



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 28, 2025 AT 11AM | 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

Ralph Lange, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

We recount the gracious deeds of God,

All the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us:

Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Emmanuel.

Praise God for the good news of Jesus, who brings us salvation.

Praise God for making us all siblings in Christ.

Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up and carrying us.

God's glory shines in heaven and on earth.

Praise the Lord!

Adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A

* Hymn #119

*Hark! The Herald
Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Call to Confession

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Excerpt from Thoughts in Solitude by Thomas Merton

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

Together, we declare the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Passing the Peace

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

* Song of Response

Gloria Patri

GLORIA

**Praise to God the Father be;
praise eternal Son to Thee.
With the Spirit we adore,
always and forevermore.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Isaiah 63:7-9**

Anthem

A Moment to Wonder

Children are invited to come forward for a short lesson in front of the Christmas tree.

Second Reading of the Word **Matthew 2:13-23**

Sermon

A Savior Seeking Refuge Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #83

*Come, Thou
Long-Expected Jesus*

STUTT GART

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

Doxology

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
With all the angels let us sing “Glory” to the newborn king.
The word made flesh has now appeared;
Prepare your hearts, the time is here.
Come Emmanuel, O Come Emmanuel!**

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #113

*Angels We Have
Heard on High*

GLORIA

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

*And let all God’s people say:
Alleluia! Amen!*

Postlude

This Week's News

Christmas Joy Offering: This yearly special offering is a cherished PC(USA) tradition. Gifts are distributed to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Visit Westminster's online giving page or give by check to Westminster with "Christmas Joy" in the memo line.

Choir Cantata next Sunday: Join us for our Christmas Cantata! Sunday, January 4, at 11am. This year, our Westminster Choir will present "Winter's Grace: A Cantata for Christmas" by Joseph M. Martin. This joyful morning of music will feature soloists from the choir as well as an accompanying chamber ensemble of musicians. All are welcome!

New Year's Celebration: Our annual New Year's Celebration will return on Saturday, January 10! Join us for a special performance of jazz, cabaret, and dance music by Club Cole! Snacks and fellowship will start at 6:30pm, with the performance beginning at 7pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board; attendees are encouraged to bring an appetizer or cookies to share. It's sure to be a fun evening together with a great performance by Shawn and Carla to welcome in 2026! Invite your friends, neighbors, and family.

Please Note: The Westminster Church office will be closed for the holidays from 12/24-1/4.

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, January 11th, a week later than usual to account for the Cantata on January 4th.

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 9:30am in Room 34 and via Zoom. 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: Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer, Fran Bolhouse

Condolences: Our prayers continue with Peter and Paul Gensheimer, and their family, as we remember the life of Anne Gensheimer, who passed away this month.

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).

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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