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

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent



"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.

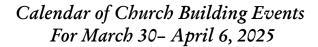
First Sunday Food Collection will take place on first Sunday of each month. Non-perishable items requested are chicken and tuna in a can, prepackaged dinners, fruits and vegetables in a can, pudding, toilet paper, paper towels, and personal care items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, body soap, deodorant 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 weeknight or a Saturday please contact the church so we can arrange a date for the class. wpcoffice1250@gmail.com or 330.836.2226

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.



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.



*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God:

God makes my path straight.

I live by faith, not by sight.

God will guide me forever.

I am victorious in Christ.

God wants me to prosper in all things.

I am more than a conqueror.

I am loved by God.

I am heard by God.

I trust in God's timing.

God has great plans for my life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Out of the ashes, up from the dust, we bring our prayers to God, saying: In your steadfast love, O God,

hear our prayer

We pray silently...

And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that Christ taught us, saying in one voice:

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.

*Hymn 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary O How Vain, O How Fleeting Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

Today's Worship team is Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching); Madeline Wilson (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 hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.

Bolded text is read or sung by all. *Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

Voluntary

Prelude

Robert Cundick (1926-2016)

*Call to Worship

Madeline Wilson

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn (INSERT)

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

Call to Confession

Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

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.



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