



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 5, 2025 AT 11AM | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Gale Ring, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

Proclaim his salvation day to day.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

* Lighting of the Peace Candle

On this World Communion Sunday, we light this candle as a reminder that Christ strengthens us to demonstrate the kingdom of God in the world.

**The kingdom of God is righteousness,
and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

By his light, Christ leads the way to peace.

**We will follow him, putting aside divisions
and working for the well-being of all people.**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever: we confess that we have often failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness. We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our failure to accept and share the peace you offer us in Christ. Hear us, O Lord, as in this silence we make our confession to you.

Silent prayers of confession.

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.

In Christ, we are forgiven and renewed. Thanks be to God.

* Song of Response #585 *Glory to God (Peru)*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! (x3)**

* Passing the Peace

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

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

**Your peace within us, Lord, will stand,
surpassing all we understand.**

**Even when fears surround our land
you fill our lives with peace.**

Salaam, salaam, the peace of God to every race.

Salaam, salaam, the peace of God in every place.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

Anthem

Jesus is the Light!

by Patti Drennan

Westminster Choir

Jesus is the light of the world, shine on me, shine on me.
Shine the light of Your love for all the world to see,
Jesus is the light of the world, shine on me, shine on me.

Jesus is the hope of the world, bringing peace, bringing peace.
This hope and peace that He gives is living now in me.
Jesus is the hope of the world, bringing peace, bringing peace.

Jesus is the light, Jesus is the hope, Jesus is the light, Jesus is the hope.
Jesus is the light, Jesus is the hope, Jesus is the light, He shines on me.
All night, all day, Jesus shines His ever-loving light on me.

Jesus is the joy of the world, and He lives, lives in me.
Jesus is the joy of the world, and I know His love lives in me.
I bring my praise to the Lord for all eternity.
Jesus is the joy of the world, Jesus is the hope of the world,
Jesus is the light of the world, and I know He shines in me.

Second Reading of the Word **Luke 10:30-36**

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn of Preparation

We are Coming, Lord, to the Table (Sierra Leone)

We are coming, Lord, to the table. We are coming, Lord, to the table.

With the gift of bread, we are coming, Lord.

With the gift of wine, we are coming, Lord.

Oh, we are coming, Lord. (x4)

We are coming, Lord, to the table. We are coming, Lord, to the table.

To receive the bread, we are coming, Lord.

To receive the wine, we are coming, Lord.

Oh, we are coming, Lord. (x4)

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and
archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Song of Response #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Song of Response #553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*
Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Unison Prayer after Communion

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,
we pledge ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people,
because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage
many through us. So we may live in love and peace. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Song of Response #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #526

*Let Us Talents and
Tongues Employ*

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We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

* Postlude

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God, our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

This Week's News

Lunches for Hope: There are a couple weeks left to contribute to our Fall Sack Lunch Drive for Hope Clinic. We are looking for just a few more items to reach our goal of 96 lunches! Signup link can be found on our website. Please drop off items at Westminster by Sunday, October 12th. If you'd like to help pack the lunches on October 13, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Football Parking: Our next Westminster tailgate and football parking day is 10/18 for the Washington game! Kickoff is TBA. We will start gathering around three hours before gametime. Bring a comfortable chair for outdoor seating and a dish to pass (if you are able). All are welcome!

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.

Mugs anyone? Westminster will be acquiring new 11 oz coffee mugs for our events and internal use! Each mug will include one of our 6 Core Values and a Westminster logo. If you would like one (or more!) of your own, we will be including some extras in the order. Mugs will cost \$9 each. An order form can be found on our website, and payment can be made online as well. Get your order in by October 26 to secure a Westminster mug of your very own!

The Thursday book group will be starting a new book on October 23 and we would like to invite anyone interested to join us. The book will be *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah which we will get as an Ann Arbor Public Library Book Group Bag to Go. Books will be available in the church public office on Sunday, October 19. Our meetings are both at the church and on ZOOM at 1pm weekly.

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: 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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