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Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 28, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Online Giving

Secure Online Giving is available through our website,
www.westminsterakron.org
Select "Give" and then click on
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PRESBYTERIANS



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 Margie in loving memory of Dr. William Brideweser who entered life eternal on September 26, 2017.

The PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness offering extends light to those in the shadows and guides them into ways of peace. This offering will be collected on October 5th, and envelopes will be in the pews for your convenience. WPC keeps 25% of the proceeds to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. You can make online donations, as well, on our website.

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 26 and November 9th, let's shower the women and children sheltering at ACCESS with lots of warmth and love. You can make online donations, as well, on our website.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our performance of the Rutter Requiem with 120 singers and chamber orchestra on Sunday, October 26. In December, we will welcome the Firestone Madrigal Singers in worship on Sunday, December 7, gather for a joyful Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, December 21, and conclude 2025 with our cherished Service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve, complete with a half-hour of prelude music. It is shaping up to be a truly exciting season, and I am grateful for all who make this ministry possible!

We apologize upon unfortunate circumstances, this past Community Dinner was postponed until this coming Thursday October 2, 5-7 pm. We hope you can all join us for some fellowship and good food.

***Please check the church calendar or with your committee moderator for upcoming meetings. There have been some room changes until after Oct. 19th. Thank you.**

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 September 28- October 5, 2025

Sunday, 9/28

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)

Wednesday, 10/1

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

Thursday, 10/2

5:00 pm Community Dinner (WHH)
6:30 pm PNC meeting (Pastor's Study)
7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, 10/5

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 Fellowship/Birthday Cake (WHH)
11:40 am Outreach Meeting (Pastor's Study)
12:00 pm Hymnody Class (Room 106)

Come after worship and sit with a cup of coffee and share your stories, laughter and kindness.

Affirmation of Faith

I am loved. I am God’s child. I am victorious.
I am a new creation. I am chosen, holy, and dearly loved.
I am alive with Christ. I am strong in Christ. I am free.
I am fully forgiven. I am never alone.
I am blameless and free from accusation. I am a saint.
I am forever free from condemnation. I am a citizen of heaven.
I am assured all things work together for good.
I am safe and the evil one cannot harm me.
I am a member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God’s special possession. I am the light of the world.
I am valuable.
I am more than a conqueror through Christ, who loves 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 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in F Major J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Today’s Worship team is The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching);
Raphael Peoples (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 Watercolors Sandra Eithun

*Call to Worship Raphael Peoples

When they call to me, I will answer them, says the Lord.
I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue and honor them.
With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God.

*Hymn (INSERT) Tell Out, My Soul WOODLANDS

Call to Confession

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sins, that grace might
bridge, and we might cross, the great chasm between us.

Prayer of Confession

**Dressed in fine linen, we feast sumptuously every day,
while others long to satisfy their hunger.
We have Moses and the prophets,
yet we remain unconvinced, waiting for some human warning.
Forgive us.
In your mercy, convince and comfort us,
and lead us to righteousness through
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Response 574

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

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

*O Holy Ghost, thou precious gift, thou Comforter unfailing.
From Satan’s snares our souls uplift, and let thy power, availing;
Avert our woes and calm our dread; for us the Savior’s blood washed.
We trust in thee to save us!*

Assurance of Forgiveness

Through Christ we are carried away by the angels,
comforted by Father Abraham,
our hunger—satisfied, our agony—cooled,
and our sins—forgiven.

*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.**

*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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

God of the Prophets,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
speak your Work to us, and seal it within us,
that we may heed your call. **Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying,
The peace of Christ be with you.

The First Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6-19

(pew bibles p.210-211)

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Offertory

All Glory Be to Thee Most High

Rachel Aarons (b. 1984)

(Sarah Kolesar, Trumpet)

Hymn 354

Guide My Feet

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*All glory be to thee, Most High, to thee all adoration!
In grace and truth thou drawest nigh to offer us salvation.
We bless and worship thee and raise our voices in unending praise;
We praise thy Name forever.
O Jesu Christ, our God and Lord, Son of the heavenly Maker,
O thou, who hast our peace restored, the straying sheep dost gather.
Thou Lamb of God, to thee on high out of the depths we sinners cry:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

The Second Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

(pew bibles p.79-80)

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

Sermon

“Bridging the Chasm”

The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby

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