



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day – October 27, 2024 Stewardship Sunday

So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name,
That in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim –
From, "O God in Whom All Life Begins", our 2024 Stewardship Hymn

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Hymn 260)

Johann Nikolaus Hanff

Bell Praise

Bill Ingram

(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 – "Great and Glorious"

Jerry Taylor

Great and glorious is the name of the Lord.
Sing praises to his name. Alleluia! Amen!

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 430 - "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Darwall's 148th

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your love, so that we may know your joy, for the
sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(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 the Good News: 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. 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 STEWARDSHIP

Graham Bailey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Isaiah 40 and 55 (selected verses)

Pew Bible, pp 667-686 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 - "Climbin' Up the Mountain"

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Linda Spevacek

*Climbin' up the mountain, children, didn't come here for to stay.
If I nevermore see you again, goin' to meet you at the judgement day.*

Moses went down into Egypt land, he told ol' Pharaoh that the good Lord sittin'
in his heavenly throne – said "Let my people go," good Lord, "Let my people go."

Daniel in the den of lions, he did begin to pray, and the angel of the Lord locked
the lion's jaw. That sure was a mighty day, good Lord, sure was a mighty day!

Children in the fiery furnace, they did begin to pray, and the angel of the Lord
put the fire out! That sure was a mighty day, good Lord, sure was a mighty day!

Climbin' up the mountain, will be a mighty good day!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - John 1 and 14-16 (selected verses) Pew Bible, pp 91-92, 108-111 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM - "Greater Love Hath No Man"

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own
self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto
righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen
generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of him who
hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, ho-
ly, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

STEWARDSHIP MEDITATION

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker

Words to Live By: God's Word With Us and In Us
Focus Verse: "Abide in me as I abide in you." — John 15:4

(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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT FOR 2025

All hymns are sung by everyone.

Hymn 525 - "Here I Am, Lord"

Hymn 428 - "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Hymn 422 - "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Schuman

Beach Spring

***Doxology (Hymnal No. 592)**

Old Hundredth

PRAYER TO DEDICATE 2025 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES 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 260** - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Ein' feste Burg

*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 - Fughetta and Toccata on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Johann Pachelbel

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

*Please rise in body or spirit.



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.

Music Participants: Knox Ringers (grades 7-12; Brent Manley, Director; Josh Bodey, Assistant) - Knox Choir (grades 7-12; John Neely, Director; Gideon Brenner, Pianist) - Westminster Choir - Colleen Green, Soprano - Dustin Payne, Baritone - The Reverend John Neely is Organist-Director.

Today's Music: The text of "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (Hymn 430) was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988-1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Hymn 260) has been called the "Rallying Cry of the Reformation." It likely that Martin Luther's stirring hymn was written in response to the martyrdom of his friend Leonhard Kaiser. The original German text has been translated into 53 languages including 100 English versions. The final stanza is Luther's vow, and ours, to cling to God's Word and truth in spite of the stresses of this life.

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 - 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!

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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.

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 meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. today. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The flowers in the Chancel are given in memory of Jeff Butterworth on his birthday, by Dan and Kathy Butterworth Raisch.

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: Eric Scholl, Warren Assink

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 **Southminster Presbyterian Church, Centerville**.

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 known to be in the hospital: Elly Blacker (Miami Valley Hospital)

Members recently released from the hospital: Eugene Saunders, Paul Jendrian

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of Marjorie MacKeown, who died, Friday, October 18. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary on Friday, November 15, at 10:00 a.m.

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of Richard "Rick" Mallonee, who died Tuesday, October 22.



Hol-ID-day Decoration Sale!

This Sunday, October 27

us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for our second annual Hol-ID-Day Decoration Sale. We have goodies galore for Halloween, Christmas, Easter, and more. There are no prices marked on items. Donate any amount you'd like and all proceeds will go to support the ID Ministry.

**Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 3.
Remember to set your clocks back one hour next
Saturday night, November 2.**



CHORAL VESPERS

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 4:00 P.M.
Westminster Choir with Organ, Brass, and Timpani
Handbell Music by the Westminster Ringers
Freewill Offering

HARVEST DINNER
Harvest Dinner will follow at 5:15 p.m.
Reservations Required

Six Motets, op. 79 - Felix Mendelssohn
Cantata 70 - Johann Sebastian Bach
"Gott, der Herr, ist Sonn und Shield"
("God, the Lord, is Sun and Shield")

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.

Please note the change in prices for this year due to higher food costs

Price is \$15.00 per person.

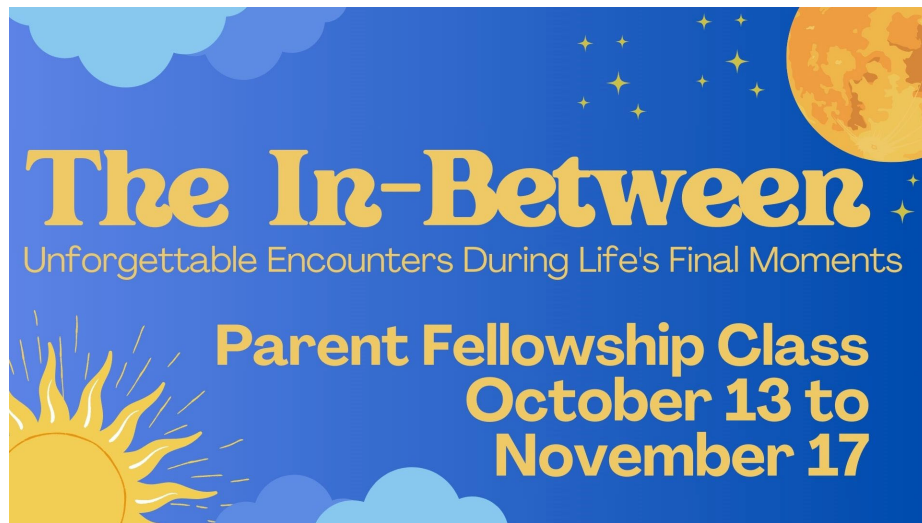
Price is \$7.50 for 80 and over.

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). The Sunday Office Volunteer is unable to take reservation information.

Reservation deadline is Friday, November 8, at noon or earlier if the seating limit is reached. Reservations and payments must be received by Friday, November 8, to be considered final.



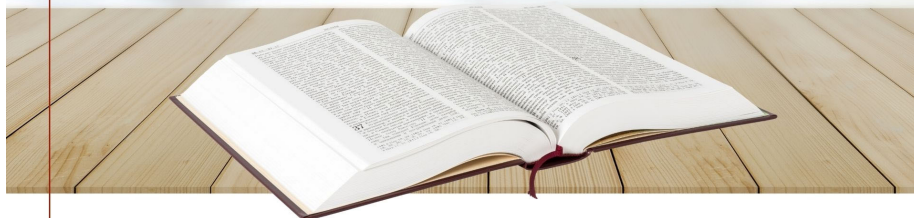


Continues Today, 11:20 a.m., Room 102

Talking about death and dying is considered taboo in polite company, and even in the medical field. Our ideas about dying are confusing at best: Will our memories flash before our eyes? Regrets consume our thoughts? Does a bright light appear at the end of a tunnel? For most people, it will be a slower process, one eased with preparedness, good humor, and a bit of faith. At the forefront of changing attitudes around palliative care is hospice nurse Hadley Vlahos, who shows that end-of-life care can teach us just as much about how to live as it does about how we die. Join us for this insightful Parent Fellowship Class!

Adult Education Lead by Richard Baker

October 13 - November 10



**THE WAY THE WORD—
AND WORDS—WORK**

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

This class will also be available on Zoom.

Join us for an enriching experience that will transform the way you see the Word—and words—around you. This class is led by The Reverend Dr. Richard Baker.