



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day – July 14, 2024

"It is a Christian conviction that evil is permitted by a sovereign God in some way that is ultimately comparable with his goodness." William Dyrnes

CARILLON PEAL

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Duo from *Suite du deuxième ton*

Jean-Adam Guilain

Aria from *Symphony No. 1*

Rachel Laurin

(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 - "Sing Alleluia Forth"

David H. Williams

Sing Alleluia forth in duteous praise. Alleluia!

WELCOME

The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

*CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 288 - "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Ellacombe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, we confess that all of us sin and fall short of your glory. We are idle when we should be active. We listen to gossip more than we listen to the gospel. When called to serve we have excuses rather than excitement. We hesitate rather than hasten to do what you ask. Time is short for we know not our life's tenure on this earth. Help us to be mindful of how precious each moment is and be quick to fill them with deeds of discipleship in response to your will.

(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: Even in our sinfulness, God accepts us unconditionally.

People: Our sins are washed away by God's overwhelming love for us.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

H. W. Groatorex

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.

GREETINGS FROM COLOMBIA

Selwins Maturana

(Children in Pre-K - Grade 4 will leave the service at this time.)

An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to their classrooms.)

ANTHEM - A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

L. J. White

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Proverbs 6:16-19

Pew Bible, pp. 589 OT

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. George H. McConnel

Play the Ball Where the Monkey Drops It

Focus: "...he makes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous." Mathew 5:54

*HYMN 171 - "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

St. Columba

*STATEMENT OF FAITH (A Declaration of Faith - The Presbyterian Church, USA)

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.

Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey

all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.

No more than Christ are we spared

the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world.

We are in the world, but not of the world.

Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:

to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;

to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

ANTHEM - "Grant Us Thy Peace"

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us thy peace, Almighty Lord,
Thou source of every blessing!
Feeble and frail, trust we thy Word,
All things in thee possessing.
In thee is our hope and safety.

***Doxology (Hymnal No. 592)**

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

***Response (all sing) - "We Give Thee but Thine Own"**

Schumann

**We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

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 260 - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

Ein' feste Burg

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE (all sing) - "Go with Us, Lord"**

Tallis' Canon

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - Voluntary on "Old Hundredth"

Henry Purcell

*Please rise in body or spirit.

This Sunday, we joyfully welcome our Pastor Emeritus, The Reverend Dr. George H. “Sandy” McConnel, back to the pulpit. Sandy faithfully served as the head pastor of Westminster beginning in 1993 before retiring in 2013.

Music Participants: Summer Choir - Laura Bottei, Organist - Nick Raines, Baritone - Rachael Boezi, Mezzo Soprano - The Reverend John Neely is Director.

Today’s Music: It is rare that a profound theologian and hymn writer can write well for children. With the creation of “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Hymn 288), Isaac Watts (1674-1748) succeeded. His collection *Divine Songs Attempted in Easy Language, for the Use of Children* (1715), was the first hymnal compiled exclusively for children. The words are filled with vivid pictures of the handiworks of God, and remind us that God is everywhere in our midst.

Choir schedules, 2024-2025, for children, youth, and adults may be found on the church website.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Infants and Toddlers, Room 108 (Infant - 3 years old), are cared for from 8:30 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.

Summer Programming - Theater (Pre-K–Grade 4). Children will leave the service after the First Scripture (10:20 a.m.). An adult leader for this age group will be in the Narthex to greet them and escort them to the Theater.

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 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.

Sweetening Up The Garden Table! Tomatoes aren’t ready and peppers aren’t ripe. While we wait for garden treats, everyone loves fresh baked sweets! Make your best baked goods for the Sunday Garden Table in Fellowship Hall. Any produce or baked goods will be gratefully received. Simply drop off your items in Fellowship Hall before worship; no advanced notice required. All money collected is donated to the Dayton Food Bank.

The Reverend Dr. Richard Baker is away on vacation. He will return to the church Monday, July 22.

The Reverend Dr. Caitlin Deyerle is away for study leave. She will return to the church Tuesday, July 16.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The flowers in the Chancel are given in memory of Barbara Wiedlund by the Tyrian 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: Jenna Bertke, 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.

Hearing Assistance

Having trouble hearing? It happens to many of us! A Deacon is available each Sunday at the table across from the elevator to orient you to Westminster's hearing assist devices. These devices give you a direct feed from the sound system right into your ear and you can control the volume. Many of our members find this very helpful. We want everyone to be able to fully participate in worship. So give it a try and see if it can work for you!

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 **Presbyterian Church of Wilmington**.

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 or calling 937-907-6078.

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family and friends of Rachel Bower, who died on Saturday, July 06. Service information is pending.

Members currently known to be in the hospital at this time:

Holly Martin has been released to hospice care at her home.



MADD Days
MUSIC ART DANCE DRAMA DAYCAMP
July 22-26
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Westminster

**MADD Camp at Westminster
Music, Art, Drama, Dance Day Camp**

Registration is open for those entering grades 3-8 (as of fall 2024). Enjoy choir, handbells, dance, drama, Christian education, and art. The cost for the week is \$80 per camper.

For more information and to register: visit www.westminsterdayton.org/madd-days.

Please Register by Tomorrow, July 15.

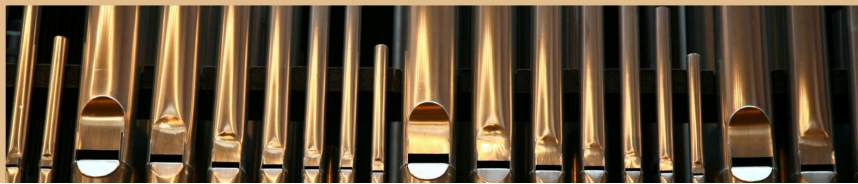
Questions? Contact Camp Director,
Kylie Hettinger (kylie@westminsterdayton.org).



Summer Choir

All are invited to sing in our drop-in, no-excuses **Summer Choir**, which continues every Sunday through September 1. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Choir Room and prepare anthems on the spot to sing at the 10:00 a.m. service. You do not have to be involved in the choir regularly in order to participate in the Summer Choir. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends along, too! For more information, contact John Neely (john@westminsterdayton.org).

★ Organ
Demonstration
Today
11:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. ★

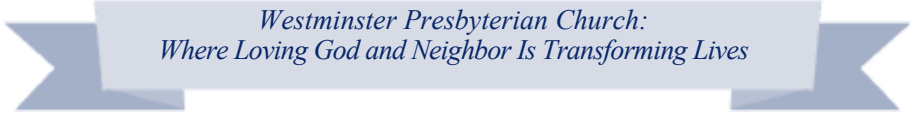


Learn how our magnificent organ works. The program will include hearing the various sounds that the 7000 pipes can produce, a close-up look inside of the organ chambers, a chance to sit at the console (if desired!), and more. One can sit in the choir Loft or in the pews down front.

***Resident
Celebration***

★ ★ ***NEXT SUNDAY!*** ★ ★
11:30 AM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us next Sunday in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate our residents, Laura Bottei and Luke Kellett. Many blessings on their journeys ahead!



MINISTERS

All members of the Church

STAFF

Richard L. Baker, Jr. Pastor/Head of Staff
 John W. Neely Assoc. Pastor for Music
 Nancy S. Hodgkins..... Assoc. Pastor for Youth & Mission
 Caitlin T. Deyerle Assoc. Pastor for Congregational Care
 Nancy Ross-Zimmerman..... Pastoral Affiliate
 Jenne Gross Mission Associate
 Kylie Hettinger Director of Discipleship
 Brent Manley Music Associate

Tim Francis..... Business Manager
 Brittany Campbell Director of Communications
 Donna Schoonmaker..... Office Manager
 Wayne King Facilities and Technology Coordinator
 Keith Spencer Sexton
 Marvin Fleming Sexton
 Laura Bottei..... Music Resident
 Luke Kellett..... Mission Resident
 George H. McConnel Pastor Emeritus



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 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.

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (288)

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God’s command,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
Where’er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

There’s not a plant or flower below
But makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from thy throne.
While all that borrows life from thee
Is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (171)

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me;
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
In death’s dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!
And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

“Christ of the Upward Way” (344)

Christ of the upward way,
My guide divine,
Where you have set your feet
May I place mine;
And move and march wherever you have trod,
Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

Give me the heart to hear
Your voice and will,
That without fault or fear
I may fulfill
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest,
Like one who would not bring less than the best.

Christ of the upward way,
My guide divine,
Where you have set your feet
May I place mine;
And when your last call comes serene and clear,
Calm may my answer be, “Lord, I am here.”