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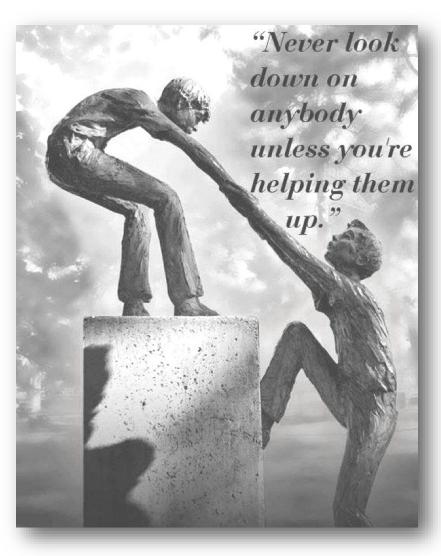




Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

# Westminster Presbyterian Church August 31, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



## 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 Marian Wahl in loving memory of her husband, Whitney Wahl, and her parents, Glenn and Ruth Clark.

Today we welcome Marilyn Nash, who has been received into membership at Westminster by transfer from St. Paul's Episcopal Church. If you are considering becoming a member of Westminster, please contact Sandy Gruneich, our Membership Moderator, at <a href="mailto:sandygru@gmail.com">sandygru@gmail.com</a> for information about our congregation and how to become a member.

**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 on September 7. 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 of 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. (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 August 31- September 7, 2025

#### Sunday, 8/31

10:15 am Childcare available/open 10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream 11:40 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)

### Monday, 9/1

Office will be Closed—Labor Day

#### Tuesday, 9/2

5:30 pm ILP Studio

#### Wednesday, 9/3

3:15 pm Handbell rehearsal (Sanctuary)

#### Thursday, 9/4

10:00 am Staff meeting (Pastor's Study) 7:00 pm PNC meeting (Pastor's Study)

#### Saturday, 9/6

8:00 am Food For Life (Kitchen)

#### 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)

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



The First Lesson

Psalm 81

(pew bibles pg. 541-542)

Hymn 462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

(pew bibles pg. 227-228)

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

Sermon

"Singing Lustily"

The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby

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 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 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**AZMON** 

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Toccata on Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Mark Thewes (b. 1954)

> 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);

Kate Clark (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

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

\*Call to Worship

Kate Clark

God calls us to service,

rather than honor.

God calls us to love the unknown,

rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship,

trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

\*Hymn 2126 (sm. hymnal) All Who Hunger Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

Call to Confession

God invites us to mutual love. But to find that mutuality, we must release our need for honor, our desire for privilege. In humility let us seek forgiveness, trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength.

(over)

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Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. 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

God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock to sustain us in new life.
Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and one another.
With joy, seek the honor of God's service. Amen.

\*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.

\*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 Air on O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Nik Stackpole

\*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

Reception of New Member Marilyn Nash

### \*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again: he ascended into heaven.

He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer for Illumination

God of Wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit, that we may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word. **Amen.**