

# *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

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Disciples – Everyone here!

January 19, 2025 10:30 a.m. Second Sunday after Epiphany

**As we prepare to worship** – “Teach me the whole law while I stand on one foot!” Rabbi Hillel (40 B.C.-AD 10) responded “What is hateful to you, to your neighbor, don’t do.”

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## **Ring the church bell calls us to worship Welcome & Announcements**

### **Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship** Deuteronomy 6:4-5 & 19:18 Liturgist Abby Clarke

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one;

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,**

And with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Let us worship God with humility and joy.

**\*Hymn** “I Love to Tell the Story” # 462

**Call to Confession** (Please be seated) Art of Marza

“Refusing to harden your heart is a radical act... While anger is a valid and important emotion, I cannot truly help anyone if I am embittered and spiteful.”

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God, strip me of my insecurities and my needs and clothe me instead with the knowledge that this stranger in the mirror is really me. And therefore really You. Forgive my reluctance to confess my sins and our country’s sin of racism. Forgive my unwillingness to see You working in the middle of political affairs. Show me how to be a citizen of this country with integrity and faithfulness to You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

“In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can’t get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving

others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part.  
Matthew 6:14-15 *The Message*

"Peace on earth and mercy mild.

**God and sinners reconciled." Amen.**

**\*Joyful Response** "You Belong to Christ" # 492

(based on Galatians 3:27 + 29 and I Corinthians 3:23)

**\*Pass the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Vocal Solo** "Amazing Grace" Beth Ormsby

**Prayer for Illumination**

Let us pray. Lord, may your words illuminate the shadows of my heart and mind where I have tried to keep You out. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson** Amos 5:18-24

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 4:16-21

Peter Marshall said: "I wonder what would happen if we all agreed to read one of the Gospels until we came to a place that told us to do something, then went out to do it, and only after we had done it, began reading again? There are aspects of the Gospel that are puzzling and difficult to understand. But our problems are not centered around the things we don't understand, but rather the things we do understand...Our problem is not so much that we don't know what we should do. We know perfectly well, but we don't want to do it."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*Sermon** "Untying the Knots of Covid, King and Inauguration"

"But let justice roll down like waters  
and righteousness like an everflowing stream." Amos 5:24

Rev. Jonathan T. Carlisle, Gap Pastor

**\*Hymn** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" # 169

**Invitation to Our Joyful and Generous Stewardship Together**

"Whatever you have received from God, you must give to others. If you've been loved, you must love. If you've been loved without having deserved that love, then you must love those who don't deserve your love.

If you've been given joy, your life must bring joy to others. If you've been saved, then you must save others. And if you've been blessed, then your life must bring blessing into the lives of others. The life of Jesus was a gift and blessing. Let your life become a blessing and a gift." (Jonathan Cahn, *The Book of Mysteries*)

## **Offertory**

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 606

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**O Lord, sometimes I feel like I'm not giving you much, considering all that You have given to me. Yet, I ask you to please accept my gifts. Show me ways this week where and when I may be more generous. Show me this week when I am stingy and selfish. As part of this offering today, I humbly ask You to allow me to rededicate my life as your disciple. Come Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

Our prayers of intercession and petition, our prayers of thanksgiving and praise...

**Prayer Chorus** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" # 469

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

"Open your ears, God, to my prayer; ... come close and whisper your answer." (Psalm 55:1) "God's there, listening for all who pray, for all who pray and mean it." (Psalm 145:18)

**\*Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" # 321  
(singing the first four stanzas and **reading stanza 5** together)

**\*Benediction** Senate Chaplain Richard CI Halverson (1981-1995)

Wherever you go, **God is sending you.**

Wherever you are, **God has put you there.**

God has a purpose in your being there.

Christ who dwells in you has something

God wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in God's grace, love and power. **Amen.**

## **\*Postlude**



Westminster Presbyterian Church was founded December 4, 1955  
We are one of eighty-three member congregations  
of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley; and the  
Synod of the Covenant – 11 presbyteries and nearly 700 congregations  
mainly in Ohio and Michigan

Our Mission - our purpose

To bring God's word to everyone, that God loves **everyone**, including you. The Gospel calls us not to just preach, but also to practice Christ's compassion for all by serving others and leaving no one out.

Vision – our roadmap

The vision of Westminster Presbyterian Church is to build our community of Christ with love and care. We are committed to reaching across the street, and around the world to proclaim the Gospel.

**Serving Westminster Presbyterian Church**

Our Session - Elders – Linda Crumley, Trent Rowe, Karen Flowers & Lynne Kelly (Clerk)

Our Deacons - Jim Benney, Carol Jones, Marsha Ross & Joyce Sizemore

Church staff – Karen Flowers, Sexton      Rene Miller, Treasurer  
Rev. Jonathan T. Carlisle, Gap Pastor      Olivia Mitchem, Pianist

**Announcements**

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held in the sanctuary immediately following worship on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The budget and Annual Reports and the 2025 Contact List will be available. A Question & Answer time will be provided with our Elders. A luncheon will follow with a powerpoint of almost 200 photos of our 2024 activities together. If you wish you could bring a dessert.

Tuesday – **Lunch Bunch** at York Steak House, 11:30 a.m.

In preparation for next Sunday's service, read Luke 10:25-37 – the summary of the commandments and the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

A prayer for your use **at home**: "O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what thou wouldest have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in *thy* light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." — *The Book of Common Prayer*

