



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 10, 2025 AT 10AM | 9TH 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

Connie George, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

We are welcomed into the family of God.

We bring our whole self to the Lord.

We are made in the image of God,

And we bear God's presence wherever we go.

We share the gifts of God:

Mercy and justice, healing and peace.

We seek the heart of God,

And our own hearts are transformed.

Let us worship our God together.

* Hymn #366

*Love Divine,
All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess our need for renewal. We have forgotten your presence. We have neglected our neighbors. We have not represented Your Name as we should. We confess our need for forgiveness and our desire to be made new once again. Holy Spirit, remove the clutter in our hearts, that we may better know your own heart. Guide our steps and our thoughts that they might be pleasing in your sight and honoring toward one another.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

Hear and receive the good news:

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and you are made new.

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

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Psalm 51:6-17**

Anthem

A Moment to Wonder

Children are invited to come forward for a short lesson on the chancel steps.

Second Reading of the Word **Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

Sermon

What God Values

Nate Veldhoff

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #694

*Great God of
Every Blessing*

AURELIA

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 #757

*Today We All Are Called
to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

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

Postlude

This Week's News

Caring for our community: Pick up a cloth grocery bag in the main entry today and bring it back next Sunday with nonperishable food and personal and household items, for Hope Clinic's food pantry.

Final weeks of Summer Schedule: On Sunday, September 7, we will return to our 11am start time for worship. The Fellowship Hall class and Reading Through the Bible group will resume meeting at 9:30am.

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](http://www.hshv.org/wishlist).

Boiler and Roof Campaign: A special "boiler and roof campaign" has been established to defray the cost of two major capital improvement projects: replacement of the boilers that heat the sanctuary, offices and associated basement areas, and replacement of the roof over the original wing of the building. These projects will cost \$130,000, which is greater than our capital obsolescence savings. Both projects need to be implemented this year. Donations are both requested and greatly appreciated and can be sent to the church office or made online to the designated fund for this work.

The Nominating Committee is considering candidates for Elder and Deacon to fill vacancies beginning in January, as well as for next year's Nominating Committee. If the team reaches out to you to ask about one of these roles, we ask that you please prayerfully consider whether you might be called to serve in this way.

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 (lizbeth0405@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: Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer

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.

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