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Westminster Presbyterian Church

July 6, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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 Jean Schooley in loving memory of Art Schooley whose birthday was July 4th.

A gold colored bracelet was found last Sunday after worship. Please call the office to inquire if this lost item pertains to you 330.836.2226

Chancel Flowers: Again this summer the chancel flower arrangers will be cutting flowers from the Celtic garden to add beauty in the chancel and grace to worship. We appreciate the time and love that many volunteers offer to make this possible. Your flower memorials support the continuing care of the Celtic Garden. Please contact Kristy by email/phone or text; ksjyates@gmail.com; 330-807-6228.

Soulful Sprouts presents a week of Gardening, Cooking and Nutrition fun for kids. August 4-8th, 10-3pm daily at Westminster. Kiddoes will grow fruits and veggies while learning about God's amazing creation. They will learn to create simple, healthy meals and snacks with the help of a trained chef. Plus discover how to make smart, healthy choices through interactive activities. Kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, no experience needed. Families can join at the end of the week for a special dinner planned, prepared, and served by the kids! Sign-up NOW!

Scan QR code below.



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.

Please check out Westminster's Facebook page and remember to *Share, Like, or Comment*. With social media, we can encourage positive exposure and bring more families into the church. We want to showcase the great things happening at Westminster and get people involved!

Thank you Jeffrey Bornstine for providing the July Birthday cake. Hope all the July birthdays are "booming" with excitement.

Calendar of Church Building Events For July 6– July 13, 2025

Sunday, 7/6

10:15 am Childcare available
10:30 am Worship/Food Collection & YouTube Live-Stream
11:40 am Coffee/Birthday Cake Fellowship (WHH)
11:40 am Outreach Meeting (Room 106)

Monday, 7/7

7:00 pm Discipleship meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, 7/8

7:00 pm Properties Meeting (Library)

Thursday, 7/10

10:00 am Staff meeting (Pastor's Study)

Sunday, 7/13

10:15 am Childcare available
10:30 am Worship/Communion & YouTube Live-Stream
11:40 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)

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.



*Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was
buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared
first to the women, then to Peter, and the Twelve, and then to many
faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God,
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

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 434 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary	Toccata Brevis on 'Deus Tuorum Militum	Edward Landin
<i>[Please hold your applause, thank you]</i>		

Today's Worship team is Sam Ewing (preaching); Raphael Peoples (liturgist); Nik Stackpole (organist); Bruce Klucharich (audio-visual); 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 Theme, Flute Solo, and Scherzetto on
'Deus Tuorum Militum Edward Landin (b. 1988)

*Call to Worship

Raphael Peoples

Call upon the Lord? I asked for help and I was healed!
**We asked for freedom, and we were given liberty
 beyond measure! Praise God!**
 Sing to the Lord, all you faithful;
 give thanks to God's holy name.
God turned our mourning into dancing!
**The Great Tailor took away the sackcloth
 and dressed us up in celebration!**
Our hearts sing without ceasing!
O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!

*Hymn 2236 (small blue hymnal)	Gather Us In	GATHER US IN
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Call to Confession

When we walk from darkness into the light we can see ourselves as we really are. We see the spots of sin more clearly, and we realize that we need God's healing and redemption. Come confess your sins to God, and wade into the river of the Healer's mercy.

Prayer of Confession

**God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior.
We come to you with the hope of your restoration.** (over)

We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blinded to our own! We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them. Fill us with your peace and with your mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you. 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

Peace!
Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven.
Peace is what you have when you know that destruction of sin cannot harm you, because you are not alone in your journey of life.
Therefore, peace my sisters and brothers!
In Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored!
Thanks be to God!

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

Moment of Mission

Nik Stackpole

Offertory

Air on ‘Deus Tuorum Militum

Edward Landin

*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 host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

Your Word, O Lord,
is our inspiration, our light, and our motion.
Your Word, O Lord,
is power, is wisdom, and is comfort.

The First Lesson

Galatians 6:1-16

(pew bibles pg.191)

Hymn 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

The Second Lesson

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

(pew bibles pg.71)

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

Sermon

“Restoration and Preservation”

Sam Ewing