



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 12, 2025 AT 11AM | 18TH 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

Marcia Anderson, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

*We gather as God's people: sent, rooted, and called
to seek the welfare of the world around us.*

Here we bring our prayers, our gifts, and our lives.

Here we trust that God works through our ordinary acts of service.

*In every place we dwell, God is already at work,
stirring compassion, weaving connection, planting hope.*

**Let us open our hearts to the movement of God,
who heals, restores, and sends us out again.**

* Hymn #761

*Called as Partners in
Christ's Service*

BEECHER

Core Values Reflection

Martin Gehrke

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to seek the welfare of the world. To plant and to build, to serve and to bless. You are always at work for healing and hope. Yet, we confess how easily we grow weary or distracted. We see needs we do not know how to meet. We hesitate, unsure of the difference we can make. Sometimes we serve only when it fits our plans, or give only when we are certain it will succeed. Forgive our hesitation and renew our courage. Open our eyes to your movement among us and help our hands to join in your work of love and service. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

God's mercy meets us where we are and renews us for service.

In Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!

* Passing the Peace

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

* Song of Response #621 *I Will Call upon the Lord*

**I will call upon the Lord
who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.**

**The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Mark 10:35-45**

Anthem

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7**

Sermon

Core Values: Service

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Song of Response #469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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 #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #295

Go to the World!

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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.

Getting Your Ducks in a Row: Westminster will be hosting a lunch and learn workshop after worship on November 9 to provide information on spiritual care, estate planning, and places to call home. A good resource for all ages, "Getting Your Ducks in a Row" is intended to address topics of memorial service and family support care, estate arrangements, and housing options as we age. We will meet in rooms 43/45 and a light lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

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.

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!

Save the Date—Christmas Decorating: Mark your calendars and join us Friday September 28th to help decorate the church for the Advent season! See Lynda Berg for more details (lrwberg@sbcglobal.net).

Service of Remembrance: Sunday, November 2 at 5pm. This service will be a peaceful and meditative time to remember those we loved and still love. Those from the wider community and those from all faith traditions are welcome. You are invited to bring a small framed photo of your loved one and light a candle in their memory.

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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