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Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 21, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



“Do you know what I have done to you?”



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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 our parents and grandparents by Jennifer and David Vicarel.

Beginning today, 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 is on the website. (class will be in Room 106).

"Random Acts of Kindness" Scavenger Hunt (a place where kids can GO)
A scavenger hunt with our Amplified Youth today Sunday, September 21, 2025, from 4-7 pm. We encourage the children from our family circles, schools, churches, and the wider community to participate in this exciting youth program, following Jesus, have fun, and making a difference. This event marks a new opportunity to strengthen the fellowship of Westminster Church. We hope to see growth in our church, but we cannot achieve this without your support.. For more details, please get in touch with Gwynne at wpcfamlyministry1250@gmail.com or call the office at 330.836.2226.

We invite you to our Community Dinner on Thursday, September 25th, at 5-7 pm.
Join us for a delicious, home-cooked meal prepared with love and care. This event is open to everyone, so feel free to bring your family and friends to enjoy a delightful meal together.

The PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness offering extends light to those in the shadows and guides them into ways of peace. This offering will be collected on October 5th, and envelopes will be in the pews for your convenience. WPC keeps 25% of the proceeds to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

The annual WPC Giving Tree will appear a little earlier this year. Since it starts to get cold about now, we want the recipients to have the scarves, mittens, hats, and gloves when they need them. So, between October 26 and November 9th, let's shower the women and children sheltering at ACCESS with lots of warmth and love.

***Please check the church calendar or with your committee moderator for upcoming meetings. There has been some room changes until after Oct. 19th. Thank you.**

Calendar of Church Building Events For September 21– September 28, 2025

Sunday, 9/21

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)
11:40 am Deacons meeting (Pastor's Study)
11:40 am Personnel meeting (Library)
12:00 pm Hymnody Class (Room 106)
4:00 pm Amplified Youth Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, 9/23

9:30 am Quilt Ministry (WHH)
7:00 pm Session meeting (Pastor's Study)

Wednesday, 9/24

3:45 pm Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:30 pm TAIZE Service (Chancel)

Thursday, 9/25

5:00 pm Community Dinner
7:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

Saturday, 9/27

10:00 am Organ Day (Sanctuary) until 4:00 pm

Sunday, 9/28

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)

Affirmation of Faith

God's plan for me is perfect, and I trust it completely.
I am guided, protected, and loved by a divine power.
Even when I cannot see it, God is working miracles for me.
My heart is safe in God's hands.
I surrender my worries and trust God's timing.
God's love for me is infinite and unconditional.
I walk by faith, not by fear.
Every step I take is blessed and guided by divine light.
I am never alone, God is always with me.

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) Standing at the Future's Threshold LUX EOI

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Triumphant March on Lux Eoi David Blackwell (1919-2010)

Today's Worship team is Reverend Susan Curtis (preaching);
Margo Works (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 heart.
Bolded text is read or sung by all. *Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.*

Voluntary	Prelude on King's Weston	Nik Stackpole
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*Call to Worship Margo Works

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
**Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
 deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

*Hymn 148 At the Name of Jesus KING'S WESTON

Call to Confession

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But, if we confess our sin, God who is faithful, washes us clean.
With one heart and voice, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life,
we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and
bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future.

**We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you.
We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal.
Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. Amen.**

Response 574

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Beloved of God,
the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
It cannot be contained, but must be poured out.
Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do
is enough to separate you from the love of God
made known in Jesus Christ.
I declare in the name of the risen Christ that our sin
is forgiven and our lives are made new.

*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.

Moment of Mission

Stacy Franzmann

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Offertory

For Everyone Born

Tom Trenney (b. 1977)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.
And God will delight when we are creators of justice,
joy, compassion, and peace.

(cont.)

For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong.
For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work to speak out to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free!
And God will delight when we are creators of justice,
joy, compassion, and peace.

*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

Prayer for Illumination

God of life,
by the power of your Spirit come to us now.
Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become
fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting.
We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

The First Lesson

Psalm 119:97-105

(pew bibles p.568-569)

Hymn 452

O Day of God Draw Nigh

ST. MICHAEL

The Second Lesson

John 13:3-12

(pew bibles p.107)

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

Sermon

“Where’s your Heart?”

Reverend Susan Curtis