



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 26, 2025 AT 11AM | REFORMATION 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

Dot MacArthur, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

*Across generations, God has been our refuge and our strength,
connecting us in love.*

**From reformers who trusted God's presence in change,
to neighbors who show us kindness.**

God moves among us still, binding us together with grace and purpose.

We are many members of one body, each with gifts to share.

In worship, we remember who we are and whose we are.

**Come, let us worship the God who connects, reforms,
and makes all things new.**

* Hymn #320

*The Church of Christ
in Every Age*

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Core Values Reflection

Dot MacArthur

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of every generation, you are always reshaping your church, calling us toward deeper love and wider community. Still, we confess that we often choose separation over connection. We cling to what is familiar, resisting the change that might draw us closer to you and to one another. We seek belonging, yet we build walls instead of bridges. We speak of unity, yet too often look past the suffering of our neighbors. Forgive us, O God. Reform what is closed within us. Reconnect us to your Spirit and to one another, that your love might flow freely through us for the healing of the world.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

*Beloved, we are justified by grace through faith.
In all things, our gracious God offers us salvation.
Believe and experience the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

* 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 46

Anthem

Wounded Alleluias
Westminster Choir

by Craig Courtney

Lord, heal our wounded alleluias.
Touch our fragile, simple praise.
Comfort every troubled, wayward song
with Your gentle grace.
Alleluia.

In the stillness of our inmost thoughts,
each broken song redeem.
Move Your bow across our silent strings,
that we might learn Your theme.
Alleluia.

Write in us Your hymn of hope and wonder,
craft each needed chord with care.
Fix in us Your wondrous harmony,
a symphony to share.
Help us trust Your grand design,
composer of the heart.
Make us Your instruments of peace
and let the music start.
Alleluia.

A Moment to Wonder

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

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

† *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.

* Song of Response #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #306

*Blest Be the
Tie That Binds*

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We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Westminster Mugs: Today is the last day for mug orders! The order form can be found on our website. Mugs are \$9 each, and payment can be made online.

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.

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.

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.

Christmas Decorating: Advent will be here soon! This year's decorating day will be Nov 28. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board; reach out to Lynda Berg (lrwberg@sbcglobal.net) or Richard LeSueur (rlesueur@prodigy.net) with questions. All abilities, mobilities, and experience are welcome!

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Westminster has the opportunity to assist families in need this Thanksgiving season. We're partnering with Pattengill Elementary to provide five families with Thanksgiving meals. A signup link can be found on our website or in your Friday email. Cash donations may also be made online or by check to Westminster. Please bring all donations to church by Sunday, November 16.

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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Thank you for continuing to fulfill your pledges and financial commitments in support of the mission and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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