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PRESBYTERIANS



Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 14, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to Westminster,

We are an open affirming congregation sharing God's love in West Akron.
No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

The flowers in the chancel are given by Dottie Erb in honor of immigrant families in the greater Akron area.

Today, Sunday, September 14, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service in WHH we will celebrate Music of WPC/Community Day. This special event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family for food, fellowship, and fun. After enjoying a shared meal, we'll turn our focus to music with engaging, lighthearted activities designed for all ages. Whether you've been part of the music program for years or are just curious about how music shapes worship at WPC, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Beginning Sunday, September 21 and continuing for five weeks through October 19, we will be offering a special hymn class series following the Sunday morning service. This series is an invitation to explore the rich and diverse world of congregational song—from ancient origins to modern-day expressions. Each session will focus on a unique theme, combining listening, discussion, and reflection to deepen our appreciation of the hymns we sing and the ways they shape our worship and faith. Light refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome to attend—whether you are a lifelong hymn lover or just curious to learn more. Link to sign-up is on the website. (class will be in WHH).

"Random Acts of Kindness" Scavenger Hunt (a place where kids can GO)

A scavenger hunt with our Amplified Youth on Sunday, September 21, 2025, from 4-7 pm. We encourage the children from our family circles, schools, churches, and the wider community to participate in this exciting youth program, following Jesus, have fun, and making a difference. This event marks a new opportunity to strengthen the fellowship of Westminster Church. We hope to see growth in our church, but we cannot achieve this without your support. Please be a voice for this important initiative and share with those around you the significance of bringing the youth back to the church. Our youth are the future, and their involvement is essential for the continued growth of our congregation. For more details, please get in touch with Gwynne at wpsfamilyministry1250@gmail.com or call the office at 330.836.2226.

We invite you to our Community Dinner on Thursday, September 25th, at 5-7 pm.

Join us for a delicious, home-cooked meal prepared with love and care. This event is open to everyone, so feel free to bring your family and friends to enjoy a delightful meal together.

Mark your calendars for this wonderful opportunity to connect with your neighbors and strengthen our sense of community. *Let's bring life back to our beautiful church and keep the spirit of humanity alive!*

This Week's Music at WPC:

Scan or take a picture of the QR code with your smart phone and learn some musical history and context.



Calendar of Church Building Events For September 14– September 21, 2025

Sunday, 9/14

- 8:30 am Childcare available/open
- 8:45 am Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream
- 11:40 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)
- 11:40 am WPC Music Community Day (WHH)

Tuesday, 9/16

- 5:30 pm ILP Studio

Wednesday, 9/17

- 3:45 pm Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 91442

Thursday, 9/18

- 10:00 am Staff meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

Saturday, 9/20

- 8:00 am Food For Life (Kitchen)

Sunday, 9/21

- 8:30 am Childcare available/open
- 8:45 am Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream
- 11:40 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)
- 11:40 am Deacons meeting (Room 106)
- 11:40 am Personnel meeting (Library)
- 12:00 pm Hymnody Class (WHH)
- 4:00 pm Amplified Youth Scavenger Hunt

... who forever praise your name:

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.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Words of Institution

Remembering the risen Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and wine
as we live for the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving we offer you now the sacrifice of our lives,
for great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

The minister asks the Holy Spirit to bless the communion elements and all who receive them, that we may be the body of Christ in the world.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
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.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

“The bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

Communion 172 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need RESIGNATION

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is ST. COLUMBA

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Fanfare C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

Today’s Worship team is The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching);
Harriet Chapman (liturgist); Nik Stackpole (organist);
Bruce Klucharich (audio-visual); Adult Choir and Ushers

At the ringing of the carillon, please silence your conversations and prepare your heart.
Bolded text is read or sung by all. *Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

Voluntary Prelude on St. Columba Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Call to Worship Harriet Chapman

Let us bow before our Creator,
whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,
whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save.
Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn 298 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy IN BABILONE

Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers,
there is joy in the presence of the angels of God
every time we turn toward our home and remember whose we are.
With open hearts, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

**Creator of the universe,
we imagine that we are in familiar territory,
that we know what to expect of this hour,
that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness.
In judgement, illumine our darkness.
In mercy, bear us home—
until we recognize your presence wherever
evil is confronted, truth is spoken,
and life is restored.**

Response 574

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

But this we call to mind, and therefore have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God’s mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.
In the name of the Lord, who is our portion and our hope,
Our sin is forgiven. May our mouths be filled with praise.

*Response 567

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying,
The peace of Christ be with you.

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Offertory

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

James Kirkby

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, ever more God’s praises sing;
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*
*Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;
Praise God still the same as ever, slow to chide and quick to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious now God’s faithfulness.*
*Angels in the heights adoring, you behold God face to face;
Saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!*

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures
here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Mighty God,
you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts. By the power of your
Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people,
eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future.
For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

1 Timothy 1:12-17

(pew bibles p.208)

Hymn 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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The Second Lesson

Luke 15:1-10

(pew bibles p.78)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Lost and Found”

The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

John 6:35

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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 our thanks and praise.

The minister offers thanksgiving for the work of God in creation.