



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day – November 2, 2025 All Saints Sunday

"How monotonously alike are the great tyrants and conquerors have been: how gloriously different all the saints" – C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

"For me to be saint means to be myself." – Thomas Merton

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"O How Blest Are Those Whose Toils Have Ended"

Sinfonia from Cantata 106

In Memoriam

(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.)

Johannes Brahms

Johann Sebastian Bach

George Thalben-Ball

INTROIT - "Great and Glorious"

Great and glorious is the name of the Lord.

Sing praises to his name. Alleluia! Amen!

Jerry Taylor

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Caitlin T. Deyerle

*CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 451 - "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Lasst uns erfreuen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.

We confess that we fail to live up to their example.

You call us to do as they did: to proclaim your name, to act justly, and to live faithful lives.

But we are silent, idle, and afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Give us courage to follow in your way, that, joined with those in ages past, who have

served you with faith, hope, and love, we may dwell with them in your presence.

(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, believe this Good News: Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, was buried, and raised again on the third day. Therefore, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

All: Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

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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 MISSION

Kristen Raisch

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Psalm 8

Pew Bible, p 492 OT

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 - "Be Strong in the Lord"

Thomas Matthews

Be strong, and of good courage. Fear not, nor be dismayed:
for the Lord God will be with thee; be strong! He will not fail
thee nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for
the service of the house of the Lord.

- I Chronicles 28:20

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Hebrews 2:5-18

Pew Bible, pp 218-219 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker

What the Saints Teach Us: God Loves Us More than ChatGPT
Focus: What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them? – Psalm 8:4

*HYMN (see page 5) - "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Hymn of Promise

(Children in Grade 3-8 will leave the service at this time. An adult leader will
be in the Narthex to escort them to their classrooms.)

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed (traditional version)
The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

**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.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM - "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" (from *A German Requiem*)

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord.
O blest are they that dwell within thy house; they praise thy name
evermore! How lovely is thy dwelling place.
-Psalm 84:1,2

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 526** - "For All the Saints"

Sine Nomine

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** - "Spirit of the Living God"

Living God

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - The Rejoicing (from Suite for Organ)

Charles Callahan

(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: Westminster Choir - The Reverend John Neely is Organist-Director.

Today's Music: Of his choral masterwork, *A German Requiem*, Johannes Brahms (1833-1897) wrote: "As for the title, I must admit I should like to leave out the word 'German' and refer instead to 'Humanity'." This comment points directly to the heart of his greatest choral composition. In contrast to the Latin Requiem Mass in the Roman Catholic liturgy with prayers for the dead ("Grant them eternal rest, O Lord"), *A German Requiem* focuses on the living, beginning with the text "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted," from the Beatitudes. This theme – transition from anxiety to comfort – recurs throughout the work. Brahms took great pains putting together a message of hope for us all. Nestled in the middle of the work is the familiar and gorgeous chorus of tranquility, "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place." Here is a message of hope and comfort.

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower," text and music by Natalie Sleeth, 1986, text and music © 1986 by Hope Publishing company, is reprinted under CCLI License #2287801

A **brochure listing all musical events** for the academic year can be found in the literature racks. It can also be downloaded from Westminster's website.

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

Children's Choirs and Youth Handbells

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. 203 - 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 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.

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

Westminster is a Reading Church!

This fall, why not read or reread some well-respected Christian theologians? Spend some time with Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Walter Brueggemann, Frederick Buechner, Peter Marshall, Henri Nouwen, Elton Trueblood, and others. Several of their books are featured on the west wall bookcase of the church Library. Come and see! *Note: Please borrow books by using the sign-out sheets in the binder on the small table.*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The flowers in the Chancel are given by Andrea M. Hirtle in remembrance of her grandparents, Henry and Frances Abberly Millican.

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: Sean Hearrell, Cheryl Paquette

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 **Jamestown 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: Marilyn Spalding

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of **Scott Nekrosius**, who died Saturday, October 25. Service information is pending.



Childcare will be provided for children ages infant- 5 yrs. old

For childcare reservations, please email Kylie Hettinger (kylie@westminsterdayton.org).

Come with your friends and family to enjoy traditional and new Westminster favorites! Please let us know if you have mobility challenges and need special seating accommodations.

Price is \$15.00 per person.

Price is \$7.50 for 80 and over.

Children under 8 eat free but must have a reservation.

To make a reservation please go online to www.westminsterdayton.org or call the Church Office (937-223-7285).

Reservation deadline is Monday, November 10, at noon or earlier if the seating limit is reached. Reservations and payments must be received by Monday, November 10, to be considered final.





This holiday season, your decorations can do more than just brighten your home – they can brighten lives. By shopping our Hol-ID-Day Decoration Sale, you're not only adding festive cheer to your space, but you're also making a meaningful contribution to ID Ministry's important mission. For two Sundays in November, treasures and trinkets will be available in rooms 104 and 106 downstairs. Pay what you will, and all donations benefit the ID Ministry.

Join us in spreading holiday joy and giving back to the community!



Ten Thousand Villages is a global maker-to-market movement. This sale is a way for you to shop for ethically sourced wares and to share the joy of connecting with artisans world-wide. Buy hand-made gifts with a story to tell. You will be promoting environmental, economic, and social justice with each purchase.

Volunteers Needed! Got an hour or two to spare? A little can go a long way! We need volunteers for setting up, tearing down, and during the sale. Please email Mark Sharp (marks45414@gmail.com) to support the sale.

Earth Stewardship Ministry Team, this Sunday and every first Sunday of the month—sponsored by the Earth Stewardship Ministry Team (ESMT). Bring old electronics, disposable razor blades, and oral care products. ESMT will ensure they are properly recycled. Limited Fair Trade items will be sold at a table in front of the kitchen as well until 11:20 a.m.

WPW Period Justice - WPW's Period Justice project removes the barrier of access to period products for women in need in the Dayton community. Donations of pads and or tampons can be placed in the box next to the "School Bus" in the hall, or make a financial donation to WPW with "period justice" in the memo.



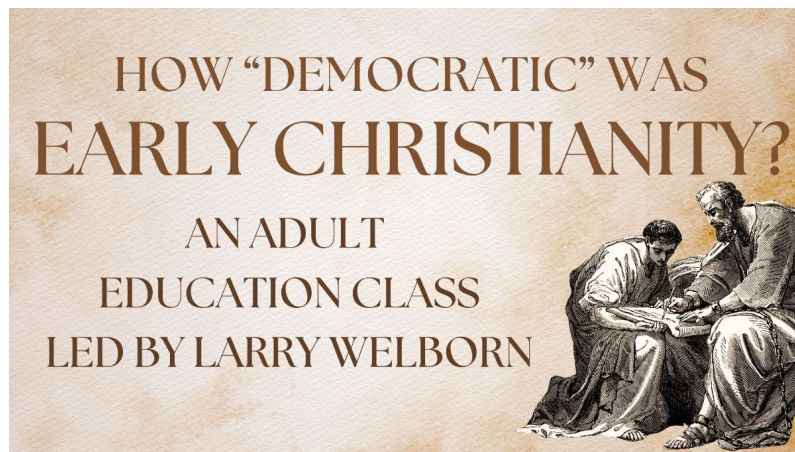
In this time when many of our neighbors face scarcity and hunger, please consider making a financial donation to the Hunger Fund. While non perishable food donations can still be made directly to the Foodbank, Westminster will no longer be collecting food donations.

Every dollar donated to the Hunger Fund provides four meals to those in need without the additional labor of being sorted by volunteers for expiration or damages and strengthens the purchasing power of the Foodbank, putting greater variety, more nutritional balance and larger quantities of products in the hands of those who need it most.



Continues Today

Join us to as we explore the Bible. How did it come to be? Who wrote it? And how on earth are you supposed to understand it? This class is open to all Parents Fellowship regulars as well as others of any age or stage who have questions about the bible. We will use Rachel Held Evans' book *Inspired* as a starting point if you want to read along. We will meet in the Mission Room from 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



Continues Today, West Parlor

Recently, scholars have argued for the importance of democratic practices and ideas for a proper understanding of early Christianity as a phenomenon. For example, Paul's choice of the term *ekklesia* as a designation for the groups he established in Greece and Asia Minor. For city dwellers in Paul's day, the term *ekklesia* would have denoted "the people's assembly." By using this term, did Paul intend to arouse in converts expectations of the freedom and equality associated with participation in this democratic institution? Was early Christianity a "spiritual democracy?" If so, how did the Christian movement become a more hierarchical institution? Come and explore the relevance of these questions for life in 2025.

Church Calendar November 2 – November 8

Sunday, Nov. 2

8:30am-12:30pm Nursery Birth-Age 3, Nursery
9:00am-9:45am Confirmation Class, 209
9:00am-10:00am Hol-ID-day Sale,
 104, 106
9:00am-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, West Parlor
11:30am-1:00pm Hol-ID-day Sale,
 104, 106
11:30am-12:15pm Parent Fellowship-Bible 101,
 102
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
5:00pm-6:00pm Knox Choir Rehearsal,
 Choir Room
5:00pm-6:00pm Youth Advisors Meeting, 102
6:00pm-8:00pm Youth Dinner & Fellowship
 (Grades 7-12), Fellowship Hall

Monday, Nov. 3

6:30pm-8:30pm Young Adult Bible Study, Offsite
7:00pm-9:00pm DGMC Rehearsal, Choir Room
7:15pm-9:15 pm Bach Society Rehearsal,
 Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 4

4:30pm-7:30pm Miami Valley Pipers Lessons
 Library, Sanctuary
6:00pm-10:00pm Session Meeting/Dinner,
 Fellowship Hall, West Parlor

Wednesday, Nov. 5

9:00am-12:00pm Staff Meeting, Library
10:00am-12:30pm ID Ministry, Chapel,
 Chapel Reception
12:15pm-1:30pm Women's Therapeutic Court,
 Fellowship Hall
3:00pm-5:00pm CTF Steering Committee,
 West Parlor

Thursday, Nov. 6

5:30pm-6:30pm Virtual E&P Committee,
 Zoom
6:00pm-7:15pm Carillon Bells Rehearsal,
 301
6:00pm-7:15pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal,
 207, 203, 205
7:30pm-9:30pm Westminster Choir Rehearsal,
 Choir Room

Saturday, Nov. 8

9:00am-12:00pm DGMC Fall Retreat
 Choir Room, Fellowship Hall

* 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.



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All members of the Church

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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.

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” (451)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
More glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
All saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise;
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;

There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

“For All the Saints” (526)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their
might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought
fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true
light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's far-
thest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the count-
less host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!