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Westminster Presbyterian Church
April 20, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.



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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!

Church Office will be Closed this Monday, April 21, 2025

Thank you to those who have given a monetary gift to the One Great hour of Sharing which provide relief from natural disasters, hunger and promotes the self development of all people. Your kind gifts bring love and hope to the world through three life-saving programs. 36% supports the Presbyterian Hunger Programs, which is committed to ending hunger globally. 32% supports Disaster Assistance, which is committed to help others repair from disasters and beyond the initial aftermath globally. 32% supports Self-Development of people, which is committed to helping communities around the world gain the skills they need to improve their communities. *This will be the last Sunday for the month of April Westminster will take up a collection.*

Join us Saturday, May 3, 2025 for some Bloomin' Good Deals at our Perennials & Garage Sale! 10 am-2 pm, rain or shine. While you shop, enjoy a tasty all-beef gourmet hot dog, plus optional sides. Consider sharing perennials from your home garden. Please bring them to the Celtic Garden by Friday, May 2.

We need your donated household items, & decor, yard & garden, toys & games, for the garage sale. Please bring these items to Wright-Herberich Hall Wednesday– Friday during business hours 9-4pm. No need to price your items. Any remaining plants will be available on Sunday. This event is sponsored by the Celtic Gardeners and the Discipleship Committee of Westminster.

Added Note: The Discipleship Committee is working with the Outreach Committee to provide back-to-school supplies in August for immigrant families served by the International Welcome Center. Proceeds from the May 3 rummage sale will help with this effort. If you are able to contribute items for the rummage sale, we would welcome your donations. They can be dropped off at the church on April 30, May 1, or May 2. If you would like to help on the day of the sale, please contact Gwynne or Dottie. Watch for more information in upcoming Scripts and in the bulletin with details on other ways you can contribute to the August back-to-school supplies effort.

We will be celebrating our confirmation class on May 18 with a reception following the worship service. We hope that you will join us on that day to help us recognize our youth.

Calendar of Church Building Events For April 20– April 27, 2025

Sunday, 4/20 Happy Easter

8:30 am Childcare available
8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)
10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)

Monday, 4/21

Office Closed, Easter Monday

Tuesday, 4/22

2:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Pastor's Study)

Wednesday, 4/23

3:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, 4/24

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

Sunday, 4/27

8:30 am Childcare available
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)

Sermon “The Dawn of Hope” The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby

*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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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.

Prayers of the People

We offer our prayers through Christ, who is risen from the dead, and who lives and reigns forever. Loving God,

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) Welcome Happy Morning FORTUNATUS

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary Improvisation on Now the Green Blade Riseth Nik Stackpole

[Please no applause, thank you, enjoy your Sunday]

Today’s Worship team is The Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching); Harriet Chapman (liturgist); Nik Stackpole (organist); Bruce Klucharich (audio-visual); Adult Choir; Handbells 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.

[10:15]

Organ Prelude

Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Toccata on ‘Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Albert Travis (b. 1940)

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

[10:30]

Voluntary

Lead On, O King Eternal

Judy Phillips (b. 1952)

(Handbells)

Introit

This Joyful Eastertide

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

(Adult Choir)

*Opening Sentences

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*Call to Worship

Harriet Chapman

Rejoice and be glad:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Rejoice and be glad:

Heaven and earth will never be the same!

Rejoice and be glad:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Hymn 123

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the weak and the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we do not care for the earth you have made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. 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

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*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

Offertory

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Joe Cox (b. 1954)

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain.
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*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

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

(pew bible pg. 129-130)

Hymn 115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

The Second Lesson

Luke 24: 1-12

(pew bible pg. 90)

We are witnesses to these things: he is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!