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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



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

Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 12, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



Eighteenth 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 Bruce and Pookie Barnes in memory of Bill, Jo, and Dave Barnes.

Friday, October 17, at 7:30 pm, Les Délices performs "Bohemian Rhapsody" here at Westminster Church. Tickets are required and can be purchased online: lesdelices.org

There is still time to donate electronically to the Peace and Global Witness offering. In this highly charged and deeply divided society, it is used to challenge injustice, break down barriers and dividing walls, advocate for the marginalized, etc. We keep 25% of the proceeds to use locally. Please give generously, at www.westminsterakron.org, select "Give" click on "Give Here", from there follow prompts. Thank you.

Meet and Greet Reception on Saturday, October 25, 5-7 pm., you are warmly invited to attend a Meet and Greet Reception with the candidate. This will be an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the candidate in a relaxed and welcoming setting. We encourage you to participate in the appetizer potluck. Bring your favorite to share. We will have a charcuterie board and refreshments.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our performance of the Rutter Requiem with 120 singers and chamber orchestra on Sunday, October 26, for 4:00pm in the Sanctuary at Westminster.

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fall festivities at our annual **Trunk or Treat!**

Monday, October 27 | 6:00–7:30 pm. We'll welcome families from IWC and WYDACA, making this a wonderful opportunity to continue building relationships with our neighbors. We need **lots of helping hands** to make this event a success! Volunteers are needed to:

- Set up and clean up
- Host trunks (no full costume required—a festive shirt and a few decorations are perfect!)
- Serve food and drinks
- Lead the pumpkin painting craft

Even if you can't attend, you can still participate by donating candy. **Sign up** on the sheet in Wright-Herberich Hall, or let Dottie or Gwynne know you're willing to help. Let's make this a joyful, welcoming evening for our community.

"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, wpcfamilyministry1250@gmail.com.

We would like to welcome Beth Loesch, this morning, who is a Ruling Elder at United Presbyterian Church in Cuyahoga Falls. She attended the "Elder's Preaching Institute" in our Presbytery in 2016, and has since done further course work through Hope College and Union Seminary.

She is a retired consultant from the field of Organizational Development and currently resides in Stow with her husband, Jonathan. They have 4 adult children and 2 grandchildren. Thank you Beth for taking the time to serve with us today.

Calendar of Church Building Events For October 12– October 19, 2025

Sunday, 10/12

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 & YouTube Live-Stream
11:40 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)
12:00 pm Hymnody Class (Room 106)

Monday, 10/13

10:00 am Finance Committee meeting (Library)

Tuesday, 10/14

4:00 pm Garden Grub Club (after school program)
7:00 pm Properties Committee meeting

Wednesday, 10/15

7:00 pm Rutter Requiem rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 10/16

7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

Saturday, 10/18

8:00 am Food For Life (kitchen)
12:00 pm Girl Scouts Founders Day (WHH)

Sunday, 10/19

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)
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Amplified Youth CVNP Day of Service

Affirmation of Faith

God’s plan for me is perfect, and I trust it completely.
I am guided, protected, and loved by a divine power.
Even when I cannot see it, God is working miracles for me.
My heart is safe in God’s hands.
I surrender my worries and trust God’s timing.
God’s love for me is infinite and unconditional.
I walk by faith, not by fear.
Every step I take is blessed and guided by divine light.
I am never alone, God is always with me.

Prayers of the People

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray for the life of the world,
saying, O Christ our Light,
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 413 All Who Love and Serve Your City CHARLESTOWN

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Recessional Robert Cundick

Today’s Worship team is Ruling Elder Beth Loesch (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 Air Robert Cundick (1926-2016)
*Call of Worship Harriet Chapman

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God’s name.
How awesome are your deeds, O God!
We sing praises to your name.
Come and see what God has done: turning the sea into dry land;
bringing us across the river Jordan.
How awesome are your deeds, O God!
We sing praises to your name.
Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire
and water:
God has brought us out to a spacious place.
Our God is an awesome God!

*Hymn 130 Let Every Christian Pray LAUDES DOMINI

Call to Confession

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful.
Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Jesus Master, have mercy on us.
We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin.
Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole.
Forgive us when we forget to return to you—
have mercy when we fail to praise your name,
and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news:
Your call has been answered. Christ has healed you,
and forgives your sin.
With glad hearts, return praise to God.
**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.**

*Response 579 Glory Be to the Father *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World, without end! 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 My Song is Love Unknown Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

(cont.)

*God came from God's blest throne salvation to bestow,
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need, his life did spend.
Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

*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

These are your words, O God. Humble us to speak their weight.
Strengthen us to hear their truth. Unbind us live their call.
Through the power of your Holy Spirit, for sake of Jesus Christ,
we pray. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Psalm 111 (pew bibles p. 562-563)

Hymn 272 God of the Sparrow ROEDER

The Second Lesson Luke 17: 11-19 (pew bibles p.80)

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

Sermon “Thank You” Beth Loesch

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.

