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Westminster Presbyterian Church
March 30, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Select "Give" and then click on
"Give Here" [from there follow the prompts]

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

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

"He was lost and has been found."

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 Jennifer & Dan Vicarel in celebration of their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their parents, Louis & Katherine Vicarel and Robert & Enez Chambers.

It is that time of the year for "Easter Memorial Flowers". Please follow the insert to make your contribution. Thank you, enjoy your Sunday today.

Annual Report Congregational Meeting for 2024 will be Sunday, April 6, 2025 after worship in the Sanctuary. Copies will be provided.

First Sunday Food Collection will take place on first Sunday of each month. Non-perishable items requested are chicken and tuna in a can, prepackaged dinners, fruits and vegetables in a can, pudding, toilet paper, paper towels, and personal care items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, body soap, deodorant etc. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Help fill the "red bags" to help those who are less fortunate.

We had a handful of members/families call or email in letting us know they would like to attend a comprehensive training class that includes CPR, First Aid, and AED instruction. We believe it is essential to learn life-saving techniques and understand how to use medical equipment in case of an emergency. If you are interested in attending, and prefer a week-night or a Saturday please contact the church so we can arrange a date for the class.

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Those members who have ordered contribution envelopes, can pick them up from the table at the front of the church.

Per capita is an opportunity for all communicant members of Westminster Presbyterian Church through its' governing bodies (Eastminster Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant, General Assembly) to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while strengthening the sense of community among Presbyterians.

Westminster's per capita amount per person for 2025 is \$33.00 and is composed of \$18.76 for Eastminster Presbytery; \$3.40 for Synod of the Covenant; and \$10.84 for General Assembly. Consider paying your per capita to help Westminster offset the amount being used from our budget. Please write "per capita" on your check's memo line.

Calendar of Church Building Events For March 30– April 6, 2025

Sunday, 3/30

8:30 am Childcare available
8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)
9:30 am Adult Book Club (Room 106)
10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)

Tuesday, 4/1

5:30 pm ILP Studio

Wednesday, 4/2

3:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, 4/3

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
6:30 pm League of Women Voters (Room 106)
7:00 pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Saturday, 4/5

8:00 am Food For Life (kitchen)

Sunday, 4/6

8:30 am Childcare available
8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)
9:30 am Adult Book Club (Room 106)
9:30 am Commissioning Class (Youth Rooms, upstairs)
9:30 am Sunday School (Godly Play Room, upstairs)
10:30 am Worship/Food Collection & YouTube Live-Stream
11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
11:45 am Coffee/Birthday Cake Fellowship (WHH)

Everyone is invited to Coffee fellowship in
Wright-Herberich Hall after 10:30 am. worship
to say hello, visit and catch up with your neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have strayed from your ways.
Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance.
You gave us the earth for our home,
but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty.
You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions.
You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing,
but we break your law and forsake your love.
Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance.
Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom
in obedience to your love.
Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response



Assurance of Forgiveness

As a parent welcomes home a wayward child,
so God embraces all who return in true repentance.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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

*Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you.
Last one to sign, please leave at the end of the pew. Thank you.*

Offertory

And No Bird Sang

Douglas Wagner

*Calm was the wind and dark was the sky, when our Lord came to die;
Lone, on the cross for our sins he did hang, and no bird sang.
Women and men with anguish and fear, they to His cross drew near;
Hushed then to feel the bitter, bitter pang, no bird sang.
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy, God's will be done.
No bird sang in the sky, when Christ came to die.*

*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 of Dedication

(Children may exit with Ms. Valerie to attend choir rehearsal)

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the
re-creating power of your Word, that we may see the world through the
mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

(pew bible pg. 181)

Hymn 301

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

SOUTHWELL

The Second Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 15b-32

(pew bible pg. 78-79)

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

Sermon

“Zoom Photography”

The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby