

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Disciples – Everyone here!

October 20, 2024

21st Sunday after Pentecost

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As we prepare to worship - Worship is not about what we can do for God but what God has done for us... "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise." (Charles Wesley)

Ringing the church bell calls us to worship Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us." Martin Luther

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 37, *The Message* Liturgist Abby Clark

Keep company with God, get in on the best.

Open up before God, keep nothing back;

God will do whatever needs to be done...

Quiet down before God, be prayerful before God...

Turn your back on evil, work for the good and don't quiet...

Wait patiently for God, don't leave the path...

Strengthened by God, we're delivered from evil –

When we run to God, God saves us.

***Hymn** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" # 248

Call to Confession (Please be seated) Lessons taught by LIFE

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, you don't throw it away, you change the batteries. When a person messes up and finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not, you help them change their batteries! Some need AA – Attention and Affection. Some need AAA... attention, affection and acceptance. Some need C – compassion. Some need D – direction. And if they still don't seem to shine, simply sit with them quietly and share your light. Neither should we cast aside the people whose political views are different from our own – as much as we think it makes our life easier!

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess together. Lord, hear our silent prayers.

...a time of silent prayer...

Declaration of Forgiveness

As water is poured in the baptismal font, reminding us of God's grace, remember the story of a brother who committed a sin and the elders assembled and sent for Abba Moses. He however did not want to go. Then the priest sent a message to him saying "Come, everyone is waiting for you." So he finally got up to go and took a worn out basket with holes in it, and filled it with sand and carried it along. The people who came to meet him said "What is this?" Then the old man said "My sins are running out behind me, yet I do not see them. And today I have come to judge the sins of someone else." When they heard this, they said nothing to the brother and pardoned him. Let us forgive one another as we have been forgiven by God.

Because of Jesus Christ, and his grace,
we are all forgiven. Thank you, God!

***Joyful Response** "We Are Forgiven" # 447

***Pass the Peace of Christ**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray. Lord, the world seems to be in a terrible mess at times. Show me in today's Scriptures how to make better choices, speak kinder words and trust more in your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Reading from Paul's Letters Romans 13:1-7

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

Gospel Lesson John 20:11-16

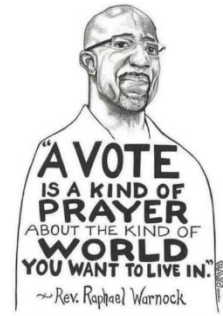
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "They've Taken Away My Lord"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him" (John 20:13).

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God," (Romans 13:1).

Rev. Jonathan T. Carlisle, Gap Pastor



Inhale and pray "Lord Jesus Christ..." Exhale and pray "have mercy on me a sinner."

***Hymn** "The Lord Is God" # 63

Invitation to Our Joyful and Generous Stewardship Together

There is nothing that we have that we have not been given by God. (I Corinthians 4:7) Let us receive our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Dedication of our Pledges for 2025**

God wanted to know from Abraham – and from us - "Is there anything I could ask of you that you would be unwilling to give, or anything on earth you love more than me?"

No, God will not ask you for what you don't have, but He will often ask you for something you would like to keep.

Sacrificial giving conquers the spirit of greed, the fear of lack, and your focus on self-centered living.

Today we dedicate our pledges of time, talent and treasure, for the work of Jesus Christ through the people and budget of our church.

Our vision at 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.

May God multiply our gifts as we cheerfully, joyfully and generously give of ourselves. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God above all political parties, help our candidates move to higher ground where name calling and rudeness fade away, and help us move to higher ground as well. Grant wisdom to the voters, and surround our elected officials with your wisdom and guidance. Amen.

***Hymn** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" # 828

***Benediction** – Ephesians 3:20-21

***Postlude**



Westminster Presbyterian Church is one of eighty-four member congregations of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.
Founded April 8, 1956

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

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Serving Westminster Presbyterian Church

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

Our Deacons - Jim Benney, Pam Johnston, Carol Jones & Joyce Sizemore

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

Announcements

Following our ten weeks of praying for one another, please continue to pray for all of our members and friends in our "Contact List."

OCT 31st – 2 – 3:30pm – Trunk or Treat at Westminster parking lot.