

Westminster Presbyterian Church



The living self has one purpose only: to come into its own fullness of being, as a tree comes into full blossom, or a bird into spring beauty, or a tiger into lustre.
- D. H. Lawrence

**January 29, 2012
Presbyterian Heritage Sunday**

Service for the Lord's Day

CARILLON PEAL - BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Calvin Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

A Meditation on *Brother James' Air*
"Our Great Redeemer's Praise"

Scottish Psalter (1650), arr. Harold Darke
Arnold B. Sherman

(During the Call to Worship in Music you are requested to enter into a time of silence,
actively opening your spirit to God's presence in your midst.)

PROCESSION (Congregation Seated)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

The Reverend Laurie Brubaker Davis

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Please greet your neighbor with a Christian welcome. For example, "Peace be with you" or
"The peace of Christ be with you." Respond with "And also with you.")

***HYMN 220 - "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

from the *Book of Common Order*, Church of Scotland

Most merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us all our sins; deliver us, by thy Holy Spirit, from all uncleanness in spirit and in flesh; enable us heartily to forgive others, as we pray thee to forgive us, and to serve thee henceforth in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

People: **Thou that takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

H. W. Greatorex

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.

ANTHEMS

"Whoever Would Be Great Among You"

Ronald A. Nelson

Whoever would be great among you must become your servant, and whoever would be first among you, must be a slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

- Matthew 20:26-28

"Praise the Lord" (from *Judas Maccabeus*) *George Frideric Handel, arr. Hal H. Hopson*
Praise the Lord, let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia. Praise his name forevermore.
Shout, sing and dance; come dance and celebrate. Rejoice; let all within us praise his name.
Shout, sing; let songs of joy break forth. Praise the Lord, let songs of joy break forth.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 5:33-37

Pew Bible, p.5 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Miami Valley Pipes and Drums

*HYMN 170 - "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Scottish Psalter, 1650) *Crimond*

(At the beginning of the hymn, children in Pre-K - K may leave for Children and Worship. They will be met in the Narthex, the main Sanctuary entrance, and escorted to Room 106. All children in 1st and 2nd grades, who usually attend Come and See, will remain in the service for Whole Community Worship.)

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. George H. McConnel

The Rodney Dangerfield Problem

Text: "Do not swear at all...simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes'
and your 'No,' 'No'." Matthew 5:34, 37 NIV

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith (Presbyterian Church U.S.A.)

The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

**God created human beings with a need for community
and with freedom to enter into it
by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience
and to one another with love and helpfulness.**

**We believe that we have been created
to relate to God and each other
in freedom and responsibility.**

**We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility
by trying to live without God and other people
or against God and other people.**

**Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being,
and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.**

**Since every human being is made
for communion with God and others,
we must treat no one with contempt.**

**We are to respect and love all other people
and ourselves as well.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(During the Offertory, please fill out the Fellowship Pads and pass them up and down the pews
in order that we may greet one another by name after worship.)

Offertory Anthem - "Let the People Praise Thee, O God"

William Mathias

Let all the people praise thee, O God:
yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God:
yea, let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us:
and show us the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us.

That thy way may be known upon earth:
thy saving health among all nations.

Let all the people praise thee, O God:
yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad:

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.

- Psalm 67 with Gloria Patri

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 280 - "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (Stanzas 1 and 4)**

Amazing Grace

(As a symbol of our call to "Take the light of Christ into the world," the Acolytes carry the flame out of the Sanctuary.)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

PROCESSION (Congregation Seated)

°Latecomers may be seated at these times.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Westminster has celebrated **Heritage Sunday** for a number of years as a welcome winter worship high point. We Presbyterians trace our roots to John Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland, through John Knox in Scotland. The first Presbyterian minister in the new world was Francis Makemie, a Scots-Irishman, who served a congregation in Rehobeth, Maryland, beginning in 1683. Westminster was chartered as First Presbyterian Church in 1799, Dayton's first church.

Head Usher: Erik Collins
Church Office Receptionist: Virginia Miller

Head Greeter: Pam Kramer
CPR/AED: Stella Assink, Janice Matthews

Music Participants: Te Deum Ringers (grades 10-12; Jerry Taylor, Director) – Miami Valley Pipes and Drums – Knox Choir (grades 7-12; John Neely, Director; Brent Manley, Pianist; Abigail Collins, Guitar) – The Westminster Choir – John Neely is Organist-Director.

Today's Music: This morning we are pleased to welcome the **Miami Valley Pipes and Drums**, an area pipe and drum band comprised of residents of the greater Dayton area. The band formed in 2000 as a Fire and Police pipe band and has grown to over 20 pipers and drummers in various stages of learning. The group is represented by many different walks of professional life aspects including military, education, medical, police, fire and more. Under the leadership of Pipe Major Richard "Pipie" Parker, the band provides programs of education and performance which underscore the traditions of Highland piping and drumming. Weekly practices are held on Wednesday evenings at Westminster Church.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are glad you are here. After the service today, on your way out please stop by our Welcome Center just outside the Sanctuary's double doors. We have a gift for you to say, "Thanks for dropping in."

Have you enjoyed visiting Westminster? Would you like to know more about us and how to become a stronger part of our congregation? Do you wonder what it really means to be a Presbyterian? If so, you are warmly invited to attend our winter **Investigating Church Membership Seminar TODAY** from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Supper and childcare will be provided. Please speak to Laurie Davis or any of the pastors following worship if you would like to attend and have not already registered.

PARISH NOTES

If someone asks you for money, we encourage you instead to give them one of Westminster's **Emergency Assistance Cards**, which are available in the Narthex or the Church Office.

During the service, if you notice someone who appears to require **medical attention**, please raise *your hand directly in the air, or contact the head usher*. Response Team members will see your hand and care for the person.

Large print bulletins, hymnals, Bibles and sermons are available in the Narthex, from an usher, or at the hearing aid table by the elevator.

The flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of the Reverend Wayne L. McCoy by Amanda, Andrew and Colin Dorris.

Please join us following worship for Coffee Hour, downstairs in Fellowship Hall. You are invited to enjoy some light refreshments and fellowship. Donation containers for members are placed near the coffee.

Next Sunday, February 5, come to the Chapel Reception Room and have your **blood pressure checked** from 9:15 to 9:45 and 11:00 to 11:15 a.m.

Come walk the Labyrinth, noon-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, in Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend to come along for the journey. All are welcome.

Additional free parking on Sunday mornings is available in the lot on the corner of Perry and Second Streets (former location of Family Court Building). **The entrance to this lot is on Second Street. Exit on the Perry Street side; the gate will open.**

Prayer Shawls are available for members to take to a neighbor, friend, church member, or family member who is in need and who would receive comfort from

having one. You are welcome to come to the Resource Center on Sundays, 9:15-9:45 a.m., where a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team will be glad to help you. Shawl makers can also drop off completed items and pick up yarn for knitting or crocheting.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry Church. Trained Stephen Ministers offer care and support for people experiencing life difficulties. If you desire this kind of care, please contact John Shonle (223-7285 or johnshonle@westminsterdayton.org).

Westminster is **handicapped accessible**. People are invited to use the automatic doors on Perry Street near the alley and the elevator at the end of the ramp near the Chapel entrance. There is also a handicapped accessible restroom halfway down the ramp across from the Chapel. Pews 21 and 22 in the Sanctuary accommodate wheelchairs. Handicapped parking is available along both sides of Perry Street on Sunday mornings.

The **Downtown Dayton Partnership** warns us that break-ins of automobiles are as common in the downtown area as they are at the malls. Therefore, you are encouraged to leave nothing visible in your car when you park downtown.

If you **come to the church during the week**, you can park in Westminster's lot which is located across from the front entrance to the church on First St. The lot with the sign "Ray's Parking" is owned by Westminster. Your parking ticket can be validated in the Church Office.

Each week the churches of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley keep one particular congregation in their prayers. This week the churches are praying for **Oakland Presbyterian Church in Springfield**.

Need to speak with a pastor after worship? Here is where you can find them: Sandy – Narthex; Laurie – front door; Nancy – Coffee Hour; John Shonle – Coffee Hour.

ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS

Join **Just Friends** for a night of "Dinner and the Theater" on Friday, February 17. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. for dining at Co-co's Bistro, 515 Wayne Avenue. Following dinner we will cross the street to The Dayton Theater Guild, 414 Wayne Avenue. The play "Wittenburg" is a comic battling of faith vs. reason. Dinner reservations must be made and theater tickets of \$16.00 per person must be paid by **February 1**. If there is inclement weather, a rain date has been scheduled. Please contact Sally Frost (299-1234) for your reservation and tickets.

The annual "Sweetheart Luncheon" of the **Men of Westminster** will meet Wednesday, February 8, at 11:15 a.m., at the MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Avenue. The Reverend Nancy Hodgkins will share with us what it

means to discover that one has a call to the ministry. Any questions, call Bob Vandevander (278-5667).

EDUCATION

Every Sunday, 9:15-9:45 a.m.

- **Lectio Divina: Sunday Morning Meditation and Prayer** (Room 206) – This class experiences the ancient spiritual practice of "sacred reading" of the day's scriptures, seeking a personal word from God through the biblical text. Experienced class members lead the group.

Today

11:20 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

- **Gospel Parables** (West Parlor) – Led by Sandy McConnell, this class will investigate one parable a week for six weeks. Participants will grow in appreciation and knowledge of Jesus' communication style and message.

- **Life and Thoughts of John Calvin** (203-205) – Led by Dr. David M. Whitford of United Theological Seminary. Somewhere along the way in school, most of us learned three things about John Calvin: 1) He ruled Geneva as a theocracy; 2) He burned Michael Servetus at the stake; and, 3) He believed in Predestination. Only one of these is really true. Come find out which one.

- **Listening for God in Classic American Literature** (Chapel) – Led by Dr. Robert Davis of Wittenberg University (Laurie Davis' husband), this course considers the meaning of the sacred in five American writers: Frederick Douglass, Henry David Thoreau, Walt Whitman, Allen Ginsberg, and Annie Dillard. What these writers share is an interest in spiritual experiences that release people from the walled-in boundaries of an isolated self.

INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Infants and Young Toddlers (birth - 2 years old) are cared for from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 108. During the worship hour, the two-year olds are told a Bible story, participate in an activity, and enjoy a snack. Parents of infants are provided a beeper in case immediate communication is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary and attend Adult Education classes.

Toddlers (3 - 4 years old) are cared for from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 102. During the worship hour they participate in a faith-formation class, "First Lessons in Faith," take part in an activity, and enjoy a snack.

We welcome young children to worship in our Sanctuary. We have prepared cloth worship bags with quiet, worship-related activities for pre-readers and early readers, including a children's bulletin for today's

service. The bags can be found in a basket on a bench in the Narthex (main Sanctuary entrance) and upstairs in the balcony. All children are invited to use one throughout the worship time and then return the bag to its original location, taking the papers home with them. If you need help finding a bag, ask an usher for assistance.

Pre-K and Kindergarteners are invited to **Children and Worship**, a unique and interactive introduction to the stories and practices of our faith. As the second hymn begins, these children will be met in the Narthex (main Sanctuary entrance) and escorted to Room 106. Children and Worship concludes at 11:30 a.m. From there, children will be escorted to Genesis Singers (Pre-K) in Room 104 and Cherub Choir (K) in the Theater. Children not attending choir need to be met by their parents at 11:30 a.m.

Children in **grades 1 and 2**, who normally attend **Come and See**, a worship experience for younger elementary children, will remain in the Sanctuary for Whole Community Worship.

CrossRoads: Education for the Journey featuring varied and engaging activities for children in **first through sixth grade**, is taking a break today for Heritage Sunday, and will begin a new rotation, "Boy Jesus at the Temple," next Sunday.

MISSION

Next Sunday is **Hunger Sunday**. Please support the Souper Bowl of Caring by bringing canned food for the needy in our area. A monetary gift may also be given.

Fair Trade food products will be on sale next Sunday during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall. The Earth Stewardship Ministry Team will be selling coffee, tea, nuts, and chocolate. Put your faith into action as together we create a greener and more just food system.

MUSIC

Choirs for children and youth today. New members are welcome!

Today 11:20 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Genesis Singers (4 and 5 year olds, Pre-K) - Room 104
Holly Martin, Director

Cherub Choir (grades K-2), Theater
Rachael Boezi, Director

Calvin Choir (grades 3-6), Room 100 (Choir Room)
John Neely, Director

Carillon Bells (grades 7-9), Room 301
Brent Manley, Director

Te Deum Ringers (grades 10-12), Sanctuary
Jerry Taylor, Director

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Knox Choir (grades 7-12), Room 100 (Choir Room)
John Neely, Director

Supper and youth fellowships follow.

The Westminster Choir has resumed a regular schedule of rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. New members are welcome. We promise an excellent musical experience and great fellowship. Please contact John Neely (223-7285 or john@westminsterdayton.org) for details.

YOUTH

Junior High Class (grades 7 and 8) will not meet this morning due to Knox Choir's participation in the service, but will resume next Sunday.

Junior High and Senior High Youth Fellowships meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. this evening. All youth in grades 7 through 12 are welcome. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$2.00 to help cover the cost of meal.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please help your pastors help our members, especially in times of illness or accident. When you, a relative or friend enter the hospital, or are scheduled for inpatient or outpatient surgery, please phone the Church Office with that information - name, place and date.

Members known to be in the hospital as of Thursday, January 26: **Kettering Hospital** – Mel Gillespie; **Grandview Hospital** – Nike Nihiser.



SUPER BOWL OF CARING

Next Sunday, February 5

This wonderful project helps hungry people in the Dayton area and all over the world.

The Junior High Youth will be collecting non-perishable food items and money to tackle hunger by supporting

The Dayton Foodbank

The Junior High Youth will collect non-perishable food items in the Narthex before worship, and money in soup pots following worship next Sunday, Super Bowl Sunday, February 5.

**Please help Tackle Hunger
by giving generously!**

Taizé Service
This Thursday, February 2
5:40-6:15 p.m., in the Sanctuary

A meditative service of songs and prayers in candlelight.
Everyone is welcome.

The liturgy for these services originated with the Taizé community founded in France in 1940. This community is an ecumenical, intentional community with a twofold purpose: to seek communion with God through personal prayer and the beauty of community prayer; and also be a leaven of peace and trust in the midst of humanity. A traditional Taizé service includes listening to God through simple, meditative songs, scripture, prayer and silence, in the beauty of the Westminster Sanctuary.

*Future Taizé services continue to be held the first Thursday
of each month, and Thursdays in Lent beginning March 1.*

Add your prayer to our new Prayer Wall, located in the Sanctuary near the Chancel on the east wall. You will find blank prayer papers and pencils in the four mini-desks built into the wall. Write your prayer on the paper, roll up the paper, and insert it between the bricks of the wall. These prayers are completely private, between you and God. After the first Sunday of each month, the wall will be cleared and all prayer papers will be respectfully burned.

Prayer Wall postcards are now available to send to someone for whom you prayed. They are located in the Prayer Wall mini-desks and the Narthex.

I will call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me: give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you. Psalm 141:1-2a.

A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR VISITORS THIS MORNING from our Pastor

Some of you are members of other congregations. Others of you may have no church home in Dayton. We welcome you from whatever tradition you may have come, and invite you to explore our worship, our classes, and whatever captures your imagination and need. A brochure in the pew rack explains our worship service.

Our purpose as a congregation is to be a community of faith *where loving God and neighbor is transforming lives.*

Westminster is a safe place to ask questions and to live the questions of life that have no easy or pat answers. We understand the life of faith to be a journey, and we walk that journey with God and one another. Westminster is an exciting congregation where you can grow in faith and discover meaningful opportunities to serve others in the name of God. You are welcome here.

I welcome the opportunity to greet you following the service. If you have any questions regarding our congregation, please feel free to call me or any of our excellent staff. The Welcome Center in the Narthex, outside the rear entrance to the Sanctuary, will help you find your way around the Church and inform you about programs and membership. Our Web site, www.westminsterdayton.org, offers up-to-date church information. We offer a seminar, *Investigating Church Membership*, three times a year. Please indicate your interest on the Fellowship Pad.

God's grace and peace,



George H. McConnel

937-223-7285

sandy@westminsterdayton.org

P.S. Please include your e-mail address on the Fellowship Pad when it is passed to you.

MINISTERS

All members of the Church

STAFF

George H. McConnel.....	Pastor/Head of Staff	Cathy Shilt.....	Executive Assistant to Dr. McConnel
John W. Neely.....	Assoc. Pastor for Music	Amanda Newhart.....	Music & Education Secretary
Nancy S. Hodgkins.....	Assoc. Pastor for Youth & Mission	Carol Porter.....	Membership and Pastoral Care Secretary
Laurie B. Davis.....	Assoc. Pastor for Spiritual Growth	Kate Stephenson.....	Communications Assistant
John S. Shonle.....	Interim Assoc. Pastor for Pastoral Care	Shari Hulsman*.....	Bookkeeper
Jim Henry*.....	Mission Associate	Wayne King*.....	Maintenance Supervisor
Jerry Taylor*.....	Music Associate	Marvin Fleming.....	Sexton
Craig Showalter.....	Business Administrator	William C. Schram.....	Pastor Emeritus

*part-time

Officers of Westminster Presbyterian Church

ELDERS

Class of 2012

Scott Baird
John W. Ey
Linda Hargis
Amy Lachman

Class of 2013

Mel Gillespie
Mark McCloskey
Lola Signom
Jennifer Vicarel

Class of 2014

Rebecca Beasley
Daniel Harper
Stan Herr
Barbara Wilson

DEACONS

Class of 2012

Pam Koerner
Linda Lane
Gene Saunders
Cliff Wild

Class of 2013

Rogers Butana
Bridget Gladden
Wayne Spalding
Erin Staub

Class of 2014

Kendall Lawson
Debbie Lloyd
Cheryl Paquette
David Wescott

Standing Committees of Session

Building and Grounds
Education and Practice
Evangelism, Hospitality and Membership
Fellowship
Mission
Personnel
Stewardship and Finance
Worship, Music and Fine Arts

