



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day – July 5, 2026

“For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world.”
- Rev. John Winthrop, *A Model of Christian Charity*

“The problem is whether the American people have honesty enough, loyalty enough, honor enough, patriotism enough to live up to their Constitution.” - Frederick Douglass

“With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan – to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.”
- President Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Airs and Marches from Early America

arr. E. Power Biggs

Meditation on “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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 - “My Country, 'Tis of Thee” (stanza 3)

Hymn tune: America

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break,
The sound prolong.

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD - Based on Psalm 96

The Rev. Nancy S. Hodgkins

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations;

People: Tell all the people of God's marvelous works.

Leader: Say among the nations: The Lord is sovereign!

People: God will judge the peoples with equity.

All: Let us worship the Lord.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

***HYMN 262 - "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"**

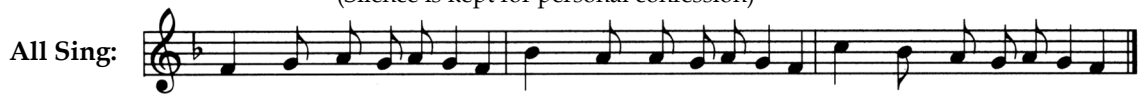
National Hymn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Call us again to your higher purpose, and empower us to represent your reconciling love in 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: 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 we 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- Micah 6:6-8

Pew Bible, p. 866 OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

ANTHEM - "God Is My Strong Salvation"

American folk hymn, arr. Austin C. Lovelace

God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near:
Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance; my soul with courage wait;
His truth be thine affianced, when faint and desolate;
His might thy heart shall strengthen, his love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.
(stanza one is repeated)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 5:13-16

Pew Bible, p. 4 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Caitlin T. Deyerle

Binding Up the Nation's Wounds

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid." -Matthew 5:14

*HYMN 339 - "Be Thou My Vision"

Slane

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

from The Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM - "Lord, While for All Humankind We Pray"

American folk melody, arr. John T. Burke

Lord, while for all humankind we pray of every clime and coast,
O hear us for our native land, the land we love the most.

O guard our shores from every foe; with peace all countries bless;
With hopefulness our cities crown, our fields with plenteousness.

Unite us in the sacred love of knowledge, truth, and thee;
And let our hills and valleys shout the songs of liberty.

Lord of the nations, thus to thee our country we commend;
Be thou her refuge and her trust, her everlasting friend.

***Doxology**

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

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

Schuman

**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 464** - "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Materna

***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 - Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

(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 - The Reverend John Neely is Organist -Director

Today's Music: The marches and airs heard in the Call to Worship in Music provide sketches of the picturesque scene of early Boston before, during, and after the Revolution. Preoccupation with the challenge of clearing the forests and building a city did not preclude the enjoyment of music. In 1708 Thomas Brattle, Treasurer of Harvard College, imported from England a little organ for his home. Performance of Chamber Music was cultivated in many homes. In Stone Chapel (now King's Chapel) American musicians were performing the music of Handel and other notables.

Aaron Copland's moving *Fanfare for the Common Man* was composed in 1942 for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. Copland's inspiration came in part from a speech made earlier that year by then American Vice President, Henry A. Wallace, in which Wallace proclaimed the dawning of the "Century of the Common Man".

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Choir schedules, 2026-2027, for children, youth, and adults may be found on the church website.

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 3). 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.

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 Mary Ellen Jarrett in celebration of America's 250th birthday, "One nation, under God."

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: Shelly Davies, Jenna Bertke

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 **First Presbyterian Church, Eaton**.

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.

Westminster 101



Sunday, July 26, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Library

Are you interested in officially becoming a part of this vibrant congregation, or do you know someone who might be? If you have been visiting with us for a while and are interested in church membership, we are offering our “Westminster 101” class on Sunday, July 26, in the Library. Lunch is provided and childcare is available upon request. Please contact Mattie Pennington (mattie@westminsterdayton.org) for more information, or to sign up to attend. The deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, July 14.

**ORGAN AND FOUR-HAND
PIANO CONCERT**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY USA**

PATRIOTIC MUSIC OF AMERICA

**TODAY, JULY 5
11:30 A.M. -12:15 P.M.**

The graphic is a festive announcement for a patriotic music event. It features a light yellow background with red and blue accents. At the top left and right are stylized fireworks. In the center, the text reads "ORGAN AND FOUR-HAND PIANO CONCERT" in blue, followed by "HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA" in large red and blue letters, and "PATRIOTIC MUSIC OF AMERICA" in blue. At the bottom left is a birthday cake with three candles and a red, white, and blue striped top. At the bottom right is a small American flag graphic. The date and time "TODAY, JULY 5 11:30 A.M. -12:15 P.M." are written in large red letters.

Included will be familiar Sousa marches including “The Stars and Stripes” and “The Washington Post.” The organ console (hands and feet!) will be visible by way of a large screen projection system. This event will be live-streamed.

John Neely, Organ Christi Wilson and Brent Manley, Four-Hand Piano



Colombian Partnership

30th Anniversary Celebration

RSVP by July 5

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley's Global Mission partnership with the Presbytery of the North Coast in Colombia. **Westminster will celebrate the partnership in worship next Sunday, July 12, 10:00 a.m. (no reservations required).**

The Presbytery invites all individuals who have journeyed to Colombia or supported the partnership to join us for special events on Thursday, July 9, and Sunday, July 12.

- **Thursday Vespers Service** at 5:00 p.m., College Hill Community Church, 1547 Philadelphia Dr., Dayton, 45406.
- **Sunday Worship Service and BBQ Dinner** at 4:00 p.m., Covenant Presbyterian Church, 415 N. Main St., Springboro, 45066

Please RSVP **TODAY** using the QR Code or by emailing Megan Worcester at miworcester@gmail.com. **Kindly note that dinner will be provided only to those who have made reservations.**



Calling all
Friendly Faces!



Join the Ushers and Greeters!

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Calling all friendly faces! Our Usher and Greeter teams take pride in being the first smiling faces you see when you enter the church each Sunday. We are seeking a few new folks to fill out our weekly welcome teams. This ministry of hospitality only asks one Sunday a month from our volunteers and it is one of the most rewarding ministries to be a part of. Ushering is a great volunteer opportunity for those new to the church or anyone who wants to make a few new friends. Feel free to sign up as a family or with a friend! Interested? Email Mattie Pennington (mattie@westminsterdayton.org)

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Summer Choir
Continues until Sep. 6



All are invited to sing in our drop-in, no-excuses **Summer Choir**, which continues every Sunday through September 6. 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).



Hunger Sunday Today



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 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".

EARTH STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM



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

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.

MINISTERS

All members of the Church

STAFF

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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.

Church Calendar July 5 – July 11

Sunday, July 5

- 8:30am-12:00 pm** Hunger Sunday, Narthex
8:30am-12:30pm Nursery Birth-Age 3, Nursery
10:00am-11:00am Worship, Sanctuary
10:15am-11:15am Children's Class Pre K-3rd Grade,
Theater
11:00am-12:00 pm Coffee & Conversation,
Fellowship Hall
11:30am-12:30pm Patriotic Organ Concert,
Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 8

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

Thursday, July 9

- 6:00pm-7:00pm** Fellowship Committee,
Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 10

- 12:30pm-4:30pm** Office Closed

What's the best way to put a baby firework to sleep?

You rocket.

What's the best way to make a hotdog stand?

Take away its chair.

* 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.

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”(262)
God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

“Be Thou My Vision” (339)
Be thou my vision, O lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” (464)
O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!