



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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## Service for the Lord's Day – November 17, 2024

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"I worship Jesus Christ, whom we Christians consider to be the Prince of Peace. As a Jew, he taught us to cross religious boundaries, in service and in love. He repeatedly reached out and embraced Roman conquerors, other Gentiles, and even the more despised Samaritans... The bond of our common humanity is stronger than the divisiveness of our fears and prejudices. God gives us the capacity for choice. We can choose to alleviate suffering. We can choose to work together for peace. We can make these changes – and we must."

-President Jimmy Carter in his Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech 2002

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### CARILLON PEAL

#### CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Jubilant Praise

Psalm 139

Canticle of the Bells

*Jantz A. Black*

*Fred Gramann*

*Arnold B. Sherman*

(During the Call to Worship in Music you are requested to enter into a time of silence, actively opening your spirit to God's presence in your midst.)

#### INTROIT – "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

*Jacob Hintze*

Let the whole creation cry,

"Glory to the Lord on high."

Heaven and earth, awake and sing,

"God is our eternal King."

Praise God, all ye hosts above,

Ever shining forth in love;

Sun and moon, uplift your voice;

Night and stars, in God rejoice!

#### \*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a verbal greeting or enthusiastic wave.)

#### \*HYMN 144 – "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

*Hyfrydol*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love**

others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

#### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: As the gospel of Matthew tells us, "When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Take heart...your sins are forgiven.'"

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

*H. W. Greatorex*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (Children are welcome to come forward)

Elder Caelan Ford  
The Reverend John W. Neely

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### WELCOME

Leader: William Buerkle has been  
received into the one holy catholic and  
apostolic church through baptism.  
God has made him a member of the household of God,  
to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.  
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People:** With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you  
into Christ's family, where we love God and neighbor,  
grow in faith, share in ministry, and abound in steadfast love.

**HYMN (all sing)** - "Baptized in Water"  
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,  
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

*Bunessan*

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** - Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Pew Bible, p. 163 OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

(Children in Pre-K - 2nd grades will leave the service at this time.  
An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to their room.)

**ANTHEM** - "We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness, O God"

*William McKie*

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.  
O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end.  
Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluia. We wait for thy loving kindness,  
O God: in the midst of thy temple. O Lord hear us as we pray to thee. Amen

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** - Mark 12:28-34

Pew Bible, p. 233 NT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Caitlin T. Deyerle

Cultivating Christian Readiness

Focus: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your might." - Deuteronomy 6:5

**\*HYMN** (See back page) - "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

*Pescador de hombres*

(Children in Grade 3-8 will leave the service at this time. An adult leader will  
be in the Narthex to escort them to their classrooms.)

#### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**ANTHEM** - "To Take on All Our Burdens" (from *Six Motets*, op. 79)

*Felix Mendelssohn*

To take on all our burdens Jesus Christ did debase himself, and he so humble  
remained until his crucifixion; Therefore the Lord him exalted, and to him a  
name has been given that towers over other names. Hallelujah!

**SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 388 – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

*Angel's Story*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE (all sing) – “Spirit of the Living God”**

*Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (for Duo-pianists)**

*arr. Mark Hayes*

(The Concluding Voluntary is the final Alleluia of our worship.

You are invited to remain in silence.)

\*Please rise in body or spirit.



**Thank you for coming to Westminster today! We hope to see you again soon. If you enjoyed the service, and want to help us continue to share the love of God with our neighbors and transform their lives, please consider donating to our ministries. Donation boxes are located in the Narthex and by the elevator. You can also donate online at [www.westminsterdayton.org/give](http://www.westminsterdayton.org/give) or by scanning the QR code to the left with the camera of any smart device. You can also text “give” to 937-468-4003.**

**This Sunday we join in celebration as we baptize William Buerkle son of Kelvin Buerkle.**

**Music Participants:** Westminster Ringers (Brent Manley, Director) - Westminster Choir - Tom Lehmann, Tenor - Christi Wilson and Brent Manley, Duo-Pianists - John Neely is Organist-Director.

**Today's Music:** The handbell music rung this morning has been given to the Westminster Handbell Library in loving memory of Sandra Vining by her friends, the Presby Chicks.

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" was written by Cesáreo Gabaráin in 1979. He had traveled to Galilee and was moved by the experience of being at the seaside where some of the disciples had been called. Upon his return to Spain, he wrote this text. It is a reminder that Christ still calls disciples today. Gabaráin (1936-1991), a native of Mondragon, Spain, was a Roman Catholic parish priest and then monsignor in Madrid. He was the Spanish chaplain to Pope Paul VI. Many of his hymns have been translated into over forty languages.

As noted, the anthem "To Take on All Our Burdens" comes from Mendelssohn's *Six Motets*, op.79. These six choral works focus on six important days of the church year: Christmas, New Year's Day, Ascension Day, Passion Week, Advent, and Good Friday. Here are wonderful examples of Mendelssohn's beautiful romantic-era choral writing. All six motets will be sung for Choral Vespers today at 4:00 p.m.

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A **brochure listing all musical events** for the academic year can be found in the literature racks. It can also be downloaded from Westminster's website.

**Choirs for children and youth today. New members are welcome.**

*Children's Choirs and Youth Handbells (Sundays)*

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Genesis Singers (4 and 5 year olds, Pre-Kindergarten) - Rm. 104 - Hilary Toerner, Director

Cherub Choir (grades K-2) - Theater - Rachael Boezi, Director

Calvin Choir (grades 3-6) - Rm. 100 (Choir Room) - John Neely, Director

Knox Ringers (grades 7-12) - Rm. 203 - Brent Manley, Director

Youth Choir

**Knox Choir grades (7-12) - change in time today: 5:15-6:15 p.m., following Choral Vespers**

- Choir Room - John Neely, Director

All are welcome!

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Please stop by our Children's Ministry check in desk anytime between 9:40-10:05 to record your child's attendance & receive their name tag.

**Infants and Toddlers, Room 108** (Infant - 3 years old), are cared for from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 108. Parents of infants will be contacted via text by the nursery staff in case immediate communication is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary. During the worship hour, children take part in an activity and enjoy a snack.

**Classes for children and youth today. New members are welcome.**

*Pre-K - 2nd Grades:*

10:00-10:20 - Worship with family in the Sanctuary

10:25-11:30 - Sunday School

Pre-K & K, Room 101

1st & 2nd grades, Room 103/105

*3rd-8th Grades:*

10:00-10:40 - Worship with family in the Sanctuary

10:45-11:30 - Sunday School

3rd & 4th grades, Room 109

5th-8th grades, Theater

**The Junior High and Senior High Youth Fellowships** will not meet this evening due to Choral Vespers and Harvest Dinner. Youth Fellowship will resume next Sunday.

### LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

**Welcome Visitors:** We are so glad to welcome you to worship with us today! Whether you are just passing through or looking for a new church community, we hope you feel right at home. At Westminster we believe that Jesus welcomes all people, just as they are, and so do we. We understand the life of faith to be a journey that is better walked together than alone. Following worship please join us for Coffee and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall, or join one of our Sunday School classes. We hope you will explore the bulletin as well as our website [www.westminsterdayton.org](http://www.westminsterdayton.org) to learn more about us. Please leave us your name and contact information in the Friendship Pad so we can get to know you as well! Grace and peace to you. -Westminster Pastoral Staff and Congregation

**Join the Westminster Fellowship Facebook Group (Westminster Presbyterian Church Dayton Fellowship)!** Be part of our online community and stay in the know of all upcoming Fellowship Events.

Thank you for your 2025 pledge to Westminster. There is still time to give! Pledge cards are in the literature racks in the Narthex, or you can pledge on the website by going to [www.westminsterdayton.org/give](http://www.westminsterdayton.org/give).

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**The flowers in the Chancel** are given by Jan Culver and Gene Kurtz in thanksgiving for the fellowship of the Nu presby group.

**If you are interested in donating Chancel flowers**, please contact Kay Berg (bergkay07@gmail.com or 937-367-9297). Please note that there is a one month lead time for flower donation announcements.

**Emergency Response Team:** Warren Assink, Tim Kemerley

During the service, if you notice someone who appears to require medical attention, please raise your hand or contact the head usher. Emergency Response Team members will care for the person.

**If you have a security concern** please notify the head usher who can connect you to our security personnel.

Each week the churches of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley keep one particular congregation or group in their prayers. This week the churches are praying for **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton.**

Westminster is a praying church and we would love to pray for you. You are welcome to **add your prayer to our Prayer Wall**, located in the Sanctuary near the front on the east wall. You will find paper and pencil to write your private prayer to God and place it between the bricks of the wall.

If you have a prayer request you would like to share with our **Westminster Prays weekly email**, please use the Prayer Request Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering box following worship. You can sign up to receive the Westminster Prays email and share prayer requests or other pastoral needs directly with our pastoral staff by emailing [caitlin@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:caitlin@westminsterdayton.org) or calling 937-907-6078.

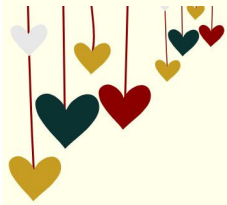
**Members known to be in the hospital:** Elizabeth Payne (Soin Medical Center - no visitors)

**Recently released from the hospital:** Jane Collins

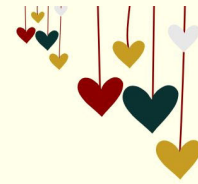


**WPW Pecan Sale: Orders are Ready!**

The pecan orders have been packaged and are ready for pickup. Visit room 106 after Worship today to bring home your holiday delights! If you haven't placed an order, you are in luck. Extra bags are available for purchase.



# GIFTS FROM THE HEART



A W.I.S.E. Ministry outreach providing Christmas gifts for students and families at DECA Middle and Eastmont Elementary Schools

*Choose a heart in the Narthex before & after worship*  
**Next Sunday, November 24**



Gifts from the Heart is a mission outreach providing Christmas gifts for students and families at DECA Middle and Eastmont Elementary Schools. Sunday, November 24, before worship, choose a heart in the Narthex. Monetary donations will also be accepted for an Emergency Fund for families at both schools and for staff appreciation. Contact Jenne Gross ([jenne@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:jenne@westminsterdayton.org)) if you have questions.

**ID Ministry Special Offering**  
**Next Sunday, November 24**

Your donation to the ID Ministry Fund helps the underserved in our community access assistance programs that can provide them food, housing, medical coverage, and other services they need. The ID Ministry is the #1 source in the county of help for people needing birth certificates and serves a crucial role in supporting the community.



# Advent Calendar of Events

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sunday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.**  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## **ALL-CHURCH ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Sunday, December 8, 5:00 p.m.**  
An evening of food and fellowship for all ages. Following the potluck, music will be sung by all of the children and youth choirs.

## **SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.**  
A traditional service of Christmas scripture, music, and prayers. Music will be sung and rung by the children and youth choirs, Westminster Choir, and the Westminster Ringers.

## **NOONDAY CAROL SING AND LUNCH**

**Friday, December 20**  
**12:00 noon – Handbell Prelude**  
**Westminster Ringers**  
**12:10- 12:40 p.m. – Carol Sing**  
A fun and festive community event with carol singing by all and music by the choirs of Xenia High School. A quick lunch for \$7 will be served following the Carol Sing. Invite your friends!

## **Christmas Eve Services Tuesday, December 24**

**Christmas in the Stable**  
4:00 p.m.

**Family Oriented Service**  
Genesis Singers, Cherub,  
and Calvin Choirs

**Christmas in the Cathedral**  
9:20 p.m. - Prelude  
10:00 p.m. – Service

**Traditional Candlelight**  
Service Westminster Choir,  
Knox Ringers, Harp





**Childcare will be provided for children ages infant- 5 yrs. old  
For childcare reservations, please email Kylie Hettinger ([kylie@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:kylie@westminsterdayton.org))**

**Come with your friends and family today!**  
The Bethany Bus will be available upon request both Vespers and the  
Harvest Dinner. Contact Mattie at [mattie@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:mattie@westminsterdayton.org).

**The service will be livestreamed.**

# MISSION ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE



**ONE DAY ONLY!  
TODAY  
IN THE WEST PARLOR**



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**Before and  
after Worship**

8:30-10:00, 11:00-12:30

**Before and  
after Choral Vespers**

3:00-4:00, 5:15-6:30

Ten Thousand Villages is a global maker-to-market movement. This sale is a way for you to shop for ethically sourced wares and to share the joy of connecting with artisans world-wide. Buy handmade gifts with a story to tell. You will be promoting environmental, economic, and social justice with each purchase.

# Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*Unison*



1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore  
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions;  
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing,  
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans,



look - ing nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones;  
 my boat car - ries no gold and no weap - ons;  
 through my la - bors to give oth - ers rest,  
 ev - er longed for by souls who are wait - ing,



you on - ly asked me to fol - low hum - bly.  
 you will find there my nets and la - bor.  
 and con - stant love that keeps on lov - ing.  
 my lov - ing friend, so now you call me.

*Refrain*



O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,



and while smil - ing have spo - ken my name;



now my boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me;



by your side I will seek oth - er seas.

**“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!” (144)**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, his the throne!  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone!  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
“I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic feast.

**Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore**  
(Please refer to the bulletin for text and tune)

You have come up to the lakeshore,  
Looking neither for wise nor for wealthy.  
You only wanted that I should follow.  
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And, while smiling, have called out my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
Now with you I will seek other seas.

You know that I own so little,  
In my boat there's no money nor weapons,  
You'll only find there my nets and labor.  
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And, while smiling, have called out my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,

Now with you I will seek other seas.

You need the caring of my hands.  
Through my tiredness, may others find resting.  
You need a love that just goes on loving.  
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And, while smiling, have called out my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
Now with you I will seek other seas.

You, who have fished other oceans,  
Ever longed for by souls that are waiting,  
My dear and good friend, as thus you call me.  
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And, while smiling, have called out my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
Now with you I will seek other seas.

**“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (389)**

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me,  
My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.  
O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.  
O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak, to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.  
O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my friend.