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

## Westminster Presbyterian Church July 13, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



Fifth 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 Mac and Kristy Yates in honor of the 20th wedding anniversary of Eliot and Kacey Yates Gable. And to honor Kristy's mother, Sally Mann's 91st birthday.

**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 on website. www.westminsterakron.org

**Westminster Music is hosting a Handel's Ice Cream Fundraiser!** You can help by selling "pint cards" for \$6.75 to your family, friends, clubs, sports leagues, and coworkers. Those who purchase a card can redeem it at the local Handel's for their favorite pint of ice cream. Nearly 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Westminster Music Concert Series, which enhances our community and supports our Outreach Program in education. To get started, please grab a flyer and order form. *How many pints can you sell?* Thank you for your support! Flyers are located at the front and back of the church.

> **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 Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

"The bread of life." "The cup of salvation."

Communion hymn 504 Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether UNION SEMINARY

\*Hymn 488 The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary "Improvisation on 'Leoni,"

Nik Stackpole

You are invited to remain seated quietly during the Postlude. At it's conclusion, we say "Amen" in lieu of clapping.

#### July 14–18th- ETC rehearsal in (WHH).

Dawn will be out of the office for some vacation time, you can try reaching Jim Cole by calling the church office number or email him if you need to speak to someone, 330.836.2226 or wpctreasurer1250@gmail.com

July 15th- ILP Studio July 19th- Food for Life (Kitchen) July 20th–Personnel meeting (Library)

> 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.

Great 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.

Therefore we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name:

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.

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

Words of Institution

Remembering the risen Christ, we take from your creation this bread and wine as we live for the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer you now the sacrifice of our lives, for great is 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. **Today's Worship team is** The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby(preaching); Joel Rhoads (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 Beside the Still Waters

\*Call to Worship

Joel Rhoads

Gwyneth Walker (b.1947)

Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind! Love your neighbor as yourself, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind! Do this and you will live! Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 427 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service BLAENHAFREN

Call to Confession

The psalmist asks a question:

how long?

How long will we live unjustly and show partiality, instead of loving as God loved us? Trusting in that love, let us confess our transgressions to the Lord.

### Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are your sons and daughters, descendants of the God most high, yet, we do not behave to honor you and our actions belittle the love you have for us. (over)

We do not defend the weak or those without fathers or mothers. We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not commit to efforts to rescue the weak and the needy; we sometimes deliver them into solitude and neglect.

Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice, than living with guilt and fear. Straighten our path, so that we can be guided as a mother or a father guides beloved children. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 574	Lord, Have Mercy	Kyrie	Prayer of Dedication		
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Assurance of Forgiveness The triune God's unconditional love does not seek appearances or conditions, but loves in such a way, that we restored to health and to wholeness. Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!			Prayer for Illumination Your Word, O Lord, is our inspiration, our light, and our motion. Your Word, O Lord,		
			*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.			The Second L	Luke 10:25-37	(pew bibles pg.71-72
*Passing the Peace			This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!		
	ls and strangers saying, hrist be with you.		Sermon	"Our Neighbors"	The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selb
Moment of Mission		Dottie Erb	The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
			Invitation	John 6:35	
Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering Please sign the friendship pad and pass it along. Thank you.			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."		

Offertory

(Joel Rhoads, soloist) (1900-1975)\*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. bibles pg. 199-200) ABBOT'S LEIGH ew bibles pg.71-72) Dr. Sandy Selby

Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace

Eric Thiman