



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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## Service for the Lord's Day – August 17, 2025

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“‘Judge not’ – These words of Christ do not contain an absolute prohibition from judging, but are intended to cure a disease, which appears to be natural to us all. We see how all flatter themselves, and everyone passes a severe censure on others. This vice is attended by some strange enjoyment: for there is hardly any person who is not tickled with the desire of inquiring into other people’s faults. . . . It has existed in all ages, and exists, too, in the present day.” – John Calvin

“Judgy (itself the shortened form of another adjective, judgmental) is an adjective that is on the rise, gaining traction in the early 2000’s. . . . The use of -y as an adjective suffix to indicate characteristics associated with their stems goes back to Old English. We might say then that judgy is not the most creative coinage. But I guess we shouldn’t judge.” – Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Wordplay

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### CARILLON PEAL

#### CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Folk Tune - Chorale Modale - Song without Words

*Charles Callahan*

(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 - “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

*Joachim Neander*

Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for God who answers prayer;  
O how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

#### 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 488 - “The God of Abraham Praise”

*Leoni*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

(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: Friends, 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.**

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

##### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 18: 9-14

Pew Bible, p. 81 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Children in Pre-K—Grade 4 will leave the service at this time.  
An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to their classrooms.)

#### ANTHEM - "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Mark Andrews*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Father-like he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore him!  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Saints triumphant bow before him,

Gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 7:1-5**

Pew Bible, pp. 6--7 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker

Don't Be So Judgy

Focus: Do not judge, so that you may not be judged — Matthew 7:1

**\*HYMN 326 - "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"**

*Morecambe*

**\*STATEMENT OF FAITH - From *A Brief Statement of Faith* Presbyterian Church (USA)**

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**ANTHEM - "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"**

*Leo Sowerby*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for every more. Amen.

-Psalm 121

**\*Doxology (Hymnal No. 592) Old Hundredth**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Response (all sing) - "In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful" (from Taizé Liturgy)**

*Jacques Berthier*

The image shows a musical score for a song in 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath: "In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God, do not be a-". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody with lyrics: "fraid. Lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near. In the". The bass staff continues the accompaniment. There are some musical notations like triplets and rests throughout the score.

#### **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 485 - "To God Be the Glory"**

*To God Be the Glory*

#### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE (all sing) - "Go with Us, Lord"**

*Tallis' Canon*

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in your Spirit strong and true  
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

#### **CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Trumpet Voluntary**

*Jeremiah Clarke*

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

**\*Please rise in body or spirit.**

**Music Participants:** Summer Choir - Rachael Boezi, Mezzo-Soprano - The Reverend John Neely is Organist and Director.

**Today's Music:** "The God of Abraham Praise" (Hymn 288) is an adaptation of the well-known Jewish hymn *Yigdal*, loosely translated and Christianized by the evangelist Thomas Olivers after a visit to the Great Synagogue of London in 1770. It was first published in 1772. The title of the hymn is based on a verse in the Book of Exodus: "I am the God of thy Father, the God of Abraham."

Some hymn writers such as Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley are remembered for many great hymns, but most writers are fortunate if only one hymn survives. "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (Hymn 326) is the one surviving hymn of George Croly (1780-1860). It is based on Galatians 5:25 ("If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit"). Here is a very intense and personal prayer for God's Spirit to take over our life, purify it, and fill it with the pure love of angels. The last line is particularly appealing: "My heart an altar, and thy love the flame."

Over the years, Fanny Crosby may be the most popular and widely sung hymn author in America. Her "To God Be the Glory" became popular in England in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, but did not become widely sung in America until it was included in the songbook for the Billy Graham Crusades.

**Choir schedules, 2025-2026, for children, youth, and adults** may be found on the church website.

**Carillon Bells, a handbell choir for beginning ringers**, will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 4, 6:00-7:15 p.m. Westminster Choir member Aaron Meece will be the director. New ringers will be heartily welcomed. Please direct your questions to John Neely (937-223-7285 or [john@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:john@westminsterdayton.org)).

**Bell choir information** and registration forms for Knox Ringers (grade 7-12) have been mailed. Rehearsals are on Sundays, 11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m., beginning September 7. In order to participate, registration is necessary. Contact John Neely ([john@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:john@westminsterdayton.org)) for more information. Additional forms are in the Church Office. A great year has been planned. Registrations are due today.

Are you interested in becoming a part of the **Westminster Choir** (college age and up)? Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., beginning on September 4. Now is the time to speak with John Neely ([john@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:john@westminsterdayton.org)). Join us for great music making and fellowship.

All are invited to sing in our drop-in, no-excuses **Summer Choir**, which continues every Sunday through August 31. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Choir Room and prepare anthems on the spot to sing at the 10:00 a.m. service. You do not have to be involved in the choir regularly in order to participate in the Summer Choir. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends along, too! For more information, contact John Neely ([john@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:john@westminsterdayton.org)).

**Choirs for children and youth resume on Sunday, September 7. 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 - 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**

**Please stop by our Children's Ministry check-in desk** anytime between 9:40-10:05 a.m. to record your child's attendance and receive their name tag.

**Infants and Toddlers, Room 108** (Infant - 3 years old), are cared for from 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.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.

**Summer Programming** - Theater (Pre-K-Grade 4). Children will leave the service after the First Scripture (10:20 a.m.). An adult leader for this age group will be in the Narthex to greet them and escort them to the Theater.

**Classes for children and youth resume Sunday, September 7. 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

### **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](http://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.

**The Reverend Nancy Hodgkins** is away on vacation and study leave. She will return to the church on Tuesday, September 2.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**The flowers in the Chancel** are given in loving memory of Dave Weaver from his golf team.

**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:** Linda Kohl, Thomas Hildreth

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 **Immanuel Korean 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.

**Recently released from the hospital:** Gloria Pugh

**A Service of Witness to the Resurrection** will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, September 13, at 2:00 p.m. for Ann Herr.

**The Sympathy of the Congregation** is extended to the family and friends of **Marvin Fleming**, former staff member, who died Wednesday, August 13. Service information is pending.

## Church Calendar August 17 - August 23

### Sunday, August 17

- 8:30am-11:30pm** Nursery Birth - Age 5,  
108 (Nursery)  
**10:00am-11:00am** Worship, Sanctuary  
**10:20am-11:30am** Children Pre-K - 4th Grade,  
Theater  
**11:00am-12:30pm** Coffee & Conversation  
Garden Table, Fellowship Hall  
**2:00pm-4:00pm** Westminster Softball,  
Delco Park, Kettering

\* 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.

### Tuesday, August 19

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

### Wednesday, August 20

- 8:30am-9:30am** CTF Aesthetics Committee,  
Library  
**9:00am-12:00pm** Staff Meeting, West Parlor  
**10:00am-12:30pm** ID Ministry, Chapel,  
Chapel Reception  
**12:00pm-1:00pm** Circle 6, Offsite  
**12:15pm-1:30pm** Women's Therapeutic Court,  
Fellowship Hall



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](http://www.westminsterdayton.org/give) or by scanning the QR code with the camera of any smart device. You can also text "give" to 937-468-4003.



Join the Ushers and Greeters and be the friendly face that welcomes our neighbors! Our annual Kick Off Meeting is next Sunday, August 24, at 11:30 a.m. in the West Parlor for anyone who is interested. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to Mattie Pennington ([mattie@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:mattie@westminsterdayton.org)).



**The God of Abraham Praise (488)**

The God of Abraham praise,  
Who reigns enthroned above;  
The ancient of eternal days,  
The God of love!  
The Lord, the great I Am!  
By earth and heaven confessed,  
We bow and bless your sacred name,  
Forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free,  
High surging where it will;  
In prophet's word you spoke of old  
And you speak still.  
Established is your law,  
And changeless it shall stand,  
Deep writ upon the human heart,  
On sea, or land.

You have eternal life  
Implanted in the soul;  
Your love shall be our strength and stay,  
While ages roll.  
We praise you, living God!  
We praise your holy name;  
The first, the last, beyond all thought,  
And still the same!

**"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (326)**

Spirit of God, descent upon my heart:  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move,  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you art,  
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
All, all thine own: soul, heart, and strength and  
mind?  
I see thy cross there, teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek thee and O let me find!  
Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

**"To God Be the Glory" (485)**

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has  
done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory: great things he has done!