

Westminster
Presbyterian Church
Dayton, Ohio



By Our Love
WPC Youth
2025-2026

Youth Sunday
May 3, 2026

Service for the Lord's Day

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Voluntary in C
Jubilance
The Solid Rock of Ages
Knox Ringers

Henry Heron
Kevin McChesney
Linda R. Lamb

(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 - A Canon of Praise

Sarah Hart

A hymn of glory let us sing,
New hymns through the world shall ring.
And we to you will ever raise
The tribute of our grateful praise.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him ye heavenly host above.
Praise him, my soul, for all his love.

Knox Choir

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

Ivan Turek

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 150 - "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Madrid

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Jake Gibson

Almighty God, we do not always work with each other and we fail often to save human dignity and pride. Forgive us when we fail to walk alongside our neighbors. When temptations surround and consume us, help us to overcome our daily mistakes and love each other as you have called us to do. 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: Through Jesus Christ all sins are forgiven.

People: We will walk together in gratitude.

Leader: Through the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, hear this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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.

2026 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Luke Bodey and Isabelle Fuqua

ANTHEM - "With Songs of Rejoicing"

Johann Sebastian Bach

With song of rejoicing sing praise to the lord;

For he has done marvelous things!

Break forth into joy.

His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ.

The floods clap their hands, and the hills sing for joy.

The seas with their roaring speak praise to his name.

With song of rejoicing sing praise to the lord;

For he has done marvelous things!

Break forth into joy.

With song of rejoicing sing praise to the lord;

Come, make a joyful noise,

Sing to the Lord Alleluia!

-Psalm 98 (adapted)

THEME INTRODUCTION

Paul Agiro

ANTHEM - "The Gift of Love"

English folk song, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,

And have the gift to all inspire,

And have not love, my works are vain;

As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,

And striving so my love profess,

But not be given by love within,

The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sam Powell

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Luke 10:25-37

Pew Bible, pp. 71-72 NT
Samantha Brennaman

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 room.)

ANTHEM - "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

English tune, arr. Peter Niedmann

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes your glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from your throne.
While all that borrows life from you
Is ever in your care,
And everywhere that I may be,
God, you are present there.

-Isaac Watts

SECOND SCRIPTURE - John 13:33-35

Andrew Usechak

FAITH STORIES

The Class of 2026

***HYMN (page 13) - "We Are One in the Spirit"**

(Those in Grades 3-4 will leave the service at this time. An adult leader will meet them in the Narthex and escort them to their rooms. Grades 5-6 please remain for the rest of the service)

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Ellie Wilson

**We believe that God is the creator of the earth and all that we have.
God created every person with a purpose to shape this world.**

**We believe that Jesus is our savior. He taught us to love one another,
just as he loves us.**

**We believe that the Holy Spirit is with us always,
guiding us in all that we do.**

We believe that the Church is a place where anyone and everyone is welcomed and accepted; it is where we care for and pray for one another during difficult times. We believe that as the church we are called to help and love our neighbors as we seek to live as Jesus did. We believe that the Church should strive as a community to be known by our love.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Nick Vandyke

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

John Cahill

ANTHEM - "Ain'-a That Good News"

Spiritual, arr. Mark Patterson

I've got good news, my Lord!
I got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news?
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross,
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus ain'-a that good news?

I've got a robe, ain'a that good news?
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross,
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus ain'-a that good news?

I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news?
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross,
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus ain'-a that good news?

I got a robe, I got a crown, I got a Savior in-a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news?

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Will Staley

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 285 – “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

Austrian Hymn

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Johanna Meyers

*CHORAL RESPONSE – “What Does the Lord Require of You”

Jim Strathdee

What does the Lord require of you? To seek justice
and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY – Jubilant Fanfare

Kevin McChesney

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

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Each year the Presbyterian Youth Council (PYC), a ministry team of the Education and Practice Committee made up of youth and adults, chooses a theme of study and reflection for the youth fellowship group. This year’s theme was *Known by Our Love*. The group spent time exploring the life and teachings of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke and learning what it means to call ourselves Christians.

Members of the Senior High Youth Fellowship wrote the liturgy for this morning’s service. The theme song for this year was the third verse of “We Are One in the Spirit.” The 2026 theme artwork was created by Westminster youth, Thea Kiewitz

2025-2026 Youth Advisors are Graham Bailey, Wendy Berkshire, Peter Davies, Sean Hearrell, Amy Lachman, Kathryn Lake, Sarah Saunders, Eli Shapiro, Sandra Swanson, and Stephen Vining.

Music Participants: Knox Ringers (grades 7-12; Brent Manley, Director; Josh Bodey, Assistant - Paul Agiro, Pianist) - Knox Choir (grades 7-12; John Neely Director) - John Neely and Brent Manley, Organists - Seniors of the Knox Choir are wearing white stoles.

Today's Music: Peter Scholtes (1938–2009), author of the lyrics to “We Are One in the Spirit,” was born in Evanston, Illinois, and grew up in Oak Park, where he attended Ascension School and Fenwick High School before studying at Quigley and St. Mary of the Lake-Mundelein seminaries. He earned his Masters in Adult Education and Organization Development at Boston University. Peter wrote “We Are One in the Spirit” while he was a parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South side of Chicago in the 1960s. At the time, he was leading a youth choir out of the church basement and was looking for an appropriate song for a series of ecumenical, interracial events. When he could not find such a song, he wrote the now-famous hymn in a single day.

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Choirs for children and youth today

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Genesis Singers (4 and 5 year olds, Pre-Kindergarten) - Rm. 101 - Hilary Toerner, Director

Cherub Choir (grades K-2) - Theater - Rachael Boezi, Director

Calvin Choir (grades 3-6) - Rm. 100 (Choir Room) - John Neely, Director

Noonday Organ Recitals scheduled for Thursdays in May have been canceled due to continuing organ renovation and building construction.

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 will meet this afternoon for the End of the Year Party. The party will be at the home of the Brennaman Family in Oakwood. The bus will leave from the Westminster Parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and return at 2:30 p.m. please let Nancy know ahead of time if your parents will be transporting you to the party.

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The flowers in the Chancel are given by Tom Wilson in recognition of our vibrant Youth Fellowship program under the leadership of Nancy Hodgkins and our dedicated youth group advisors.

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, Paul Agiro

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 **Central Presbyterian Church, Dayton.**

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.

“We Are One in the Spirit”



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Congratulations Class of 2026



Isabel Faith Dembiczak is the daughter of Jason and Jennifer Dembiczak. She will graduate from Archbishop Carroll High School on May 22. Izzy plans to major in English at Hollins University. When asked to share her fondest Westminster memory she wrote, "All of the times I got to laugh with my friends."

Liliane Magdalena Kiewitz is the daughter of Sarah and Christian Kiewitz. She will graduate from Oakwood High School on May 26. Lili plans to attend Case Western Reserve University in the fall pursuing a double major in Psychology and French. When asked to share her fondest Westminster memory she wrote, "Christmas caroling for retirees at Bethany Village and chats with Nancy."



Emery Rose Knorr is the daughter of Michelle and Eric Knorr. She will graduate from Oakwood High School on May 26. Emery plans to attend the University of Dayton majoring in Primary Education. Emery's fondest Westminster memory is climbing the Three Sisters on the Scotland trip.

Other Graduates

Charlotte Pontzloff
Annie Marie Sanchez
Georgia Sosebee

Beren Anthony Moses Le Donne is the son of Sarah and Anthony Le Donne. He will graduate from Fairmont High School on May 8. Next fall Beren plans to attend the University of Dayton. His fondest Westminster memories are from the 2024 trip to the Montreat Youth Conference.



Margaret Ann Shoup is the daughter of Lisa and Gary Shoup. She will graduate from the Miami Valley School on May 22. She looks forward to attending Oberlin College where she plans to major in Psychology. When asked to share her fondest Westminster memory Margaret wrote, "I loved going to Scotland spending time with all my friends!"

Ellerie Patricia Stone is the daughter of Paul and Annie Stone. She will graduate from Oakwood High School on May 26. Ellerie plans to attend the Ohio State University to major in Biology. She aspires to one day become a pediatric occupational therapist. Ellerie's fondest Westminster memories come from the endless laughter and conversations that she had her junior and senior year in her small group with Graham, Kathryn, Emery, Lizzie, and the boys. She would like to thank Emery Knorr and her family for introducing her to the welcoming community that Westminster has to offer.





Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and Presby groups! Tickets are \$30 per person located at the Dragon's Lair. Food and drinks are included, and all attendees receive a hat and tee shirt.



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.



M A D D
Music Art Dance Drama
DAY CAMP
July 20-24, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
T-shirt size preference
guaranteed for those who
register by June 29!

MADD Camp at Westminster is a Christian music, art, dance, and drama day camp for children and youth entering grades 2 - 7 from the Miami Valley and beyond.

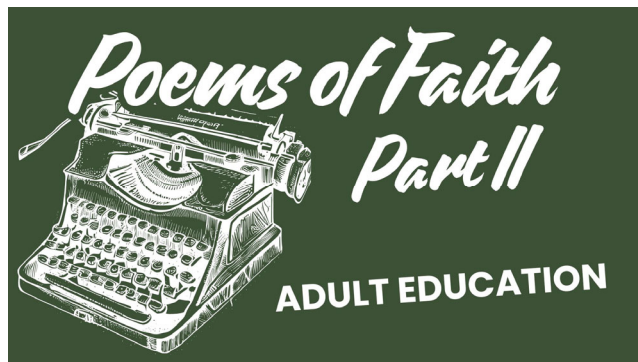
\$100 per camper (includes light breakfast, lunch, snack, t-shirt, and supervised outings)





**Parents Fellowship Class
Today, 11:30 a.m., Room 211**

Our Parents Fellowship Class is exploring a new resource for families to talk about faith together. Each week we will discuss a lesson from the book *New Directions for Holy Questions* by Claire Brown and Anita Peebles. After sharing some insights as a group we will send you home with a copy of the week's lesson to discuss as a family. No advanced preparation or reading required!



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

As a follow-up to last Sunday's class, we'll discuss the theological claims that particular poets have made, as well as the ways that poetic speech in general might lead the soul back to God. Led by the Rev. Dr. Richard Baker.



Socks are a simple yet vital need for those experiencing homelessness or financial hardship. They provide comfort, warmth, and protection from the elements. By contributing, you're helping to ensure that everyone has a warm pair. Many of our clients lack this simple staple, and ID Ministry provides clean socks for those who need them, no questions asked. Donate new, unused socks at the bus in the hallway.

EARTH STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

Electronic, Disposable Razor, Oral Care Product Recycling & Fair Trade Sale



Today

This Sunday and every first Sunday of the month — sponsored by the Earth Stewardship Ministry Team (ESMT). Bring old power cords, cell phones, remote controllers, even fax machines and laptops, and ESMT will ensure they are properly recycled. Limited Fair Trade items will be sold in Fellowship Hall as well. Consider also supporting the Oral-B/Crest program offering to recycle oral care products. You can bring in used toothbrushes, brush heads, toothpaste tubes, mouthwash containers, floss containers, floss string, and floss picks.



Hunger Sunday Today

This Sunday

Please consider making a financial donation to support people in our community living in food insecure homes. All gifts to the Hunger Fund will support the Dayton Foodbank.



WPW Period Justice



Donate to Remove Barriers for Those in Need!

Period justice isn't just about a lack of access to menstrual products. It's a complex issue intertwined with social and economic inequality. When people who need them can't afford or access these essential items, they may miss school or work, face health risks, and experience stigma and shame. The Westminster Presbyterian Women (WPW) Period Justice Program aims to break down these barriers and empower them to thrive. You can support the WPW Period Justice Program by donating menstrual products or

making a monetary donation. Simply leave products in the box beside the "bus" in the hallway, just outside the office, or mark your monetary donation "WPW Period Justice."

Church Calendar May 3 - May 9

Sunday, May 3

- 8:30am-12:30pm** Nursery Birth-Age 3, Nursery
10:00am-11:00am Worship-Youth Sunday, Sanctuary
10:20am-11:30am Children's Class 1-2 Grades, 103 , 105
10:20am-11:30 am Children's Class 3-4 Grades, 109
10:20am-11:30am Children's Class 5-8 Grades, Theater
10:20am-11:30am Children's Class Pre-K -K, 101
11:00am-12:00 pm Coffee & Conversation/ Fair Trade, Fellowship Hall
11:20am-12:15pm Adult Education, Poems of Faith Part II, West Parlor
11:30am-12:15pm Calvin Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
11:30 am-12:15pm Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Theater
11:30am-12:15 pm Genesis Singers Rehearsal, 101
11:30am-12:15 pm Parent Fellowship-New Directions 209, 211
12:30pm-2:00pm New Officer Training, Library
12:30pm-2:30pm Youth Year End Party, Offsite

Monday, May 4

- 6:00am-9:30pm** DGMC Rehearsal, Choir Room

Tuesday, May 5

- 6:00pm-10:00 pm** Session Meeting
West Parlor/ Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 6

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

Thursday, May 7

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

* 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.

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (150)

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice;
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end;
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again;
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
“Alleluia! Amen!”

“We Are One in the Spirit”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be re-
stored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by
our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in
hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in
hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in
our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by

our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side
by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side
by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human
pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things
come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” (285)

God, you spin the whirling planets,
Fill the seas and spread the plain.
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
Call forth sunshine, wind and rain.
We created in your image,
Would a true reflection be.
Of your justice, grace and mercy
And the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful
In our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship,
Joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image,
Focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
We move onward toward your goal.

God, your word is still creating
Calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
Where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.