Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11AM | 23RD 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 — Margaret Klammer, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Their faith gives us courage; their love strengthens our hearts.

We run the race set before us,

Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

With all the saints, in heaven and on earth,

Let us worship God with thanksgiving and praise!

Based on Hebrews 12

* Hymn #366 — *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* — HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy One, present to us across generations, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts…

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Lucus Levy Keppel

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

* 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!

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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.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Isaiah 51:1-6**

Anthem *Give Us the Wings of Faith to Rise* by Howard Helvey

Westminster Choir; Marcia Anderson, clarinet

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above,
how great their joys, how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came: they, with united breath,
Ascribed their conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their quest;
and following their God, possess the promised rest.

Give us the wings of faith to rise.

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Matthew 5:1-12**

Sermon *We Remember Them* Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD

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!

We remember those in our congregation who have died in the past year:

Anne Gensheimer
Martha Angerman
Sue Miller
Dee Harvey
Laurie Beuhler
Marcy Teppo
Kathryn Foltz
Bernice Merte

…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

God of all people, in this meal you have made us one. Here we are united with Christ, with the saints of the past, and with all who hunger for belonging and inclusion. Lead us in your ways of welcome and grace, that we may share this love as we continue out into the world. Amen.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Song of Response #367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #326 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

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!

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!

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Bread Exchange: Join us on Wednesday, November 25th, 7:00pm, at Westminster. Everyone is invited to participate by bringing a loaf of bread, homemade or from a bakery, to exchange during the service. Each individual or family will be invited to come up and take a loaf of bread from the baskets for their Thanksgiving table. All the bread that is left over will be given to FedUp Ministries and at-home members. If you are unable to attend on Thanksgiving Eve and would like a loaf of bread, please contact your Deacon or Suzanne Lange (sueegnal93@gmail.com).

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: Cara Doane, Donna Greyerbiehl

Condolences: We hold Jim Thomson and family in our prayers as they grieve the loss of Jim's wife Mary Lynn, who died on October 18.

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 at 1pm.

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com).

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.

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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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