Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 25, 2026 AT 11AM | 22ND 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

Harmony Heath, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and peace.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

* Hymn #174

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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Sharing Our Study Groups

Representatives from small groups at Westminster will share a brief word about their group's focus.

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

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Jesus told us to love God with all our heart,
but we often love our jobs, our homes,
and our own possessions more than we love God.

Jesus told us to love God with all our soul,
But we put more soul into our music,
our sports, and our hobbies than into expressing our love of God.

Jesus told us to love God with all our mind,
But we seldom study the Bible as much
as we study our schoolbooks or bankbooks.

Jesus also told us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves,
but we spend hours meeting our wants and needs
and minutes finding excuses for not taking care of others.
Forgive us, Lord.
Help us to remember and obey your commands.
For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Written by Carolyn Brown

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

Hear and believe the Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
Thanks be to God.

* 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!

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word Matthew 22:34-40

Anthem *My Wordless Prayer* by Craig Courtney

Westminster Choir

My words lie still and lifeless as dust upon the sand,
I can no longer voice one request or one demand,
My cup of tears is empty, I can no longer cry,
My lips have fallen silent, my prayer is but a sigh.

Spirit, come and rest Your ear upon my heart;
O come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea
And take them far away from me.
Take them from this heart of mine to the Father's heart divine
Speak in tones unknown to man that God may hear and understand.

My voice is weak from calling to you both night and day.
How long will You be silent? Why do You turn away?

Spirit, come and rest Your ear upon my heart;
O come and hear my wordless prayer, my silent plea
And take them far away from me.
Take them from this heart of mine to the Father's heart divine
Speak in tones unknown to man that God may hear and understand.

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† *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.

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Sermon *Learning Church* Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

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

Postlude

This Week's News

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Westminster is once again partnering with Pattengill Elementary School to help provide Thanksgiving meals for families in need. We are collecting donations to support 7 families this year! Visit our website for the signup link to provide needed items, or you may choose to make a cash donation online or by check to Westminster. Please have all donations to the church by Monday, November 9. Thank you so much for considering this opportunity to bless these families!

Game Night: Our next game night is coming up on Friday 11/6, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Fed Up Open House: A few weeks ago we heard from Pastor Anna at FedUp Ministries, and she shared the good news of FedUp purchasing a lot to build a permanent building for their ministry in Ypsilanti. On Thursday October 29th from 4-7pm, FedUp will host an open house at their new lot (204 and 210 Ecorse Rd., Ypsilanti) to share more about their future plans. This is a drop-in event, no ticket or RSVP necessary. The FedUp food truck will be there to serve a meal to anyone who would like to eat! More information is available on their website, fedupministries.org.

Service of Remembrance: Sunday, November 15 at 5pm. This service will be a peaceful and meditative time to remember those we loved and still love. Those from the wider community and those from all faith traditions are welcome. You are invited to bring a small framed photo of your loved one and light a candle in their memory.

Football Parking: Our next football parking and tailgate day is November 7 for the Michigan 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 2:30pm 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 (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Current needs: Elke Kramer, Fran Bolhouse

Condolences: We hold the family of Marcy Teppo in our prayers as they grieve the loss of Marcy, who died on September 25. A memorial service will be held at Westminster on November 6.

We hold the family of Kathryn Foltz in our prayers as they grieve the loss of Kathryn, who died on October 1.

We hold the family of Bernice Merte in our prayers as they grieve the loss of Bernice, who died on October 5.

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).

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