Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 22, 2026 AT 11AM | CHRIST THE KING 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

Marcia Anderson, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

You raised up your Son, O God,
and seated him at your right hand
as the shepherd and king
who seeks what is lost,
binds up what is wounded,
and strengthens what is weak.

Empowered by the Spirit,
grant that we may share with others
that which we have received from your hand,

to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is worthy of our worship and praise.

Adapted from the Revised Common Lectionary

* Hymn #187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, who dwells in the highest heaven and also with the downtrodden and humble in spirit, you have shown us what it means to walk in your ways: you seek the lost, you bind up the brokenhearted, you strengthen the weak, you lift up the oppressed. We confess that we have not followed your example as we should. We instead prioritize our own needs, we hide from discomfort. Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy on us, that we might extend that same mercy to those around us. May our hearts bear the fruit of repentance, that we might delight in your will and grow into the likeness of Christ.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

Children of God, beloved and forgiven, rejoice!
For in Jesus Christ we are made new.
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!

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Ezekiel 34:11-16**

Anthem *Thy Word* by Amy Grant and
Westminster Choir Michael W. Smith

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
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When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
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"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God; I will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause there to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to Your side:
and I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path,
and a light unto my path; and light unto my path.

† *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

This Sunday, we will be presenting Bibles to the school-age children of Westminster. These Bibles are presented on behalf of the whole congregation, with our support for each student's ongoing learning journey.

Second Reading of the Word John 10:11-18

Sermon *The Good Shepherd* Nate Veldhoff

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

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 #661 *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?* SPARROW

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

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

Postlude

This Week's News

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Bread Exchange: Join us this 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 but 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! Around 2:30, we'll gather in the sanctuary to light the tree and sing a few carols together. Everyone is welcome! Please let us know your sandwich preference when you sign up on the bulletin board.

Deacon Christmas Baskets: The Westminster Deacons are once again working with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to help two families this Christmas. See the link in your Friday Email or visit our website for more info and to sign up to provide a gift. Contact Joe Neely with any questions (joeneely55@gmail.com). Please bring all gifts to Westminster by December 6. Thank you for your generosity and care!

Advent Dinner: Our annual Westminster Advent Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 9. We will enjoy appetizers starting at 5:30pm with dinner together at 6pm. Afterwards, we will move into the sanctuary for a Christmas hymn-sing! Please sign up on the bulletin board to help us plan. This is a great event for inviting your family, friends, and neighbors!

Caroling and Cocoa: Join us on Friday, December 4! We will gather inside and sing around the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7pm. All are then welcome to stick around for Game Night immediately following. Cookies and hot cocoa will be provided! Invite friends and family for this time of joyful holiday music!

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: Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm

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). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

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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