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Westminster Presbyterian Church May 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

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 Marian Wahl in memory of her husband, Whitey Wahl and her parents, Glenn & Ruth Clark.

The white rose on the pedestal is in memory of former member Kendra St. Charles, who passed away May 6, 2025. Funeral arrangements are being made.

The other pedestal holds a red rose for the welcoming of new baby boy, Everett Donald Vicarel, born May 5, 2025, proud parents of Dan & Sara Vicarel, super excited big brother Jack and overjoyed grandparents Jennifer & David Vicarel.

The other red rose is to welcome precious granddaughter, Lillian Margaret Hartford, born May 6, 2025. Excited and proud grandparents, Alec & Margo Works.

Serving Others/Serving Christ Together May 17th, 9-4pm. (rain date May 31st)

The Eastminster Presbytery Resource Committee is organizing a mission service project and is inviting churches of the Presbytery to join together to serve others. The project is being planned for May 17th at the Justin T. Rogers Hospice Care Center in Akron. The day will be spent sprucing up the property for Spring so that it will be more inviting for the residents. This is a great opportunity for Westminster to work alongside other churches, friends in Christ to help and serve others. Mark your calendar for May 17th and watch for more information as it becomes available. Please contact Stacy Franzmann, sfranzma@kent.edu

We will be celebrating our confirmation class on May 18th with a reception following the service of baptism and confirmation. We hope that you will join us on that day to help us recognize our youth.

New Officer Training in the Pastor's Study May 18th at 2:00 pm.

Join us for the Cuyahoga Community Chorus at Westminster Presbyterian Church May, 18, 2025 at 4:00 pm. in the Sanctuary.

Longtime member Bonnie Childs is now at home, continuing her recovery from a stroke. A "Meal Train" is being organized to bring meals for Bonnie and John on a rotating basis. Sandy Gruneich is the point person for WPC. Please email Sandy at sandygru@gmail.com if you are willing to be in the "Meal Train" rotation.

Join us for a delightful Memorial Day picnic right after our worship service on May 25th! We'll savor the deliciousness of hotdogs and juicy burgers that will be grilled to perfection. We invite everyone in the congregation to bring a side dish or a scrumptious dessert to share, adding to the feast and creating a warm, communal atmosphere. Come ready to enjoy good food, great company, and the spirit of togetherness!

Calendar of Church Building Events For May 11– May 18, 2025

Sunday, 5/11 Happy Mother's Day

8:30 am Childcare available
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/Communion & YouTube Live-Stream
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)

Tuesday, 5/13

7:00 pm Properties Meeting

Wednesday, 5/14

3:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, 5/15

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

Saturday, 5/17

8:00 am Food For Life
9:00 am Justin T. Rogers Hospice Center Service Project

Sunday, 5/18

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
11:40 am Personnel Committee Meeting (Library)
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)
11:45 am Reception for the Newly Confirmed Youth (WHH)
2:00 pm New Officer Training (Pastor's Study)
4:00 pm Cuyahoga Valley Community Chorus Spring Program (Sanctuary)
5:00 pm Amplified Youth

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.



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

Words of Institution

Remembering our Lord’s self-giving love,
we proclaim 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.

Hymn 446 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN

Prayer following Communion

**O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully
redeemed us. Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves,
our wills, and our works, a continual thank-offering to you, through
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn 477 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim HANOVER

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary “Carillon de Longpont,” Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
[please hold applause, thank you]

Today’s Worship team is Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching);
Harriet Chapmann (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.*

Voluntary Priere a Notre Dame Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

*Call to Worship Harriet Chapman
Alleluia, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!
Blessing and honor is yours, O God.
Glory to God forever, Alleluia!

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

Call to Confession

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us
when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess
our sins against God and neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right
relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you,
ourselves, and your creation;
we repent of these hurtful ways.
Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others,
and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

Silence is observed.

Response 574 Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

God’s mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse
us of our offenses;
therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

*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
Please sign the friendship pad and pass it along. Thank you.

Offertory Beloved, God’s Chosen Robert Hobby (b. 1962)

*Beloved, God’s chosen, put on as a garment
Compassion, forgiveness and goodness of heart.
Above all, before all, Let love be your raiment
That binds into every dissonant part.
Within, call forth wisdom, to dwell in you richly;
Let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
And from the heart’s chamber, beloved and holy,
Let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.*

*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

Shepherd of Souls,
you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word;
open our hearts to feed on your goodness,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we might dwell evermore deeply in you. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Psalm 23 (pew bibles pg. 501)

Hymn 387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

The Second Lesson John 10: 22-30 (pew bibles pg. 104)

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

Sermon “The Shepherd in the Shadow ” The Rev. 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 Prayer of 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.

and with the saints of every age,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.