

Westminster

Presbyterian Church

Dayton, Ohio



If one [pecan] tree fruits, they all fruit – there are no soloists. Not one tree in a grove, but the whole grove; not one grove in the forest, but every grove; all across the county and all across the state. The trees act not as individuals, but somehow as a collective. Exactly how they do this, we don't yet know. But what we see is the power of unity. What happens to one happens to us all. We can starve together or feast together. All flourishing is mutual. – Robin Wall Kimmerer – *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*

Children's Sunday
April 21, 2024

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Two Dialogues from Suite for Organ
Berceuse (based on a French children's song)

Jacques Boyvin
Louis Vierne

(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 - "Rise, Children, Gonna Praise the Lord" *African American Spiritual, arr. Michael Burkhardt*

Lift up your voice and sing,
Rise, children, gonna praise the Lord!
Praise now our God and King,
Rise, children, gonna praise the Lord.
Rise, children, gonna rise, gonna rise,
Rise, children, gonna praise the Lord!

*WELCOME AND RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Bonar Family

Leader: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

People: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

Leader: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need
of comfort,

**People: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house
of the Lord our whole lives long.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 473 - "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Dix

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Kylie Hettinger

**Faithful God, we confess that we have not been good stewards of your creation; we have
failed to care for the good earth you have given us; we have diminished both ourselves and
your world.**

**Forgive us. Renew our minds and hearts so that we might know the joy of loving you by
caring for your creation; through Jesus Christ, the redeemer of all things. 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: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the
name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

All: Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

H. W. Groatorex

**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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Children are welcome to come forward)

Elder James Deyerle

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: Ava Claire Scholl and Evelyn Mae Scholl
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.

Leader: 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"

Bunessan

**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.**

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hal H. Hopson

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us
what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Proverbs 6:6-8; Matthew 6:25-30

Pew Bible, p. 589 OT, p. 6 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEMS

"We Go Forth"

Joseph M. Martin

We go forth with joyful singing, praises ringing to the King.
We have a song of thanks to the Savior, we go forth with joyful song.
Alleluia, Lord we praise you. You have made our hearts anew.
We go forth with joyful singing, praises ringing to the King.

"Jesus Loves Me"

Betty Bertaux

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong;
They are weak but he is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, loves me still,
When I'm well or if I'm ill;
Gives me courage, holds my hand;
Lifts me up that I might stand;

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong;
They are weak but he is strong.

"A Happy Secret"

Bonnie Compton Hanson

I have a happy secret,
As happy as can be,
And here's my happy secret,
I know that God loves me!

I have a happy secret,
And you can have one too,
And here's your happy secret,
I know that God loves you!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - John 15:1-8

Pew Bible, p. 109 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Children in Pre K – Grade 2 will leave the service at this time. An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to their classrooms.)

ANTHEM - "Look Around!"

Helen Kemp

*Look! Look around! Look around at this holy place.
Look! Look all around! Thank you God, thank you God.
Thank you God for the beauty and the space.*

Look at the windows, with colors of rainbows,
Symbols of promise, assuring God's love.
Look at the table, the cross and candles.
"The light of the world," God's gift from above.

Look at the people singing and praying,
Receiving forgiveness, beginning anew.
Look at the babies in arms of their parents;
Their baptism tells them, "God's love lives in you."

So, fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers,
Grandmas and grandpas and all others,
Let us sing, a song, a hymn of adoration.

All Sing (seated)

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away,
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker

All Flourishing is Mutual
Focus: "I am the vine, you are the branches." – John 15:5

***HYMN 306 - "Fairest Lord Jesus"**

Crusader's Hymn

(Children in Grades 3–8 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 Dr. Caitlin T. Deyerle

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

John Rutter

*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,

He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them everyone.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

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 497 - "With Grateful Hearts"**

St. Clement

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE (all sing) - "Go, My Children"**

Ar hyd y nos

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Overture and The Rejoicing

George Frideric Handel

(The Concluding Voluntary is the final Alleluia of our worship.
You are invited to remain in silence.)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

MUSIC

Music Participants: Westminster Choir – Genesis Singers (4 and 5 years of age, pre-school - Holly Martin, Director) – Cherub Choir (Grades K-2 - Rachael Boezi, Director, assisted by Hilary Toerner) – Calvin Choir (Grades 3-6 – John Neely, Director) – Christi Wilson, Piano - Hilary Toerner, Flute – Kevin Hyde, Violin - The Reverend John Neely is Organist-Director.

Today's Music: Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, the wife of an Anglican bishop, wrote nearly 400 hymns, the most famous of which are those written to teach children the meaning of various parts of the Apostles' Creed. The simple yet picturesque words of "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (today's Offertory Anthem) help to describe the phrase "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth," which is based on Genesis 1:31: "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good."

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Infants and Toddlers, Room 108 (Infant - 3 years old), are cared for from 8:30 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.

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. 104 - Holly Martin, 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!

Youth Sunday is Sunday, May 5 (10:00 a.m.) – A service completely led by our youth including the Knox Choir and Knox Ringers.

Junior High and Senior High Youth Fellowships meet 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

Join the Westminster Fellowship Facebook Group (Westminster Presbyterian Church Dayton Fellowship)! Be part of our online community and stay in the know of all upcoming Fellowship Events.

Coffee Hour will be held in Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The flowers in the Chancel are given by the Earth Stewardship Ministry Team in celebration of Earth Sunday and in gratitude to God for all of creation. These flowers are locally grown to avoid climate-damaging transportation costs and to support local business, both ways to promote stewardship of the Earth.

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: Scott Spangler, Shelly Davies

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 **Presbyterian Church of Wilmington**.

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.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held for Robert "Bob" Weidlund on April 27, 11:30 a.m., at Routsong Funeral Home in Kettering (2100 E Stroop Rd, Dayton, OH 45429), followed by lunch and a burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

CHURCH LIBRARY SURVEY



The Library Ministry Team would like to hear your thoughts about our church library. Please help us by filling out a Church Library Survey today in the Narthex before or after Worship or online. We really want to hear from you! Thank you for your participation
Deadline is May 1.



Volunteers Needed!

DEACON HOME ASSISTANCE WORKDAY SATURDAY, MAY 4

- ✓ Pulling Weeds
- ✓ Mulching
- ✓ Changing Outdoor Lightbulbs
- ✓ Transporting Small Items to Goodwill
- ✓ And More!




It's nice to put a face to the name! Update Your Directory Photo Sundays in April



Fellowship Hall after Worship
The Hospitality Committee invites you to update your directory photo Sundays in Fellowship Hall after Worship. A quick snapshot will help everyone put a face to your name! Do you need help accessing the ShelbyNext directory or downloading the new app? We're here to help!



All ticket sales are being handled through the Dayton Dragons

Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and Presby groups! We have a limited number of tickets available for \$14.00 per ticket. Tickets must be purchased by June 11. Please note that all ticket sales are being handled through the Dayton Dragons and use the link through the QR Code to make your ticket purchase.



You must use the fundraiser link to make your ticket purchase. We cannot accept checks or cash for ticket sales.

Half of the ticket price goes towards funding scholarships for MADD Camp!



Labyrinth Walk

Join us for a meditative spiritual practice.

This Wednesday, April 24

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a calm, reflective, and mindful spiritual practice. The Labyrinth Ministry Team invites you to participate in this ancient form of prayer this Wednesday, April 24, in Fellowship Hall.

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INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP



JULY 14 - 20

Intergenerational Mission Trip - Westminster will be sending a team to do flood relief, July 14-20. The trip is open to anyone over the age of 16 (14 and 15 year olds are welcome with an adult). We will be staying at the First Presbyterian Church of Hazard, Kentucky. Registration is available on the church website. For more information contact Nancy Hodgkins, nancy@westminsterdayton.org.

Earth Stewardship at Home



11:20 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Chapel

Join our Adult Education class in the Chapel. *Earth Stewardship at Home* is a series of three classes on earth stewardship in anticipation of Earth Day.

Today's class concludes the series:
Environmental Ethics led by **Dr. Bill Marvin**

MADD Camp at Westminster Music, Art, Drama, Dance Day Camp

Registration is open for those entering grades 3-8 (as of fall 2024). Enjoy choir, handbells, dance, drama, Christian education, and art. The cost for the week is \$80 per camper.

For more information and to register: visit www.westminsterdayton.org/madd-days. Please register by Monday, July 15th.

Questions? Contact Camp Director, *Kylie Hettinger* (kylie@westminsterdayton.org).



MADD Days
MUSIC ART DANCE DRAMA DAYCAMP
July 22-26
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
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NOONDAY ORGAN CONCERTS

Four Thursdays during May, 12:10-12:35
Lunch follows each concert (\$7.00)

May 2 – Judy Bede
Organist, Fairmont Presbyterian Church, Kettering

May 9 – Laura Bottei
Music Resident, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton

May 16 – Fred Chatfield
Retired Organist, former Director of Music, Christ Church United Methodist, Kettering

May 23 – Yun Kim
Organist and Director of Music, Christ Episcopal Church, Dayton



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.

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (473)

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight,

Lord of all, to thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,

For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

“Fairest Lord Jesus” (306)

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus if purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

“With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing” (497)

With grateful hearts our faith professing,
We ask you, Lord, come to our aid,
That we, our common faith confessing,
May keep the vows that we have made.

We know that in your true providing
The young and old to Christ belong;
Lord, help us to be wise in guiding,
And make us in example strong.

Give to the parents love and patience,
Each home with Christian graces fill.
Protect our children in temptations,
And keep them safe in childhood's ill.

Accept, O Lord, our dedication
To fill with love the growing mind,
That in this church and congregation
The young a faith for life may find.