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MORE LIGHT  
PRESBYTERIANS



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

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

June 29, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

### SETTING ONE'S FACE TOWARD JERUSALEM



## 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 Raphael Peoples.

'If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life from aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.' -Emily Dickinson

**We want to extend our gratitude** to everyone who has generously contributed to the Pentecost and Undie Sunday collections. Your donations play a vital role in supporting those in our community who are in need. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families facing challenges. As a reminder, there is still time to make your donation in person or online and be a part of this important initiative. Your support is invaluable in our mission to provide essential items and assistance to those who rely on our generosity. Thank you for your kindness and commitment to helping others!

**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](mailto: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.

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.

## Calendar of Church Building Events For June 29– July 6, 2025

### Sunday, 6/29

10:15 am Childcare available  
10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream  
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)  
1:00 pm ETC rehearsal (WHH)

### Tuesday, 7/1

8:00 am Schantz tuning organ (most of the day)  
5:30 pm ILP Studio

### Thursday, 7/3

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

### Friday, 7/4

Office will be closed; Happy 4th of July

### Saturday 7/5

8:00 am Food For Life  
2:00 pm Celebration of Life for Suzanne Rogers  
Reception following after (WHH)

### Sunday, 7/6

10:15 am Childcare available  
10:30 am Worship/Food collection & YouTube Live-Stream  
11:45 am Coffee/Birthday Cake Fellowship (WHH)  
11:45 am Outreach meeting (Room 106)

### 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 (insert)	O Jesus I have Promised	NYLAND
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## \*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary 6	Toccata Brevis	Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)
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**Today's Worship team is** The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching);  
Marcia Holcomb (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                      Be Thou My Vision                      Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)  
(Valerie Stewart-solo)

\*Call to Worship Marcia Holcomb

God, who rules the universe, calls us;  
Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;  
Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.  
Let us faithfully answer by worshiping the triune God.

\*Hymn 416 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

## Call to Confession

Christ Jesus did not call down destruction upon those who rejected him.  
How much more will he show mercy to those who seek forgiveness.  
In faith, let us confess our sins.

## Prayer of Confession

O God, Holy Trinity, help us to confess our sins.  
You give us a place in your creation, and you intend that we live in love  
with all that you made.  
We confess that we abuse what you give us. By our thoughts, actions,  
and the meditations of our hearts we show how enslaved we are to life  
made corrupt by sin. Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on  
paths that lead to death. (over)

*Silence is observed.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

The crucified Christ has set us free to live in the Spirit of life.  
Hear the good news of the gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*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.*

## Prayer of Dedication

## Prayer for Illumination

O God,  
by your Spirit plant your word within us that  
we may follow your Son,  
our Lord, Jesus Christ, and never leave him.  
May we find our home in your kingdom and  
our life in your Spirit. **Amen.**

The First Lesson      Galatians 5:1, 13-25      (pew bibles pg. 190-191)

Hymn 76                      My Song is Love Unknown                      LOVE UNKNOWN

The Second Lesson      Luke 9:51-62      (pew bibles pg.70-71)

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

Sermon                      “Facing Forward”                      The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby