



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day – April 19, 2026 Earth Stewardship Sunday

“The thing that changed for me, looking back at Earth, was that I found myself noticing not only the beauty of Earth, but how much blackness there was around it and how it just made it even more special. It truly emphasized how alike we are, how the same thing keeps every single person on planet Earth alive. We evolved on the same planet, and we have some shared things about how we love and live that are just universal. And the specialness and preciousness of that really is emphasized when you notice how much else there is around it. . . . I know I haven't learned everything that this journey has yet to teach me, but there's one new thing I know: and that is, planet Earth, you are a crew.” - Christina Koch, astronaut on the Artemis II voyage

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Dawn Hymn
“Jacob's Ladder”

Alan Hovhannes
Spiritual, arr. Kevin McChesney

(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.)

INTROIT - “Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord”

John Ness Beck

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his
presence with singing. Enter into his gates with
thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise!
-Psalm 100

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

The Reverend Dr. Caitlin T. Deyerle

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a verbal greeting or enthusiastic wave.)

*HYMN 142 - “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

Coronation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Faithful God, we have exercised our dominion over your creation thoughtlessly and, at times, cruelly. We know that, because of our acts, the voice of the Earth, which should have gone up to you in song, has often been a groan of travail.

Forgive us. Renew our minds and our hearts so that we might love you by loving and caring for your creation; through Jesus Christ, in whom all things in heaven and on earth were created.

(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: Beloved people of God, hear this Good News: the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

*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.

MINUTE FOR EARTH STEWARDSHIP

Sarah McKnight

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Children are welcome to come forward)

Elder Heather Sharp

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: 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.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

WELCOME

Leader: Wren McGervey and Dax Brazie have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them members of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
into Christ's family, where we love God and neighbor,
grow in faith, share in ministry, and abound in steadfast love.

HYMN (all sing) - "Baptized in Water"
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Bunessan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Psalm 104 (selected verses)

Pew Bible, pp. 554-555 OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Children in Pre-K - 2nd grades will leave the service at this time.
An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to their room.)

ANTHEM - "Look at the World"

John Rutter

Look at the world, everything all around us:
Look at the world, and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowering river, field and plain:

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth, and his the heavens above.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Colossians 1:15-20 and 2:6-7

Pew Bible, p. 200 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker

Look at the World: Its Beauty, Our Interdependence, and a Life-Giving Responsibility
Focus: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. — Psalm 104:24

***HYMN 267 - "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

Royal Oak

(Children in Grade 3-6 will leave the service at this time. An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to their classrooms.)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM - "Blessed be the God and Father"

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; pass the time of your sojourn here in reverence. Love one another with a pure heart fervently. See that ye love one another. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of mortals as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for evermore. Amen.

-I Peter 1:3-5, 15-17,22-25

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 (see page 9) - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

Blaenwern

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE (all sing) - "Alleluia" (from Taizé liturgy)**

Jacques Berthier

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Today we celebrate the baptism of: Wren Sylvia June McGervey daughter of Lydia (Brazie) and Matthew McGervey, and **Dax Lawrence Brazie** son of Corin and Morgan Brazie

MUSIC

Music Participants: Carillon Bells (Aaron Meece, Director) - Westminster Choir - Colleen Green, Soprano - Aaron Meece, Baritone - The Reverend John Neely is Organist-Director.

Today's Music: Today we sing familiar words "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" to an unfamiliar tune, *Blaenwern*.

The words are from the pen of Charles Wesley (1707-1708), an English lyricist and significant early leader in the mid-18th century Methodist movement, along with his younger brother John Wesley. He published more than 6,500 hymns, many of which are considered to have been extremely influential not only on Methodism, but on Christian worship as a whole.

The tune *Blaenwern* was composed by the Welshman William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937) during the Welsh revival of 1904-1905. The tune's name refers to a farm in Pembroke shire where Rowlands convalesced in his youth.

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Noonday Organ Recitals scheduled for Thursdays in May have been canceled due to continuing organ renovation and building construction.

Choirs for children and youth today. New members are welcome

Children's Choirs and Youth Handbells (Sundays)

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Genesis Singers (4 and 5 year olds, Pre-Kindergarten) - Rm. 101 - Hilary Toerner, Director

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

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

Knox Ringers (grades 7-12) - Rm. 301 - Brent Manley, Director

Youth Choir

5:00-6:00 p.m.

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

Youth Fellowship Groups follow.

All are welcome!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Infants and Toddlers, Room 108 (Infant - 3 years old), are cared for from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 108. Parents of infants will be contacted via text by the nursery staff in case immediate communication is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary. During the worship hour, children take part in an activity and enjoy a snack.

Classes for children and youth today. New members are welcome.

Pre-K - 2nd Grades:

10:00-10:20 - Worship with family in the Sanctuary

10:25-11:30 - Sunday School

Pre-K & K, Room 101

1st & 2nd grades, Room 103/105

3rd-8th Grades:

10:00-10:40 - Worship with family in the Sanctuary

10:45-11:30 - Sunday School

3rd & 4th grades, Room 109

5th-8th grades, Theater

Junior High and Senior High Youth Fellowships meets from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All youth in grades 7 through 12 are welcome. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$3.00 to help cover the cost of dinner.

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Welcome Visitors: We are so glad to welcome you to worship with us today! Whether you are just passing through or looking for a new church community, we hope you feel right at home. At Westminster we believe that Jesus welcomes all people, just as they are, and so do we. We understand the life of faith to be a journey that is better walked together than alone. Following worship please join us for Coffee and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall, or join one of our Sunday School classes. We hope you will explore the bulletin as well as our website www.westminsterdayton.org to learn more about us. Please leave us your name and contact information in the Friendship Pad so we can get to know you as well! Grace and peace to you. -Westminster Pastoral Staff and Congregation

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The flowers in the Chancel are provided by the Earth Stewardship Ministry Team to remind us of the beauty and bounty of God's good creation. The flowers chosen are locally grown to avoid transportation pressures on an already stressed environment.

If you are interested in donating Chancel flowers, please contact Kay Berg (bergkay07@gmail.com or 937-367-9297). Please note that there is a one month lead time for flower donation announcements.

Emergency Response Team: Thomas Hildreth, Cheryl Paquette
During the service, if you notice someone who appears to require medical attention, please raise your hand or contact the head usher. Emergency Response Team members will care for the person.

If you have a security concern please notify the head usher who can connect you to our security personnel.

Each week the churches of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley keep one particular congregation or group in their prayers. This week the churches are praying for **Covington Presbyterian Church**. Westminster is a praying church and we would love to pray for you. You are welcome to **add your prayer to our Prayer Wall**, located in the Sanctuary near the front on the east wall. You will find paper and pencil to write your private prayer to God and place it between the bricks of the wall.

If you have a prayer request you would like to share with our **Westminster Prays weekly email**, please use the Prayer Request Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering box following worship. You can sign up to receive the Westminster Prays email and share prayer requests or other pastoral needs directly with our pastoral staff by emailing caitlin@westminsterdayton.org or calling 937-907-6078.

Members recently released from the hospital: Paul Bascom



Next Sunday is Children's Sunday. Join us as our children lead us in worship. Genesis Singers, Cherub Choir, and Calvin Choir, as well as the Westminster Choir will sing.

Westminster 101



Sunday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Library

Are you interested in officially becoming a part of this vibrant congregation, or do you know someone who might be? If you have been visiting with us for a while and are interested in church membership, we are offering our "Westminster 101" class on Sunday, April 26, in the Library. Lunch is provided and childcare is available upon request. Please contact Mattie

Pennington (mattie@westminsterdayton.org) for more information, or to sign up to attend. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, April 20.



Join Us for a Fellowship Bike Outing!

The Fellowship Committee warmly invites everyone to a delightful bike outing on April 25!

Meeting Point: Beaver creek Community Park

Time: 2:00 p.m.

We'll embark on a group ride to Beaver creek Station, a leisurely two-mile journey where we'll enjoy a brief, relaxing break. For those who prefer a shorter ride, you have the option to head back to Beaver creek Community Park, completing a roundtrip of four miles.

For the more adventurous riders, continue with us to Fifth Third Gateway Park, an additional two miles from Beaver creek Station, before returning to Beaver creek Community Park for a total roundtrip of eight miles.

To wrap up our outing, we'll gather at Southern Ohio Brewery for a time of fellowship and camaraderie. If you'd like to join for only fellowship, please meet us at Southern Ohio Brewery at 3:00p.m.



April is Child Abuse Prevention month and the Westminster Parents Fellowship Class is sponsoring a pinwheel garden at Westminster to help raise awareness. Last year Dayton's local child advocacy center CARE House, operating in conjunction with Dayton Children's hospital, served over 1000 victims of physical or sexual abuse between the ages of 0-18. By showing our support we stand in solidarity with victims and their families, and we give thanks for the network of medical, legal, and support professionals who advocate for the least among us. The pinwheels will be up through Children's Sunday on April 26.

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”



1. Love di - vine, all loves_ ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n, to
 2. Come, Al - migh - ty, to_ de - li - ver, let us all thy
 3. Fi - nish, then, thy new_ cre - a - tion; true and spot - less



earth_ come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwel - ling, all thy
 grace_ re - ceive, Sud - den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver, ne - ver -
 let_ us be. Let us see thy great_ sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou_ art all_ com - pas - sion,
 more_ they tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bles - sing,
 ly_ re - stored in thee. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry.



pure, un - boun - ded love_ thou art. Vi - sit us with
 serve thee as_ thy hosts_ a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n. we take_ our place, till we cast our



thy_ sal - va - tion; en - ter ev' - ry trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in_ thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love and praise.

EARTH STEWARDSHIP SPRING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES



two compost stations in Dayton. He obtained a Certificate in Climate Justice and Faith in 2023 from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and is working to engage more of the local faith community on creation care.

Today, 11:20 a.m., West Parlor

Sustainable Living Practices (Waste-Free Dayton) with Brett Bogan.

Brett Bogan is a lifelong resident of the Miami Valley. He resides in Troy with wife Laura and son Adrian along with two dogs, two cats, and a bunny. While he has a day job working in data protection for a multinational corporation, Brett is the Executive Director of Waste-Free Dayton, a grassroots, all-volunteer nonprofit that promotes sustainable living practices, organizes monthly litter cleanups, and operates



Autism Acceptance Month, celebrated annually in April, promotes understanding, inclusion, and support for autistic individuals. It highlights the strengths and experiences of the autistic community, featuring educational campaigns, advocacy initiatives, and community events to foster a more inclusive society. To celebrate, free neurodiversity pins are available in the Narthex!



HOME ASSISTANCE WORK DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 10:00-NOON

- PULLING WEEDS
- MULCHING
- CHANGING LIGHT BULBS
- TAKING SMALL ITEMS TO GOODWILL
- OTHER TASKS

Home Assistance Workday

Saturday, May 2

10:00 - Noon

Do you need a little help around the house this Spring? Could your yard use a bit of a clean up? Are there old boxes you could use a hand getting out of the attic? Let your church neighbors lend a hand! Fill out our online form to request assistance or email mattie@westminsterdayton.org.

Deadline to request help is April 17.

We are happy to help with spreading mulch and planting, but we kindly ask homeowners to have their mulch and plants ready and at their house when the volunteers arrive.



EARTH DAY TIPS

50 easy ways to help the planet every day!



Earth Day reminds us to protect our planet, but why limit our efforts to one day? By adopting simple, sustainable habits daily, we can support the Earth all year. This guide offers 50 easy ways to help promote good stewardship of God's creation. Explore these ideas and share your own eco-friendly practices. By doing so, you help the planet and inspire others, creating a ripple effect of environmental awareness. Together, we can make every day Earth Day.

“Refuse the Receipt! Thermal paper receipts are coated in BPA and can't be recycled. Opt for email or text receipts instead!”



Parents Fellowship Class

Today, 11:30 a.m., Room 211

Our Parents Fellowship Class is exploring a new resource for families to talk about faith together. Each week we will discuss a lesson from the book *New Directions for Holy Questions* by Claire Brown and Anita Peebles. After sharing some insights as a group we will send you home with a copy of the week's lesson to discuss as a family. No advanced preparation or reading required!



Youth Sunday is Sunday, May 3 (10:00 a.m.) – A service completely led by our youth including the Knox Choir and Knox Ringers.

Church Calendar April 19 – April 25

Sunday, April 19

- 8:30am-12:30pm** Nursery Birth-Age 3, Nursery
9:15am-9:45am Westminster Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 10:00am-11:00am** Worship, Sanctuary
10:20am-11:30am 1st & 2nd Grade, 103 , 105
10:20am-11:30am Pre-K & K, 101
10:45am-11:30am 3rd & 4th Grade, 107 , 109
10:45am-11:30am 5th-8th Grade, Theater
11:00am-12:30pm Coffee & Conversation, Fellowship Hall
- 11:15am-12:15pm** Knox Ringers Rehearsal, Rooms 207, 203, 205
11:20am-12:30pm Adult Education: Earth Stewardship, West Parlor
11:30am-12:15pm Parent Fellowship, New Directions, 211
11:30am-12:15pm Calvin Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:30am-12:15pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Theater
11:30am-12:15pm Genesis Singers Rehearsal, 101
- 4:00pm-5:30pm** Dayton AGO Seminar, Sanctuary
5:00pm-6:00pm Knox Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Advisors Meeting, Fellowship Hall
6:00pm-8:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship (Grades 7-12), Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 20

- 5:30pm-7:00pm** Earth Stewardship Ministry Team, Library
7:00pm-9:00pm DGMC Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:15pm-9:15pm Bach Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 21

- 6:00pm-8:00pm** Deacon Meeting, West Parlor

Wednesday, April 22

- 9:00am-12:00pm** Staff Meeting, Library
10:00am-12:30pm ID Ministry, 101 , 103 , 105

Thursday, April 23

- 6:00pm-7:15pm** Carillon Bells Rehearsal, 301
6:00pm-7:00pm Stewardship & Finance Committee, Library
6:00pm-7:15pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal, 207, 203, 205
7:30pm-9:30pm Westminster Choir Rehearsal, 100 (Choir)

Saturday, April 25

- 2:00pm-4:00pm** Fellowship Committee Bike Outing, Offsite

* Please note these dates and times are subject to change. This calendar does not include all private meetings and events in the church. Please contact church staff to reserve meeting space.



Thank you for coming to Westminster today! We hope to see you again soon. If you enjoyed the service, and want to help us continue to share the love of God with our neighbors and transform their lives, please consider donating to our ministries. Donation boxes are located in the Narthex and by the elevator. You can also donate online at www.westminsterdayton.org/give or by scanning the QR code to the left with the camera of any smart device. You can also text "give" to 937-468-4003.

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” (142)

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” (267)

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky,
All things bright and beautiful,

All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them, every one.
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.
God gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to Earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.
Come, Almighty to deliver;
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy host above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.
Finish, then, thy new creation;

Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!