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**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS

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

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

**February 9, 2025 at 10:30 am.**

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*



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or on our church website at [westminsterakron.org](http://westminsterakron.org)

## 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 Carlton's father, Roy Boush.

**We will be collecting personal care items** and women's underwear today February 9th. RAHAB provides basic needs to women and children who have been affected by human trafficking. The items requested are: full-sized shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, and deodorant (Ethnic hair care products are also needed), new women's bras, underwear, and socks. Your kind donations help to give a sense of dignity to those in need.

**"Sweets and Treats" Brunch** this morning after service. Join us for quiche, tomato soup shots with grilled cheese dippers, fresh salad, and Valentine Treats from Westside bakery. We'll also have stations set up around the room where you can make a card for your Valentine, learn to arrange flowers, and sample delectable chocolates.

**The Acme Cash Back program is coming to a close.** Please submit all your Acme receipts by February 28, 2025. Boxes are in WHH and the narthex. Thank you!

**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.

*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.

### 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 February 9– February 16, 2025

### Sunday, 2/9

- 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 & YouTube Live-Stream
- 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)
- 11:45 am Sweets and Treats Brunch (WHH)

### Tuesday, 2/11

- 7:00 pm Properties Meeting (Library)

### Wednesday, 2/12

- 3:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, 2/13

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

### Saturday, 2/15

- 8:00 am Food For Life

### Sunday, 2/16

- 8:30 am Childcare available
- 8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Adult Book Club (Room 106)
- 10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream
- 11:40 am Deacons meeting (Room 106)
- 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)

**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.**

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

## 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 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.**

## The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

“The bread of life.” “The cup of salvation.”

Communion Hymn 2130      The Summons      KELVINGROVE

## Prayer following Communion

**O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully  
redeemed us. Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves,  
our wills, and our works, a continual thank-offering to you, through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn 421      The Church of Christ in Every Age      WAREHAM

## \*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary      “Impromptu No. 2”      Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

Voluntary      “Adoration,”      Florence Price (1887-1953)

\*Call to Worship      Kate Clark

In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole  
earth, calls us.  
**Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.**  
We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.  
**In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.**

\*Hymn 138      Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!      NICAEA

## Call to Confession

Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin,  
confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

## Prayer of Confession

**O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and  
our hearts are not pure, you call us.  
Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk.  
Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes  
you intend.  
Help us to comprehend your ways in the world.  
We long to feel your grace and glory,  
for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free;  
in Jesus' name, we pray. 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 promise is this:

God is faithful and steadfast,

eager to forgive our sin and welcome us home.

Grateful for this promise of joy and of peace,

let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

\*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

“Salvation in Created,”

McKinney (1956-2019)

*Salvation is created, for all peoples of the earth, O God, our God. 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

God of steadfast love and faithfulness,

you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to hear your word with

understanding, that in our speech and actions, we may exalt your

name above all things; in Jesus’ name we ask it. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 138

Hymn 394

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

The Second Lesson

Luke 5:1-11

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

Sermon

“Deep Waters”

The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

John 6:35

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.”

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up 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:

*(over)*