

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Disciples – Everyone here!

September 29, 2024

18th Sunday after Pentecost

As we prepare to worship - "Lord, you know what I want. If it is your will that I have it, or if it is not your will, do not be displeased with my prayer, for I do not want anything that you do not want," Julian of Norwich (1343-1413), a Benedictine nun.

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Ringing the church bell calls us to worship

Welcome & Prayer Cards

Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 148 Liturgist Pam Johnston

Hallelujah! Praise God from heaven, praise him from the mountaintops;

Praise him, all you his angels, praise him, sun and moon, you morning stars.

Praise God from earth... earth's kings and all races, leaders and important people.

Robust men and women in their prime, and yes, graybeards and little children.

Praise from all who love God! Israel's children, intimate friends of God. Hallelujah!

***Hymn** "Come, Worship God" # 386

Call to Confession (Please be seated) Psalm 5:1-3

Listen to my words, O Lord; attend to my sighing. Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray. O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you and watch.

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess together and I confess to you, Lord. Take away my anger and the shouts of people interrupting others and putting others down and de-humanizing people I love and people I don't happen to understand. Forgive their anger leading to the evil of excluding others and pushing people outside, instead of including

them in the inner circle. Teach me again to wait for your word. Show me how to be patient with those who most infuriate me. Help me to be less judgmental of judgmental people.

Jesus, walk beside me and all those who are lonely, isolated, ostracized, fearful, bullied. Hear our prayers...

...a time of silent prayer...

Declaration of Forgiveness I Peter 1:13-16 (*The Message*)

As water is poured in the baptismal font, "So roll up your sleeves, get your head in the game, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy."

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

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

***Pass the Peace of Christ**

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

Prayer for Illumination

Let us pray. Let each word become like a spotlight on my path this coming week. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Why read Scripture? In America, the first law to call for mass universal education was announced in Massachusetts in 1647. It was named, believe it or not, "The Old Deluder Satan Act." Its wording goes: "It being one chief product of that Old Deluder Satan, to keep men from the knowledge of the Scriptures...and to the end that learning may not be buried in the graves of our forefathers."

Gospel Lesson Luke 10:38-42

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

Lesson from Paul's Letters Colossians 1:24-29 (*The Message*)

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

Sermon "Servants of the Church"

“When I became a servant in this church, I experienced this suffering as a sheer gift, God’s way of helping me serve you, laying out the whole truth.”
(Colossians 1:25)

Rev. Jonathan T. Carlisle, Gap Pastor



A Time of Silence

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

Moment for Mission – Peace and Global Witness Offering, “Sowing the Seeds of Peace” to be received October 13th

Invitation to Our Joyful and Generous Stewardship Together

“What is generosity? Giving or sharing freely the things you value whether material possessions, money, time or love. As we collect money in the offering plate, re-dedicate your giving of love to others this week, just as Jesus showed us to do. “Love one another.”

Offertory

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord, we have given ourselves to our work, our family and our neighbors this week. Now as a sign of our gratitude to You for our time and talents, we share a portion of our treasure for your work through Westminster Presbyterian Church. We have given these gifts with cheerful hearts. Come, Holy Spirit. 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 "We Are One in the Spirit"

(They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love) # 300

*Charge

Come, Holy Spirit, challenge our weariness, inspire our discussions, keep our minds open and give us your holy imagination to discover the mission you would give us to do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Benediction – I Thessalonians 3

*Postlude



Westminster Presbyterian Church is one of eighty-four member congregations of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Founded April 8, 1956

Church staff – Karen Flowers, Sexton & Rene Miller, Treasurer

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, Pam Johnston, Carol Jones & Joyce Sizemore

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

Announcements

Worship next Sunday will be at **Galloway Presbyterian Church**, 6191 Hall Road, 3 miles from here, at **10:45 AM**. We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. The service is available on YouTube at "Galloway Presbyterian Church." A potluck will follow. Please bring a side dish to pass.

To **prepare your heart and mind** for next Sunday's sermon by Pastor Jon, "A Single Garment of Destiny," you may read II Samuel 14:1-14 – Absalom Is Restored – "we're like water spilled out on the ground that can't be gathered up again. But God doesn't take life away..." and I John 5:4-12 God Is Life – "Whoever has the Son has life..."

We continue to pray for all of our members and friends in our "Contact List." Ask them "How may I pray for you this week?" Julian of Norwich, an English mystic, prayed at a young age for three things from God. As you pray for others, pray also for yourself, reflecting on this question "What three things do I most desire from God?" Begin today with Melinda Rowe and pray for a new person each day. Tricia Scior on Monday; Laith Sersain on Tuesday; David Ball on Wednesday; Blaine Sickles on Thursday; Gary Simons on Friday; and Brittany Simons on Saturday.

Starting with the September 15th worship service, YouTube recordings will be available on our church web site westminstercolumbus.org. Click on "sermons."