



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 AT 11AM | 16TH 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

Marjorie McRoberts, liturgist

Come, you who are joyful, you who are weary,

You with much faith, you who are searching.

Come before the Lord who sustains all things in love,

The Lord who offers peace beyond understanding.

Come before the Lord who calms the storm,

The Lord who speaks comfort to a troubled heart.

Come, let us worship.

Let us worship the Lord.

* Lighting of the Peace Candle

As we light our peace candle, let us join together in naming one of the many promises of our faith, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who offers peace.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his face to you and grant you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

In this light, we remember Christ our peace.

May Christ's peace shine in us and through us.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, speak now to our hearts. Our souls are burdened with fear and anger. We search for peace, but cannot find it. We have not heeded your call to be peacemakers as we should. Forgive us for the ways we contribute to the disunity around us. Holy Spirit, renew us and transform us. Give us rest within your love, and equip us for works of justice and healing.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

*Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.
Receive mercy anew, and live as a people forgiven.*
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Passing the Peace

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

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

* 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!

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **John 14:18-21, 25-27**

Anthem

Shalom

by Dan Forrest

Marcia Anderson, Clarinet; Westminster Choir

Peace. Peace. Shalom.

Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you: Peace.

Not as this world gives, I give to you, do not be afraid.

Shalom, shalom, shalom.

My peace I give to you, shalom,

peace I leave with you, shalom.

Peace. Shalom.

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Psalm 4**

Sermon

Peace Sustains Us

Nate Veldhoff

† *You are welcome to sign as you are comfortable and able.*

We include this practice as a way to engage our whole selves in worship.

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #796

*We Come to You
for Healing, Lord*

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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 #378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom, v4

**That little child shall lead us
to walk the chosen way,
to share the peaceful kingdom,
to greet God's newborn day.
The child born in a stable
is sent to break our chains,
to bring through word and table
the day when justice reigns.**

* Prayer of Dedication

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Lunches for Hope: The Mission Ministry Team is once again sponsoring Sack Lunches for Hope Clinic. Visit our website or check your Friday email for more info and the signup link. Our goal is to pack 96 lunches! Drop off items at Westminster any time now through Sunday, October 12th.

If you'd like to help pack the lunches on October 13, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Football Parking: The next home game is 10/4 at noon against Wisconsin. Our food theme will be breakfast. Please come whether or not you bring something to eat, there is always plenty! We'll open the doors by 8am and start eating at 9. (And we'll park cars too!)

Game Night! Our next Game Night is coming up on Friday, October 3. 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Habitat Workday: Westminster has one more opportunity this year to serve with Habitat House of Faith on Friday, October 31st. We have space for a few more people to sign up! Visit our website for more information and to register.

The approved minutes and reports from the August Session Meeting are available on the bookshelf across from the elevator.

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: 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 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: Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane, Anne Gensheimer

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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