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

Westminster Presbyterian Church

November 2, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

AND GOD SHALL

wipe away
ALL TEARS

FROM THEIR EYES;

and there shall be

NO MORE DEATH,

NEITHER SORROW,

NOR CRYING,

Twentieth
NEITHER SHALL THERE BE

ANY MORE PAIN:

FOR THE FORMER THINGS ARE PASSED AWAY.

Revelation 21:4

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Westminster,

We are a 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 Marcia Holcomb and family in loving memory of John Holcomb on the anniversary of his birthday on October 29th.

The flowers on the pedestal are in loving memory of Julia Bain, given by her family.

The annual WPC Giving Tree will appear a little earlier this year. Since it starts to get cold about now, we want the recipients to have the scarves, mittens, hats, and gloves when they need them.

So, between October 26th and November 9th, let's shower the women and children sheltering at ACCESS with lots of warmth and love. Online donations are also welcome on our website. www.westminsterakron.org

"Did you know there is a place where kids can go, regardless of their church affiliation, to make friends and make a difference? Amplified Youth is an open and affirming youth group where questions are welcome, doubts are okay, and everyone is invited to come as they are! Currently, Amplified Youth represents seven churches from across the Akron area. We are interdenominational and welcome students in grades 4-12." Help us get the word out, that this group exists. Contact Gwynne, wpcfamlyministry1250@gmail.com.

A NEW BEGINNING is the theme of this year's Stewardship campaign as we excitedly prepare to welcome a new pastor to Westminster! Now is the opportunity for each of us to faithfully and prayerfully renew our commitment to Westminster. It is only through the dedication of all of us that we can truly make this a new beginning for our church. As you reflect on this, please spend time in conversation with God about how your stewardship response can help ensure that Westminster's grace-filled community continues to thrive. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace..." 1Peter 4:10

"At the congregational meeting on Oct. 26, 2025, the members in attendance voted to call Reverend Dr. Alan Olson as our next pastor beginning Jan. 5, 2026. Dr. Olson accepted!"



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 November 2–November 9, 2024

Sunday, 11/2

8:30 am Childcare available/open
8:45 am Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:30 am Book Club (Library)
9:30 am Sunday School (Godly Play Room)
10:30 am Worship/Food Collection & YouTube Live-Stream
11:40 am Coffee/Birthday Cake Fellowship (WHH)
11:40 am Outreach Committee meeting
5:30 pm ILP Studio (Room 208-209)

Monday, 11/3

5:30 pm ILP Studio (Room 208-209)

Wednesday, 11/5

3:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 91442

Thursday, 11/6

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Friday, 11/7

6:00 pm League of Women Voters

Saturday, 11/8

9:00 am ILP Studio

Sunday, 11/9

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Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind let us pray to the Lord,
saying: God of love and mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.**

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving (insert)

*Today, we celebrate the saints of our church by reading the names of church members who
have died in the past year. You will be invited to come forward, as you choose, to place a
rock on the Communion table in memory of loved ones..*

*Hymn (INSERT) Holy God, We Praise Thy Name GROSSER GOTT

*Charge and Benediction

Recession Highland Cathedral Uli Roever and Michael
(Sarah Boyd, Bagpipes)

*You are invited to remain seated quietly during the Postlude.
At its conclusion, we say “Amen” in lieu of clapping.*



Today’s Worship team is The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching);
Kate Clark (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. *Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.*

Voluntary	Improvisation on ‘Saints Hymns’	Nik Stackpole
“In Paradisum”		Adult Choir
Procession	Amazing Grace Bagpipes (Silent Processional)	Sarah Boyd
*Call to Worship		Kate Clark

Fling wide the temple gates!
Open up the ancient doors!
The mighty and glorious one is coming.
Who is this mighty and glorious one?
This is the Lord for whom we have waited.
Let us be glad and rejoice in God.

*Hymn 526 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

Call to Confession

God has promised to make of us a new creation,
laying to rest the former things, making all things new.
Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven
to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people.
Yet we remain shrouded in sin—we hurt and disgrace ourselves;
we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name.**

(over)

**Forgive us; unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among
your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us *Kyrie*

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says:
See, I am making all things new.
And now it is finished! Hear the good news:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*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. **And also 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 pen. Thank you.*

Offertory

*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

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, your word is life and your promise is trustworthy and true.
By the power of your Holy Spirit write your word upon our hearts so that
we may be your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Ephesians 1:11-23

Hymn 364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God GRAND ISLE

The Second Lesson Luke 6:20-31
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “The Circle of Love” The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby

*Affirmation of Faith
**Almighty God, we thank you for those who have gone on before us,
pioneers in faith and ministry, thought, word and deed.
We affirm our faith in your promise that neither life, nor death,
nor anything in creation will be able to separate us from the love of
God, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**