



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day – May 10, 2026

“Presbyterians believe that Jesus Christ is ‘fully human and fully divine, one person in two natures, without confusion and without change, without separation and without division.’ This statement dates all the way back to the fifth century . . . These early believers recognized that we would be without hope if Jesus were either only human or only divine.”

– Cynthia L. Rigby, “Jesus is the Way,” *Presbyterians Today*, 2001

“We could never have loved the earth so well if we had had no childhood in it.” – George Eliot, *The Mill on the Floss*

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Spirit Wind

John T. Bartsch

Meditation on the Hymn Tune *St. Thomas* (Hymn 441)

Healey Willan

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

(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 - “In Thee Is Gladness”

Giovanni Gastoldi

In thee is gladness amid all sadness,

Jesus, sunshine of my heart!

By thee are given the gifts of heaven;

Thou the true Redeemer art.

Our souls thou wakest;

Our bonds thou breakest;

Who trusts thee surely hath built securely;

He stands forever; Hallelujah!

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

Kylie Hettinger, Director of Discipleship

Leader: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

People: Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

Leader: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

People: Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

People: Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

People: God is with us and will never let us go.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 151 - "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Diademata

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

By your loving-kindness help us to live in your light and abide in you,
Through 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, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe this Good News—

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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- Exodus 33: 11-17

Pew Bible, p. 80 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 - "Sing and Rejoice"

Will James

Sing and rejoice to the Lord our God; sing and rejoice and lift our hearts to the glory of the Lord our God, for he shall reign in glory forevermore.
Sing and give thanks to God, and praise his name.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, and slow to anger, and good to all.
The Lord is good to all. His tender mercies are over all his works.

Sing and rejoice to the Lord our God; sing and rejoice and lift our hearts to the glory of the Lord our God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON - John 15 (selected verses)

Pew Bible, pp. 109-110 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Richard L. Baker

Sermon: Of Arianism, Apollinarianism, and AI: A Mother's Day Sermon

Focus: "Abide in me as I abide in you . . . I am the vine, you are the branches." – John 15:4-5

***HYMN 472 - "O Sing to the Lord"**

Cantad al Señor

Stanza 1: Sung in Spanish

Stanzas 2 and 3: Sung in English

(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**

From *A Brief Statement of Faith* Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM - "Spirit of Life"

Carolyn McDade, arr. Dale Warland

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free:
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.
-Carolyn McDade

***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** (see page 8-9) - "I Love to Tell the Story"

Hankey

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** (all sing) - "Bless the Lord" (From Taizé liturgy)

Jacques Berthier

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The first system includes the lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system includes the lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The piano part features a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The vocal line is simple and melodic, with some rests. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major

attrib. Johann Sebastian Bach

(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 Ringers (Brent Manley, Director) - Westminster Choir - Kathleen During, Flute - Brent Manley and Sean Hearrell, Percussion - John Neely is Organist-Director - Brent Manley is playing the concluding portion of today's service.

Today's Music: The anthem "Spirit of Life" has been given to the Westminster choral library by Kathleen Durig in loving memory of her parents, Lester and Elizabeth Durig.

The hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" is a hymn of praise to the ascended and reigning Christ. Each stanza is an elaboration on one of the names for Christ: 1, "the Lamb upon his throne" - 2, "the Lord of love" - 3, the Lord of peace" - 4, the Lord of years." *Diademata*, the stirring tune, is named after the Greek word for "crowns."

A Lutheran missionary musician heard "O Sing to the Lord" ("Cantad al Señor") at a pastors' conference in southern Brazil in 1982, then went home to Argentina (where he was serving) and translated it from Portuguese to Spanish. Later, when back in the U.S.A. on furlough, he translated it into English.

The words of "I Love to Tell the Story" were written by Katherine Hankey (1834-1911) who served as a nurse in South Africa. While in England, she started a Bible class for working girls in London - an unheard of venture for the time! All the proceeds from writings went to Christian missions. She lived what she wrote.

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Choirs for children and youth today.

Children's Choirs

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

Knox Ringers and Knox Choir have concluded rehearsals.

Rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 14.

Knox Ringers (grade7-12) - 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.. Sundays

Knox Choir (grades 7-12) - 5:00-6:00 p.m., Sundays

Youth Fellowship groups follow.

All are welcome!

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

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

The Rev. Caitlin Deyerle is out of town for a conference at Princeton Seminary this week.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The flowers in the Chancel are given in loving memory of my two wonderful mothers, Margaret McKinnon Kupper and Evelyn Eiserer Berg, by Kay Kupper Berg.

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: Jenna Bertke, Thomas Hildreth

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 **College Hill Community 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.

Members recently released from the hospital: Charles Hardwick



Join us either in-person or virtually as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. You are encouraged to wear red in honor of this day.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

The graphic features a red dove with wings spread, the word "Pentecost" in a large, red, cursive font, and the text "Sunday, May 24" in a smaller, red, cursive font below it.



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.

“I Love to Tell the Story”

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

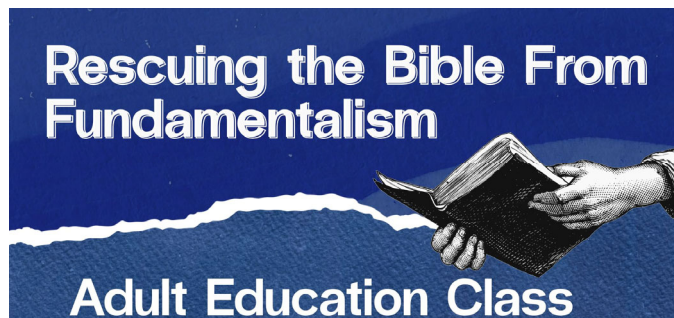
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.



**Rescuing the Bible From
Fundamentalism**

Adult Education Class

Today, 10, 11:20 a.m., West Parlor

Continuing our favorite books series, J.D. Whitlock will explore *Rescuing The Bible From Fundamentalism* by John Shelby Spong. This class will examine an interpretation of the Bible that does not discard its authority, but rediscovers its depth, its historical richness, and its invitation into relationship rather than rigidity. We will look into the voices of the early Church and the living tradition that has always wrestled with these sacred texts. Our aim is to open ourselves more fully to its transformative power, trusting that truth is not fragile, and that God's Word speaks most deeply when we listen with both mind and spirit.



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!



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.



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)



Church Calendar May 10 – May 17

Sunday, May 10

8:30am-12:30pm Nursery Birth-Age 3, Nursery
9:15am-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

11:20am-12:30pm Adult Education, West Parlor

11:30am-12:15pm Parent Fellowship,
 New Directions, 211

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

Monday, May 11

9:00am-12:30pm Sunshine Circle,
 West Parlor

6:30pm-8:30pm Bridge Interest Group,
 West Parlor

6:30pm-8:00pm Buildings & Grounds Meeting,
 Library

6:30pm-8:30pm Young Adult Bible Study, Offsite

7:00pm-9:00pm DGMC Rehearsal,
 Choir Room

Tuesday, May 12

4:30pm-6:00pm Personnel Committee,
 West Parlor

7:00pm-9:00pm DGMC Instrumentalist
 Rehearsal, Choir Room

Wednesday, May 13

9:00am-12:00pm Staff Meeting, West Parlor

10:00am-12:30pm ID Ministry, 101 , 103 , 105

Thursday, May 14

7:30pm-9:30pm Westminster Choir Rehearsal,
 100 (Choir)

Friday, May 15

7:15pm-9:15pm Bach Society Rehearsal,
 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.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (151)

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.
Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.
Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

“Cantad al Señor” - “O Sing to the Lord” (472)

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo,
Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo,
Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo,
Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor.

By his holy power our God has done wonders,
By his holy power our God has done wonders,
By his holy power our God has done wonders,

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
And sing to our God, and sing to our God.

“I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else could do.
Refrain:
I love to tell the story;
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story;
'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it,
More wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word.
Refrain:
I love to tell the story;
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long.
Refrain:
I love to tell the story;
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.