



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 AT 11AM | 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

Gale Ring, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

When the weight is too much to carry alone,

We lean into grace.

When our strength runs short,

We lean on one another.

God has made us for this kind of living:

Bound together in love and support.

Come, let us worship God, together.

* Hymn #306

*Blest Be the
Tie That Binds*

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Call to Confession

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Steadfast God, you meet us in weakness and call it holy. Yet we confess how often we mistake independence for strength. We push through when we are hurting. We minimize our need. We believe we should carry more than we can bear. Forgive us when we refuse the help you offer through the hands and hearts of others. Teach us ways to rely on you and one another. Help us to trust in your abundant grace, and to release our idols of self-sufficiency. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

*Together we affirm the good news,
Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored,
and called into beloved community.*

* Passing the Peace

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

* Song of Response #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† 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.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word

Luke 5:18-25

Anthem

Old Church Choir

arr. Michael Barrett

Westminster Choir,

Andrea & Eric Klooster, soloists

There's revival, and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart.
A Sunday morning, Hallelujah, and it's lasting all week long.
Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.
Once you choose it, you can't lose it.
'Cause there aint nothin', there ain't nothin' gonna steal my joy!

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
There ain't nothin' gonna steal my joy!
No, there ain't nothin' gonna steal my joy!

When the valleys that I wander turn to mountains that I can't climb.
You are with me, You never leave me.
'Cause there aint nothin', there ain't nothin' gonna steal my joy!

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
There ain't nothin' gonna steal my joy!
No, there ain't nothin' gonna steal my joy!

Clap your hands and stomp your feet till you find that gospel beat,
'cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need.

I've got an old church choir singin' in my soul,
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
There ain't nothin' gonna steal my joy!
No, there ain't nothin' gonna steal my joy!

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word Exodus 18:13-26

Sermon

Lean on a Friend

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v.1)*

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

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 #727

*Will You Let Me
Be Your Servant*

SERVANT SONG

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.

Medical Benevolence Foundation: The Mission Ministry Team continues to highlight Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) as the WPC donation drive cause through 2/15. MBF empowers local leaders to offer life-changing medical care to those who need it most. Donations can be made online or by check with "MBF" in the memo line.

Ash Wednesday: Our Ash Wednesday service will be on February 18 at 7pm. We hope you will join us for this meditative gathering.

Club Cole Valentines Show: Westminster will be hosting Club Cole on Saturday, Feb 14, in the Fellowship Hall. Join Shawn and Carla for an evening of candlelight, dancing, and romantic jazz classics! Music to begin at 7:30pm.

Greenview Entrance Reminder: Just a reminder that the Greenview entrance is only for UDT Preschool use and not an entrance to the church. The preschool has a locked door policy for student safety, and the staff are not able to unlock the door for our members. Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership with UDT.

Ann Arbor Daytime Warming Center: The Westminster Mission Ministry Team has again committed to provide food and volunteers to the Ann Arbor Daytime Warming Center on Tuesday, Feb 24th. The warming center will be located at First Baptist Church in Ann Arbor and will serve those needing respite from the cold weather. This year, Westminster will be providing that day's breakfast meal. Check our website or your Friday email for more information and to sign up for a spot. Your help can provide a much needed warm and safe space for those without shelter in February.

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 and third Sundays 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@tetratech.com).

Thursday Book Club meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. Contact Linda Harnisch for more information (rjharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Cara Doane, Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com). To list prayer requests here, in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email, or Prayer Chain, contact Jill Fairchild (jill@thefairchildsd.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 westpresa2.org/online-sermons.

For deacon care, please contact Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com).

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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