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Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 19, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Music Sunday



Online Giving

Secure Online Giving is available through our website,
www.westminsterakron.org
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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 Elizabeth Cole and James Cole in loving memory of their father and grandfather Carl J. Arnold.

The white rose on the pedestal for long-standing Westminster member Julia Bain who passed away Oct. 9th at 94 years old. She touched so many lives and will be missed.

There is still time to donate electronically to the Peace and Global Witness offering. In this highly charged and deeply divided society, it is used to challenge injustice, break down barriers and dividing walls, advocate for the marginalized, etc. We keep 25% of the proceeds to use locally. Please give generously, at www.westminsterakron.org, select "Give" click on "Give Here", from there follow prompts. Thank you.

Meet and Greet Reception on Saturday, October 25, 5-7 pm., you are warmly invited to attend a Meet and Greet Reception with the candidate. This will be an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the candidate in a relaxed and welcoming setting. We encourage you to participate in the appetizer potluck. Bring your favorite to share. We will have a charcuterie board and refreshments.

A congregational meeting following the 10:30 am worship service on 10/26 for the sole purposes of voting on the candidate for Westminster's pastor and voting on Kate Husinga to fill an opening on the church-wide Nominating Committee.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our performance of the Rutter Requiem. There will be 120 singers and chamber orchestra on Sunday, October 26, for 4:00pm in the Sanctuary at Westminster.

Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and fall festivities at our annual **Trunk or Treat!**

Monday, October 27 | 6:00–7:30 pm. We'll welcome families from IWC and WYDACA, making this a wonderful opportunity to continue building relationships with our neighbors. We need **lots of helping hands** to make this event a success! Volunteers are needed to:

- Set up and clean up
- Host trunks (no full costume required—a festive shirt and a few decorations are perfect!)
- Serve food and drinks; Lead the pumpkin painting craft.

Even if you can't attend, you can still participate by donating candy. **Sign up** on the sheet in Wright-Herberich Hall, or let Dottie or Gwynne know you're willing to help. Let's make this a joyful, welcoming evening for our community.

"Did you know there is a place where kids can go, regardless of their church affiliation, to make friends and make a difference? Amplified Youth is an open and affirming youth group where questions are welcome, doubts are okay, and everyone is invited to come as they are!

Currently, Amplified Youth represents seven churches from across the Akron area. We are interdenominational and welcome students in grades 4-12." Help us get the word out, that this group exists. Contact Gwynne, wpcfamilyministry1250@gmail.com.

The WPC Giving Tree will start early this year to provide scarves, mittens, hats, and gloves to women and children at ACCESS before the cold sets in. From October 26 to November 9, let's show our warmth and love. Online donations are also welcome on our website. www.westminsterakron.org

Calendar of Church Building Events For October 19– October 26, 2025

Sunday, 10/19

- 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)
- ~ Please submit your items for the November "Script" ASAP
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Tuesday, 10/21

- 9:30 am Quilting Ministry

Wednesday, 10/22

- 3:45 pm Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 10/23

- 7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

Saturday, 10/25

- 9:00 am ILP Studio (Room 208-209)
- 10:00 am Requiem rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Meet & Greet reception (WHH)

Sunday, 10/26

- 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
- 11:30 am Congregational meeting for new candidate (Sanctuary)
- 11:40 am Deacons meeting (Room 106)
- 11:40 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)
- 4:00 pm Rutter Requiem concert (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm ILP Studio (Room 208-209)

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

Reflection:

When Words Alone Cannot Express

Nik Stackpole

Hymn 2212

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Affirmation of Faith

Father, we come to You today because we want You to speak truth into our lives. We recognize that sometimes the things we tell ourselves do not reflect the truth that comes from You. Help us to not only speak good things over our lives but to also believe only those things that line up with Your word. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Receive our prayers, O God, and grant that what we ask in faith
we may live in love;
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) When Words Alone Cannot Express LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary

When In Our Music God is Glorified

Robert Hobby

*You are invited to remain seated quietly during the Postlude.
At its conclusion, we say “Amen” in lieu of clapping.*

Today’s Worship team is

Margo Works & Harriet Chapman (liturgists); Nik Stackpole (organist);
Bruce Klucharich (audio-visual); Adult Choir, Children’s 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

Improvisation

Nik Stackpole

*Call of Worship

Come, let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!
We will lift our hearts in song and praise.
When words alone cannot express our gratitude—
Music becomes our prayer and our offering.
From organ pipe to ringing bell, from quiet voice to resounding choir—
Let every sound proclaim the glory of God.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! We will praise God
We will praise God with the music of our lives!

*Hymn 264

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

Children’s Choir

“Jesus Loves Me”

Traditional

Call to Confession

The new covenant God has made with God’s people, and with us,
begins in forgiveness.
Though we continually break covenant with God,
God remains faithful.
We confess our sins to God, trusting that God will forgive us
and remember our sins no more.

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.



Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
we confess that we do not meditate on your
commands and teachings all day long.
We do not keep your word before us always and in all things.
Instead, we turn away from demanding truth and wander
toward easier options.
Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.
Forgive us for growing weary in following you;
for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice;
for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.
Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.
Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.
Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever.
We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

Response 574	Lord, Have Mercy	<i>Kyrie</i>
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.		
Lord, have mercy upon us.		

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, God promises to forgive us,
to put our sins out of God’s own mind and heart.
In this way, God gives us not just a second chance
but a new beginning.
Believe the good news of the gospel:
our salvation is through faith in Christ Jesus.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Response 567	Glory Be to the Father	<i>Gloria Patri</i>
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. **And also with you.**

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Offertory	Teach Me, O Lord	Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)
<i>Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.</i>		

*Response 592	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	<i>Doxology</i>
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

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God,
You are the composer of creation and Your Word is the melody
that brings life. As the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, tune our
hearts to hear Your harmony of grace. Let the rhythm of Your Spirit
move within us, that we might not only listen, but join the song—
living in harmony with Your truth and Your love.
In Christ’s name we pray, **Amen.**

Hymn (INSERT)	Let All the World in Every Corner Sing	LUCKINGTON
The First Lesson	Psalm 150	(pew bibles p. 583)
Sequence Hymn (INSERT)	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	BLAENWERN