



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 4, 2026 AT 11AM | WORLD COMMUNION 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)

*In a world that remains divided and in conflict,
God is inviting us, to make us one.*

Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

What do we find at today's table?

God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

What is not at today's table?

The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

*Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power
to bring salvation to all who believe.*

Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

From "A Global Table of Grace: World Communion Sunday 2026 Worship Resource"

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity to embrace your way, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiley, III

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

* Song of Response #585 *Glory to God (Peru)*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

* Passing the Peace

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

* Song of Response

Salaam (Egypt)

**Your peace within us, Lord, will stand,
surpassing all we understand.**

**Even when fears surround our land
you fill our lives with peace.**

Salaam, salaam, the peace of God to every race.

Salaam, salaam, the peace of God in every place.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Deuteronomy 10:12-22**

Anthem

Santo, Santo

by Mark Condon

Westminster Choir

Holy, holy, God You are holy.
Holy, holy, You are a holy God.
Lord, You are the One, we worship and adore You.
The Mighty, Holy One, we bring to You our praise.

Santo, santo, Señor eres santo.
Santo, santo, Tú eres santo, Dios.
Señor, tú eres aquel que alabamos, que adoramos.
El fuerte santo Dios; te traemos alabanza.

Mighty, mighty. God, You are mighty.
Mighty, mighty. You are a mighty God.
Lord, You are the One, we worship and adore You.
The Mighty, Holy One, we bring to You our praise.

A Moment to Wonder

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

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn of Preparation *We are Coming, Lord, to the Table* (Sierra Leone)

We are coming, Lord, to the table.

We are coming, Lord, to the table.

With the gift of bread, we are coming, Lord.

With the gift of wine, we are coming, Lord.

Oh, we are coming, Lord. (x4)

We are coming, Lord, to the table.

We are coming, Lord, to the table.

To receive the bread, we are coming, Lord.

To receive the wine, we are coming, Lord.

Oh, we are coming, Lord. (x4)

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*...Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Song of Response #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Song of Response #553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer after Communion

Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace. One body. One Spirit. One Lord. One faith. One hope. One table. 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 #526

*Let Us Talents and
Tongues Employ*

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We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Instrumental Ensemble:

Gail Arnold, flute
Carla Margolis, percussion
Shawn McDonald, piano & conductor

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. Please join us for listening circles after worship today even if you could not sign up. A light lunch will be provided. If you cannot participate today, you can sign up on the bulletin board for one of the alternative dates: October 12 (7pm) or October 13 (7pm) over Zoom.

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 information.

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.

Football Parking: Our next football parking and tailgate day is October 17 for the Penn State game! Kickoff is TBD. We'll start parking cars by 7am, but feel free to stop by any time before kickoff. Bring a comfortable chair for outdoor seating and a dish to pass (if you are able). All are welcome!

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: Kathy Kamm, Elke Kramer

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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