Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 15, 2026 AT 11AM | 25TH 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

Rachel Croxton, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

We gather in the middle of things,
with losses still fresh and questions unanswered.
God, you are here with us, steady and present.

We come with hands that have held sorrow
and hands that have cultivated new life.
We hold it all together, with hope and tenderness.

When it feels like too much to bear alone, we are reminded,
Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God.

Let us worship God, who goes with us in joy and in pain.
We are held by love, led by the one who knows us best.

* Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

---

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.
We confess that we have despised others,
even to the point of hatred.
We confess that we have been hurt by others.
We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times
are just impossible for us.
We know that nothing is impossible in You.
We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us.
Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others,
to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.
For Your Son came and lived among us,
was betrayed and denied,
abused and put to death.
He rose again,
and came with the message of peace to those
who had denied him and abandoned him.
May we walk in his ways. Amen.

Written by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

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!

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-14

Anthem *God, Grant Me to Be Silent* by Mark Hill

Westminster Choir

God grant me to be silent before you, that I may hear you;
God grant me to be at rest in you, that you may work in me;
God grant me to be open to you, that you may enter;
God grant me to be empty before you, that you may fill me.
Let me be still, let me be still, let me be still, and know you are my God.
God grant me to be silent before you, that I may hear you;
God grant me to be at rest in you, that you may work in me;
God grant me to be open, that you may enter me;
God grant me to be empty, that you may fill me.
Let me be still, let me be still, let me be still, and know you are my God.
Amen.

A Moment to Wonder

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

---

† *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.

Second Reading of the Word **Romans 8:31-39**

Sermon *Finding Meaning in the Middle* Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

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 #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 #840 *When Peace like a River* VILLE DU HAVRE

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Shopping bags of nonperishable food and personal and household items dedicated with our offering today will be given to Hope Clinic's food pantry.

Service of Remembrance: Today, 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 last football parking and tailgate day for the season is November 21 for the UCLA 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. 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).

Deck the Halls Together! Following worship on Sunday, November 29, the choir invites everyone to stay for a light sandwich lunch. Then we'll roll up our sleeves and deck the halls—hanging garlands, wreaths, and ribbons, decorating trees, and setting up our brand-new outdoor nativity. Around 2:30, we'll gather in the sanctuary to light the tree and sing a few carols together. Everyone is welcome—whether you want to climb a ladder, sit and craft, or simply keep company while the work gets done! Lunch is provided; please let us know your sandwich preference when you sign up on the bulletin board.

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

Ongoing needs: Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane

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.

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.

Westminster Staff may be reached by phone at 734-761-9320

Rev. Hannah Lundberg, Stated Supply Pastor; hannah@westpresa2.org

Shawn McDonald, Director of Music; smtenor@yahoo.com

Margaret Compton, Office and Facilities Manager; wpcoffice@westpresa2.org

Dave Gross, Bookkeeper, Financial Secretary; bookkeeper@westpresa2.org

Nate Veldhoff, Communications and Media Director; communications@westpresa2.org

Evelyn Vogel, Custodian

Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1500 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 · www.westpresa2.org

(734) 761-9320 · wpcoffice@westpresa2.org