



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 AT 11AM | CHRIST THE KING 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

Lynda Berg, liturgist

Praise be to Christ the King!

Praise be to Jesus: the King of kings and Lord of lords!

The will of God is the restoration of all things,

The redemption of the world,

through the one who holds the world in His hands.

The ends of the Kingdom of Heaven are to gather everyone in,

To release the chains of division,

To grant freedom and flourishing,

Through Christ who rules with grace and love.

Come! Let us worship King Jesus!

Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer

* Hymn #1

*Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty!*

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, you alone are worthy of our worship and our devotion. But, we confess that we often turn aside to worship other powers. We depend upon other authorities, and chase after crowns of our own. Holy Spirit, gather us under the rule of Jesus, whose burden is light, whose way is peace, the King who came not to be served, but to serve. Forgive us and guide us, so that we might make way for the Kingdom of Heaven to be close at hand.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

*Children of God, beloved and forgiven, rejoice!
For in Jesus Christ, we are made new.*
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* 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 **Colossians 1:11-20**

Anthem

How Great Thou Art
Westminster Choir

by Dan Forrest

O Lord my God! O Lord my God! How great Thou art!

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy have made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe display.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.
Then sings my soul, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, How great Thou art! My God, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God how great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
O Lord my God! How great Thou art!

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Luke 23:33-38**

Sermon

Christ the King

Nate Veldhoff

We Respond to God's Word

* Song of Response

Majesty

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 #268

*Crown Him with
Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

*Chorale Improvisation on
"Nun danket alle Gott"*

by Max Reger

This Week's News

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Bread Exchange: Our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service is coming up this Wednesday, November 26th at 7pm. All are invited to participate by bringing a loaf of bread, homemade or from a bakery, to exchange. Please attach a note if your bread contains nuts or is gluten-free. If you are unable to attend on Thanksgiving Eve and would like a loaf of bread, please contact your deacon or Suzanne Lange (sueegnal93@gmail.com).

Football Parking: Our last Westminster tailgate and football parking day for the season is 11/29 for the Ohio State game! Kickoff is at noon. 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!

Deacon Christmas Baskets: The Westminster Deacons are once again working with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to help two families this Christmas. See the link in your Friday Email or visit our website for more info and to sign up to provide a gift. Please bring all gifts to Westminster by December 14. Thank you for your generosity and care!

Caroling and Cocoa is coming up on Friday, December 5! We will gather inside and sing around the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7pm. All are then welcome to stick around for Game Night immediately following. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided! Invite friends and family for this time of joyful holiday music!

Mark your calendars for Advent Dinner: Our Westminster Advent Dinner will be on Wednesday, December 10. We will enjoy appetizers starting at 5:30pm with dinner together at 6pm. Afterwards, we will move into the sanctuary for a Christmas hymn-sing! Please sign up on the bulletin board to help us plan. This is a great event for inviting your family, friends, and neighbors!

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 9:30am. Contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more information.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

Children and Youth Faith Formation meets on the second Sunday of each month at 9:30am. Contact Cathy Daniels (catld1121@gmail.com) for more info.

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. 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. 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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