



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 19, 2025 AT 11AM | 19TH 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

Earl Begg, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

God of compassion, your love is unfailing.

Your mercies are new each morning.

Your gentle care uplifts the needy.

Your welcome reaches the outcast.

You dwell in the high and holy place,

And also with the contrite and humbled.

You revive the spirit of the humble.

Your hand of compassion holds the brokenhearted.

God of compassion, be near to us as we worship together.

* Hymn #23

*God, You Spin the
Whirling Planets*

PLEADING SAVIOR

Core Values Reflection

Elizabeth Tidd

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of Justice, Love, and Mercy,
We confess that we have not loved others as You love us.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not welcomed the stranger.
We confess that our love has been limited
only to those who are easy to love.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts softened by compassion.
Reveal in us where our mercy falls short.
Remind us again of Your overflowing faithfulness.**

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

God's blessing of abundant compassion pours out upon us and through us.
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 **Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

Anthem

Canon
Alleluia Ringers

by Pachelbel
arr. Hopson

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Luke 6:27, 32-36**

Sermon

Core Values:
Compassion

Nate Veldhoff

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.

† *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.

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 #645

*Sing Praise to God
Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

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

Postlude

This Week's News

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. 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.

Westminster Mugs: If you would like a Westminster Core Value mug, an order form can be found on our website. Mugs will cost \$9 each, and payment can be made online as well. Get your order in by October 26 to secure a Westminster mug of your very own!

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.

Congregational Meeting: A brief congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship on Sunday, November 2nd for the purpose of electing new Elders, Deacons, and the 2026 Nominating Committee.

Christmas Decorating: Advent will be here soon! Westminster always looks so beautiful when the sanctuary, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall are all decorated with festive greenery, twinkling lights, and adorned Christmas trees. But, this magic takes teamwork and a few hours of dedicated time. This year's decorating day will be Nov 28. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board, and today after worship, Lynda Berg and Richard LeSueur will be at the coffee bar to answer questions and help you find just the right job that is perfect for you and your schedule. All abilities, mobilities, and experience are welcome!

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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