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## Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 7, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



*Lord, you are the potter and I am the clay!*



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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** in loving memory of Bill Brideweser, by Margie and family.

**The white rose on the pedestal is in loving** memory of life long church member, Marilyn Carr who passed away recently at the age of 98 years old. Now in the hands of God, may she rest in peace.

**Thank you Vicarel Family for providing** the September birthday cake. May the all September birthdays "Fall" into a healthy, happy birthday year!

**Please help the needy of West Akron** by providing items for the Christ Woodland food pantry. Particular needs at this time: canned pineapple, canned chicken, tuna, and jelly. Monetary donations are appreciated as well.

**The Discipleship Committee and Deacons** hope you are able to attend a Rally Day Luncheon after church TODAY. We will be serving chicken and desserts to celebrate the start of fall programming and share some memories from our successful summer events. If you are able, bring a fruit, veggie, or pasta salad to share. Everyone is welcome – with or without a salad. (WHH)

**Reminding everyone that Zoom Bible Study** will start back up on Thursday nights, September 11th at 7:00 pm. For more information and/or Zoom link, please contact Rae Leonard at leonardrae4@gmail.com

**Mark your calendars for Community Day** at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 14, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service in WHH. This special event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family for food, fellowship, and fun. After enjoying a shared meal, we'll turn our focus to music with engaging, lighthearted activities designed for all ages. Whether you've been part of the music program for years or are just curious about how music shapes worship at WPC, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

**Beginning Sunday, September 21 and continuing** for five weeks through October 19, we will be offering a special hymn class series following the Sunday morning service. This series is an invitation to explore the rich and diverse world of congregational song—from ancient origins to modern-day expressions. Each session will focus on a unique theme, combining listening, discussion, and reflection to deepen our appreciation of the hymns we sing and the ways they shape our worship and faith. Light refreshments will be provided, and all are welcome to attend—whether you are a lifelong hymn lover or just curious to learn more. link to sign-up (Room 106).

**"Random Acts of Kindness" Scavenger Hunt** with our Amplified Youth, Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 4-7 pm. **Save the Date** with more information to come.

### 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 7– September 14, 2025

### Sunday, 9/7

8:30 am Childcare available/open  
8:45 am Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)  
10:30 am Worship/Food Collection & YouTube Live-Stream  
11:40 am Coffee Fellowship/Birthday Cake (WHH)  
11:40 am Outreach meeting (Room 106)  
11:40 am RALLY DAY (WHH)

### Monday, 9/8

2:00 pm Piano Tuning (Sanctuary & Choir Room)  
7:00 pm Discipleship meeting via Zoom

### Tuesday, 9/9

7:00 pm Properties Committee meeting (Library)

### Wednesday, 9/10

3:45 pm Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm PNC meeting (Pastor's Study)

### Thursday, 9/11

7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

### Sunday, 9/14

8:30 am Childcare available/open  
8:45 am Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)  
10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream  
11:40 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)  
11:40 am WPC Music Community Day

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



\*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the  
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and  
sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He  
shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion  
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the  
life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

And finally, together, as the people of God, we say 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 83 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High DEO GRACIAS

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Improvisation Nik Stackpole

*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** The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching);  
Stacy Franzmann (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  
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 Allegro Risoluto Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

\*Call to Worship Stacy Franzmann

“Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image,  
according to our likeness;  
and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds  
of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,  
and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’  
So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.  
‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it;  
and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air  
and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’”  
As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God, as mortals charged  
with holy purpose, let us worship the One who summons us to life.

\*Hymn 2004 (sm. hymnal) Praise the Source of Faith and Learning HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world,  
but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,**  
**like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon,**  
**your sanction of the way we live.**  
**We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain**  
**only after our cravings have been met.**  
**Merciful Maker,**  
**you created us for better use; remake us now.**  
**Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us,**  
**bring us low and raise us up.**  
**Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our**  
**place in your purpose.**

*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

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away;  
see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of the  
Christ I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is  
made new. Let us live as those reborn.

\*Response 579                      Glory Be to the Father                      *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was**  
**in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World, without end! 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.*

Offertory                      Laudate Dominum                      Gordon Young (1919-1998)

*Sing praise to God, all ye nations of the earth.*  
*Praise God, ye peoples of the earth.*  
*For God's mercy is upon us, and faithful is the Lord forever,*  
*Glory to the Father and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.*

\*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 host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination

Holy and merciful God, we have come to hear your word. Help us to bear it.  
Break down in us all that resists your will and plant in us a willingness to turn,  
for we would live; we would be your disciples.  
By your Spirit, come to us, now,  
in ancient texts, in everyday visions, in the need of our neighbor;  
we pray in the name of Jesus, our light. **Amen.**

The First Lesson                      Jeremiah 18:1-11                      (pew bibles pg. 720)

Hymn (INSERT)                      Most Holy God, the Lord of Heaven                      DUNEDIN

The Second Lesson                      Psalm 139                      (pew bibles pg. 577)

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

Sermon                      “Imperfectly Free”                      The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby  
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