

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Disciples – Everyone here!

November 10, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost

As we prepare to worship - The most powerful way to **resist evil** is to sit with good friends who have turned their faces to God." (Rumi, a 13th century Muslim poet)

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Ringing the church bell calls us to worship

Welcome & Prayer Cards & Hymnsing instructions
Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Psalm 31:14-15a (NRSV) & Talitha Arnold
Liturgist Carol Jones

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say,

"You are my God. My times are in your hand."

This is our prayer of trust.

The seconds, minutes, hours and days of our lives

are really in God's hands. When Jesus prayed this Psalm,

He was in the hands of God.

When Jesus was tempted; when he was in a sinking boat,

Jesus was in the hands of God

Wherever we are today, as a disciple, as a church, as a country,

we are in the hands of God.

We are called to say together

"Into your hands, O God, we commit our spirits."

***Hymn** "Why Should I Feel Discouraged?" # 661

Call to Confession (Please be seated) Nothing and no one stands alone.
From the poem "I Am" is by poet Dedan Gills (1945–2015)

I am old and wise as the night. I am as beautiful as a bird in flight.

I am the joy and I am the tear. I am the brave and I am the fear.

I'm the cringing coward and the gentle hero.

I'm the aged and I am the young. I am the weak and I am the strong.

I am the top and I am the bottom. I am Martin, Hitler, Gandhi, and Saddam.

I am red, black, yellow, brown, and white. I love, hate, laugh, cry, and fight.

All the universe is reflected in me. I am all that ever was and ever will be.

When I lose, it's the lesson that I win. Judging others is my sin.

Litany of Confession

Father Richard Rohr says it well: "Pain that isn't processed is passed on. Pain that isn't transformed is transmitted." And from Brian D. McLaren "So we need to process our woundedness with God, and that processing begins by naming the pain and holding it ... in God's presence:

Betrayed. Insulted. Taken advantage of. Lied to. Forgotten. Used. Abused. Belittled. Passed over. Cheated. Mocked. Snubbed. Robbed. Vandalized. Misunderstood. Misinterpreted. Excluded. Disrespected. Ripped off. Confused. Misled.

So, just as through confession we name our own wrongs and feel regret, through petition we name and feel the pain that results from the wrongs of others.... We translate our pain into requests:

Comfort. Encouragement. Reassurance. Companionship. Vindication. Appreciation. Boundaries. Acknowledgement.

...a time of silent prayer...

Declaration of Forgiveness

As water is poured in the baptismal font,
Because of Jesus Christ, and his grace,
we are all forgiven. Thank you, God!

"To Forgive is To set a Prisoner
Free And Discover That the Prisoner
Was You."

(Lewis B. Smedes)

***Joyful Response** "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy" # 437

***Pass the Peace of Christ**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray. Lord, without your Holy Spirit I will always hear Scripture through the filter of my own ego and see with the blinders of my own

experiences and feel with the prejudice of my inherent biases. Free me again today, to hear your Word. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:1-11 *The Message*
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reading from Peter's Letter I Peter 2:1-10 *The Message*
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "I Had No Time to Hate"
"So clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy and hurtful talk." (I Peter 2:1)
Rev. Jonathan T. Carlisle, Gap Pastor



Peggy Martin "The Boy from Troy" (John Lewis)
Pictorial Quilt 1898, by
Harriet Powers (1837–1910)

***Hymnsing** - Paul wrote to the Ephesians that we are filled with the Spirit as we sing together, "making melody to the Lord in your hearts," (Ephesians 5:19). Raise your hand with your requests!

Invitation to Our Joyful and Generous Stewardship Together

"Then a Samaritan rescued the hurt man. No race of people was more hated by the Jewish people than the Samaritans. They were openly cursed in the synagogue and were barred from temple worship. What this Samaritan does is nothing less than incredible. He utilizes all his resources—personal clothing, oil, wine, his time, animal, money, and energy—to attend to this Jewish man in the best way possible. Then he risks his life by taking the wounded man to lodging in a Jewish area. On top of it all, he pays the innkeeper for the man's food and room for many days and promises to return and pay for anything more the man owes. When do we follow in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan?"

Offertory

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

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you, Holy One, for your hand reaching out to each one of us and giving us life so our hands can be your hands to help others in this hurting world. 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

***Hymn** "A Grateful Heart" (Ps 111) # 652

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Prayer; Report of Nominating Committee; Election

***Benediction**

***Postlude**



Founded April 8, 1956

Westminster Presbyterian Church is one of 84 member congregations of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

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

Our Deacons - Jim Benney, Carol Jones & Joyce Sizemore

Church staff – Karen Flowers, Sexton Rene Miller, Treasurer

Rev. Jonathan T. Carlisle, Gap Pastor Olivia Mitchem, Pianist

Announcements

How can you help after Hurricane Helene? You already have through your gifts last year and this year to our **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. Thank you! You may donate directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169. Or send a check to Presbyterian Church (USA); PO Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 and designate it "Hurricane Relief."

For part of **next Sunday's sermon**, "Ask It Basket," anyone can submit a question for Pastor Jon as part of the sermon! This can be a biblical question, something about his calling and life as a pastor or about Westminster Presbyterian or about the Presbyterian Church (USA) or even a question about his stamp collecting or interest in the Civil War! You can either write down your question on paper or ask it yourself during the "sermon."

Wednesday 4:30 Admin meeting.



Thank you to all who donated about winter coats for the Cap City Helping Hands **coat drive**. Thank you to all who helped serve about 56 children at **Trunk and Treat** with eleven trunks decorated!