

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Disciples – Everyone here!

February 9, 2025 10:30 A.M. Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

As we prepare to worship – Lord, wherever we look today, allow us to catch a glimpse of you. And whenever others look at us today, allow them to catch a glimpse of you. Amen.

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Ring the church bell calls us to worship
Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 145 Liturgist Carol Jones

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

God's greatness is unsearchable...

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all,

and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

The Lord upholds all who are falling,

and raises up all who are bowed down.

The Lord is just in all his ways,

and kind in all God does.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,

to all who call upon him in truth.

Let us worship our God of compassion and kindness.

***Hymn** "Amazing Grace" #649

Call to Confession (Please be seated) Thomas Keating "Divine Therapy"

When we ask God for help it means we're at the end of our own ropes and realize we can't do it on our own. Humility. Ordinary psychotherapy helps a person lead a normal life when he or she is hampered by psychological problems. The purpose of divine therapy is the healing of the roots of all of our problems and to transform our attitudes, and indeed, the whole of our human nature into the mind and heart of Christ."

Unison Prayer of Confession adapted from Chris Mereschuk

**We confess our need to pray "Lead us not into temptation."
Yet we often put ourselves into temptation places by our own**

choices. We confess to you our complicity. Help us to name our places of temptation and turn away from them and repent. Show us how to put a distance between ourselves and our temptations. With You, O Lord, we do not have to face our temptations alone. Others are enduring the same temptations. We know you will supply a way out. Show us your ways out this week. Mighty God, hear our silent prayers confessing our times of temptation...

Declaration of Forgiveness Irish rock star Bono

"Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I've done a lot of stupid stuff." Because of the deep, deep everlasting love of Jesus for each of us, we are forgiven.

We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Joyful Response** stanza 5 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" # 306

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

***Pass the Peace of Christ**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray. Lord, turn these pages of paper into lighthouses for the storms of my life. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8 God Commissions Isaiah

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

A Time of Silence

When do you and I take time for silence? Does it make you uncomfortable? If your mind wanders, that's OK. If you think about what you have to do the rest of the day, that's OK. If you don't feel an earthquake, wind or fire, remember you aren't Elijah. That's OK. You are who God made you. That's OK. You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Body and soul, you are wonderfully made by God. (Psalm 139:14)

Gospel Lesson Luke 5:1-11 Jesus Provides a Miraculous Catch of Fish

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

***Sermon** "Get into the Boat"

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,

“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

(Luke 5:4)

Jesus cares about our day-to-day routines and understands our needs.

Rev. Jonathan T. Carlisle, Gap Pastor

***Hymn** “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” **#721**

Invitation to Our Joyful and Generous Stewardship Together

God owns everything. If you doubt that, read these Scriptures: ‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the Lord of hosts.” (Haggai 2:8) “The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.” (Psalm 24:1) “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father.” (James 1:17)... You are the administrator of God’s estate, and the executor of His will. (*The Daily Encouraging Word*)

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

We dedicate our gifts to the West End Community Food Pantry. Lord, some of us have found wealth in this world, while others of us are left wanting. But as we stand before you, we are all paupers save for your grace and love. Remind us that our true wealth is your daily gift of a sustainable way of life for all. 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

***Hymn** “Jesus Calls Us” **#720**

***Charge** from Walter K. Burghardt, “What We Don’t Have Is Time”

“Children of God, live this day as if it were your first day, as if it were your last day, as if it were your only day.”

***Benediction**

*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

After worship today – a brief meeting for those interested in
"Westminster's 70th Anniversary" volunteers to set a date in July or
August.

Next Sunday – **Shared Worship with Galloway Presbyterian Church** - at Westminster, with Rev. Thom Shuman, preaching. Read Luke 6:17-26 "Jesus Gives the Beatitudes."

Rev. Carlisle will lead a **Bible study** from 9:45-10:15 on Luke 6:27-37, the Scripture for Pastor Jon's sermon on the 23rd. How do you put the Golden Rule into practice? How do you love your enemies? How do you handle judgmental people? When have you been told you've been judgmental?

"The Christians most powerful resource
is communion with God through prayer."