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## **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**March 2, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.**

*Transfiguration Sunday*

“ This is my Son,  
the Chosen one.  
Listen to him.

Luke 9:35

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**MORE LIGHT**  
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** Lisa and Carlton Boush in loving memory of Marylyn Park.

**Thank you Labbe family, for providing March Birthday Cake,** for those celebrating their special day. Hope all your birthday wishes come marching in!

**Come out on Friday, March 7th, at 6 pm,** and join us by the fire as we enjoy a delectable meal prepared by dinner group members. Our event will be hosted by Gayle at the exquisite O'Neil House in the Garden Room. Whether you are a current member of a dinner group, a hopeful member of a dinner group, or you'd just like to get out of the house, please be sure to reserve your spot soon as we are limited to 40 guests. Talk to Gwynne or Dottie after church or email Gwynne at [wpcfamlyministry1250@gmail.com](mailto:wpcfamlyministry1250@gmail.com)

**Mark the start of Lent here at Westminster** on Ash Wednesday March 5th, at 7:00 pm. Together let us experience the powerful ritual of receiving ashes and begin a journey of repentance and spiritual growth.

**Per capita** is an opportunity for all communicant members of Westminster Presbyterian Church through its' governing bodies (Eastminster Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant, General Assembly) to participate equally, responsibly, and interdependently by sharing the cost of coordination and evaluation of mission; and of performing ecclesiastical, legislative, and judicial functions that identify a Reformed Church, while strengthening the sense of community among Presbyterians.

Westminster's per capita amount per person for 2025 is \$33.00 and is composed of \$18.76 for Eastminster Presbytery; \$3.40 for Synod of the Covenant; and \$10.84 for General Assembly. Consider paying your per capita to help Westminster offset the amount being used from our budget.

Please write "per capita" on your check's memo line.



## Calendar of Church Building Events For March 2- March 9, 2025

### Sunday, 3/2

- 8:30 am Childcare available
- 8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Adult Book Club (Room 106)
- 10:30 am Worship/Food Collection & YouTube Live-Stream
- 11:40 am Outreach Meeting (Room 106)
- 11:45 am Coffee/Birthday Cake Fellowship (WHH)
- 2:30 pm Amplified Youth Meet

### Monday, 3/3

- 7:00 pm Discipleship Committee meets via Zoom

### Tuesday, 3/4

- 5:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 91442 meeting
- 5:30 pm ILP Studio

### Wednesday, 3/5

- 6:30 pm Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm League of Women Voters
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, 3/6

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom

### Friday, 3/7

- 6:00 pm Dinner Party at The O'Neil House/Garden Room

### Sunday, 3/9

- 8:30 am Childcare available
- 8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)
- 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)

Sermon

“Listening to Jesus”

The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby

**Today’s Worship team is** Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching);  
Stacy Franzmann (liturgist); Nik Stackpole (organist);  
Bruce Klucharich (audio-visual); Adult Choir and Ushers

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,  
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.  
We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,  
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.  
We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God  
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.  
We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,  
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.  
We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,  
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.  
This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.  
Amen**

Prayers of the People

In the face of Jesus Christ, the wondrous will of God is revealed.  
God of glory. **Transform the world.**  
We pray silently...

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 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary

“Recessional,”

Robert Cundick (1926-2016)

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*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 “Air,’ from Suite no. 1 for Organ,” Florence Price (1887-1953)

\*Call of Worship

Stacy Franzmann

“The Lord is king; let the people tremble.”  
The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake...  
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord  
and worship upon God’s holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

\*Hymn 75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

Call to Confession

In trust, let us call upon God’s holy name,  
confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

**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



Prayer of Confession

**Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor 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

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgive. **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.**

\*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 to those seated near you. Last one to sign, please leave at the end of the pew. Thank you.*

Offertory “Christ, Upon the Mountain Stands,” Robert Lehman (b. 1960)

*Christ, upon the mountain stands, vision of the heavenly blessing; Blazing forth to all the lands, saints and angels now professing. Alleluia!*

*Law and prophets have their place in the cloud of wondrous glory; Chosen witnesses of grace, there to see and tell the story. Alleluia!*

*God, in majesty descends, then proclaims to all before him: This is my beloved Son! Nations, come now and adore him. Alleluia!*

*Faithful hearts we lift on high, joyful strains, our voices raising For this vision’s mystery, songs of wonder, hymns of praising. Alleluia!*

\*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

By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35

(pew bibles, pg. 81)

Hymn 462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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The Second Lesson

Luke 9:28-43

(pew bibles, pg. 69-70)