



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 AT 11AM | 18TH 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

Marjorie McRoberts, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

God's presence is here and now.

God's invitation is for all people.

God's blessing is given abundantly.

God's grace is poured out upon both the righteous and the undeserving.

God's love is doing a transformative work.

God's Spirit is shaping our hearts.

God's image is seen clearer when we are together.

Let us worship God together!

* Hymn #305

*Come Sing, O Church,
in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

Call to Confession

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of love and welcome, we confess that we have tried to limit who deserves grace, who deserves a seat at the table, and who deserves to be heard. We would rather keep such things for ourselves, storing up honor in the eyes of others. We have fallen short in loving our neighbors. We have overlooked the needy. Holy Spirit, remind us that as we have generously received, we are to generously give. Shape our hearts according to the likeness of Christ, that we may be quick to serve and quick to listen.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

Friends, receive the good news:

Your sins are no more. In Jesus Christ you are made new and made whole.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* 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

Mark 10:13-16

Anthem

Within These Walls

by Pepper Choplin

Westminster Choir

Within these walls, we assemble.
Within these walls, we gather in Your name.
As we join our hearts in a holy union,
we come to find communion in Your holiness again.
Within these walls, let there be harmony;
a common bond; a Spirit from above.
And as Your children let us love each other
as sisters and as brothers united by Your love.
We are the branches, You are the Vine.
We are the vessels and You are the Wine.
We are the body, You are the Head.
For every hunger, You are the Bread.
Within these walls, let there be refuge,
a place of rest when doubts and trials form.
And let us lift each other as we gather to find
Your peace no matter how terrible the storm.
We are the branches, You are the Vine.
We are the vessels and You are the Wine.
We are the body, You are the Head.
For every hunger, You are the Bread.
Within these walls, give us Your vision.
Within these walls, let us understand
that beyond these walls, there are hurting people
who have never felt your healing hand.
Beyond these walls, send us forward.
Beyond these walls, let Your will be done.
We are your people; You will leave us never,
and we shall work together until Your kingdom comes.
Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls, let us pray.

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Romans 12:9-10**

Sermon

Honoring One Another

Nate Veldhoff

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #727

*Will You Let Me Be
Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

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 #654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;

in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Listening Circles: Westminster is launching a time of listening for the congregation to help us identify our future vision of who we want to be going forward. We encourage all members and attendees of Westminster to participate. The primary date for the listening circles will be October 4 after worship, with alternatives on October 12 (7pm) or October 13 (7pm) over Zoom. Signups are posted on the bulletin board.

Gemini Concert on the Lawn! Gemini returns to Westminster on Saturday, October 3, at 3pm. As a part of this event, we are inviting the neighborhood to participate in a community food drive benefiting Food Gatherers. Donations of non-perishable food or personal-care items may be brought to Westminster any time before the concert, or bring a donation day-of.

Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block: Join Habitat for Humanity for a service day in the Sugarbrook neighborhood of Ypsi. Friday, October 23, 8am-1pm. This large-scale exterior project day seeks to bring together a team of 100+ volunteers to serve a whole block of homes! Check our website for the registration link. Contact Ron Fairchild (ron@thefairchilds.net) for more info.

Chili & Cookies Cook-Off: Join us for an all-church cook-off! Friday, October 23, at 6pm. Bring your favorite chili or cookies. We'll set out the dishes with a description or recipe, but the chefs will remain anonymous! Diners can vote for a favorite chili and favorite cookie of the night. Open to all ages and experience! Signup sheets are on the bulletin board.

Game Night: Our next game night is coming up on Friday 10/2, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Limited staff availability this week: Many of our staff members will be out of the office in the coming week, thank you for your patience! If you have an urgent pastoral care concern, please contact your deacon, or send Pastor Hannah an email (hannah@westpresa2.org). She will connect with you as soon as she can.

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 fourth 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@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: Cara Doane, Donna Greyerbiehl

Condolences: We hold the family of Dee Harvey in our prayers as they grieve the loss of Dee, who died on June 15.

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@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 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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