



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day — January 25, 2026

"I frequently sat down to my meat with thankfulness, and admired the hand of God's Providence, which had thus spread my table in the wilderness. I learn'd to look more upon the bright side of my condition, and less upon the dark side; and to consider what I enjoy'd, rather than what I wanted; and this gave me sometimes such secret comforts, that I cannot express them." — Robinson Crusoe, in Daniel Defoe's novel of the same name.

"She closed one eye and looked at me and said, 'I know there is a blessing in this somewhere.' We did have a habit sometimes of imitating the old man's way of speaking when he wasn't in the room. Still, I was surprised that she would make an outright joke about my grandfather, though he'd been gone a long time by then. She always did like to make me laugh." — John Ames, recalling a childhood memory of his mother in Marilynne Robinson's novel, *Gilead*

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

(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

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 417 - "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Regent Square

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Eternal God, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, trusting in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

(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! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. 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

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- Genesis 50:15-21

Pew Bible, p. 48 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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Romans 8: 26-30

Pew Bible, p. 158 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker

There's a Blessing in All This . . . Somewhere . . . That We Can Find Together?!

Focus: "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

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

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(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 (Ecumenical)
The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,

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.

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.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

*Response (all sing) - "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Schumann

We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

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 538- "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Sicilian Mariners

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (all sing) - "Shalom to You"

Traditional Spanish Melody

Sha - lom to you now sha - lom, my friends

May God's full mer - cies Bless you, my friends.

In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing

Christ be your sha - lom Christ be your sha - lom.

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

(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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Please stop by our Children's Ministry check in desk anytime between 9:40-10:05 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.

Choirs for children and youth today. New members 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!

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 \$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

Thank you for your 2026 pledge to Westminster. Giving envelopes are available in the Narthex for those who requested them. Pledge cards are in the literature racks, or you can pledge on the website by going to westminsterdayton.org/give.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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, 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 **Covenant Presbyterian Church, Springfield.**

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: Rich McKinley, Judy McCormick

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of Margaret "Peggy" Conner, who died Monday, January 19. A Service of Witness to the resurrection will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, February 21, 11:00 a.m.

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of **Betty Snyder**, who died Friday, January 2.



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.



Heritage Sunday will be moved to February 8.

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday will be observed Sunday, February 8, at 10:00 a.m., with the Miami Valley Pipes and Drums. Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to wear any Tartan or plaid that they may have such as skirts, kilts, and ties. This is a day to be Scottish, no matter what your heritage.



On Heritage Sunday, we celebrate the heritage of the Presbyterian church. Join us for an interactive adult education experience after worship where we will explore the history and future of Westminster Presbyterian Church as part of that legacy.

Participants will also have the chance to envision the church's future, with a special emphasis on the exciting capital campaign renovations. This campaign is a pivotal step forward, aiming to enhance our church's facilities and ensure they meet the needs of our community for generations to come.

We hope to see you there, ready to connect, and celebrate our shared journey. Let's honor our past and look forward to a vibrant future together!



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MINISTERS

All members of the Church

STAFF

Richard L. Baker, Jr. Pastor/Head of Staff
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Next Sunday, February 1, 10:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated this Sunday. We welcome all to join us for worship either in-person or online.

A Livestream is available for those who prefer to worship from home. Those worshipping with us at home are invited to prepare ahead of time by having some type of bread and drink (that fit your dietary needs) ready for you and your household to use during communion.

Church Calendar

January 25 – January 31

Sunday, Jan. 25

8:30am-12:30pm Nursery Birth-Age 3, Nursery
9:00am-9:45am Confirmation Class, 209
9:00am-9:45am Westminster Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
10:00am-11:00am Worship, Sanctuary
10:20am-11:30am Pre-K & K, 101
10:20am-11:30am 1st & 2nd Grade, 103 , 105
10:45am-11:30am 3rd & 4th Grade, 107 , 109
10:45am-11:30am 5th-8th Grade, Theater
11:00am-12:30pm Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Hall
11:15am-12:15pm Knox Ringers Rehearsal, Rooms 207, 203, 205
11:30am-12:15pm Calvin Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:30am-12:15pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Theater
11:30am-12:15pm Genesis Singers Rehearsal, 104
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, Jan. 26

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

Wednesday, Jan. 28

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

Thursday, Jan. 29

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, 100 (Choir)

Friday, Jan 30

8:30am – 4:30pm Bowls of Love, Kitchen

Saturday, Jan 31

8:30am – 4:30pm Bowls of Love, Kitchen

* 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.

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (417)

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever,
And our confidence alone.
To this temple, where we call you,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today:
With your wonted loving-kindness
Hear your people as they pray,
And your fullest benediction
Shed within its walls away.
Here bestow on all your servants
What they ask of you to gain,
What they gain from you forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in your glory
Evermore with you to reign.
Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one,
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.

“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.

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” (538)

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, thy love possessing;
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.

So that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with thee in endless day.