emerging needs in Washtenaw County, and begin shaping our service priorities for the year ahead. Whether you've been involved in the past or are just curious to learn more, your voice and ideas are welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board or email Gordon Beeman (glbeeman@umich.edu) so we can plan for lunch.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us for a joyful and interactive Blessing of the Animals on Friday, August 15th at 7pm! Bring a pet, a photo of a beloved animal (wild or domestic), a stuffed animal, or just yourself. We'll begin with a brief outdoor worship service, reflecting on how God's love is revealed through our furry, feathered, and scaly friends. Then we'll mingle through stations offering blessings for animals and people, treats and toys for pets in attendance, and crafts to help care for creatures in the wider world. We'll also be collecting supplies for the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Find their list of most-needed items here: www.hshv.org/wishlist.

Contribution statements are available for pickup on the coffee bar.

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays after worship at 11:15am for the summer. Please contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more info.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9am for the summer.

Monday Conversations are weekly at 1pm online: an opportunity to discuss Sunday's sermon in a small group. 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 (lizabeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

Thursday Book Club is wrapped up for the Summer, and will resume in the Fall. Please contact Linda Harnisch with questions (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane, Anne Gensheimer

Condolences to Dot MacArthur and family on the June 28 death of Dot's brother-in-law, Douglas MacArthur.

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Janet Eaton (jmfeaton@umich.edu). To list prayer requests here, in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email, or Prayer Chain, contact Jill Fairchild (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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