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Westminster Presbyterian Church

January 26, 2025 at 10:30 a.m

"The heavens are
telling of the
glory of God..."
Psalm 19:1

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Welcome to Westminster,

We are an open affirming congregation sharing God's love in West Akron.
No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here!

The flowers in the chancel are given by Pat Schumacher in celebration of family members birthdays and anniversaries.

First Sunday Food Collection will take place on February 2, during worship. Non-perishable items requested are chicken and tuna in a can, prepackaged dinners, fruits and vegetables in a can, pudding, toilet paper, paper towels, and personal care items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, body soap, deodorant etc. Monetary donations are appreciated.

Please join us in Wright-Herberich Hall after church for coffee and fellowship. At that time, Bridge Pastor Sandy Selby will provide a brief presentation (five or ten minutes) of the major points made by Summit County Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich in his "Senior Safety" presentation at Westminster on January 14 about phone, email, and text scams. As anyone can fall victim to these scams, people of all ages are welcome to attend. If you cannot attend in person and would like to have a copy of Sandy's notes, please email her at wpcpastorselby@gmail.com, or call the WPC Office.

Free Covid self-test kit, (one per household), available to pick up in Wright-Herberich Hall and the Narthex.

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Community Dinner, scheduled for Thursday, January 30th at 5:00 pm. The event will take place in Wright-Herberich Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow community members over a delicious meal. Whether you're looking to make new friends, catch up with old ones, or simply enjoy great food, we would love for you to join us. Come hungry and ready to share in the warmth and camaraderie of our community!

We will be collecting personal care items and women's underwear on February 2nd & Feb. 9th. RAHAB provides basic needs to women and children who have been affected by human trafficking. The items requested are: full-sized shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, and deodorant (Ethnic hair care products are also needed), new women's bras, underwear, and socks. Your kind donations help to give a sense of dignity to those in need.

"Sweets and Treats" Brunch, February, 9th, after service. Join us for quiche, tomato soup shots with grilled cheese dippers, fresh salad, and Valentine Treats from Westside bakery. We'll also have stations set up around the room where you can make a card for your Valentine, learn to arrange flowers, and sample delectable chocolates.

Calendar of Church Building Events For January 26 – February 2, 2025

Sunday, 01/26

- 8:30 am Childcare available
- 8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Adult Book Club (Room 106)
- 9:30 am Commissioning Class (Youth Rooms, upstairs)
- 9:30 am Sunday School (Godly Play Room, upstairs)
- 10:30 am Worship & YouTube Live-Stream
- 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship (WHH)

Tuesday, 01/28

- 7:00 pm Session Meeting (Room 106)

Wednesday, 01/29

- 3:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal
- 6:30 pm PNC Meeting (Room 106)

Thursday, 01/30

- 10:30 am Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
- 5:00 pm Community Dinner (WHH)
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study via Zoom

Saturday, 02/01

- 8:00 am Food For Life

Sunday, 02/02

- 8:30 am Childcare available
- 8:45 am Choir practice (in Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Adult Book Club (Room 106)
- 10:30 am Worship/Food Collection & YouTube Live-Stream
- 11:40 am Outreach Meeting (Room 106)
- 11:45 am Coffee/Birthday Cake Fellowship (WHH)

This Week's Music at WPC:

Scan or take a picture of the QR code with your smart phone and learn some musical history and context.



Prayer of Confession

God of our Restoration

**whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed
and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love.**

**We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors
as ourselves.**

Forgive us, heal us,

**and restore us to our relationship with you;
through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.**

Silence is observed.

Response 574

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have
mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise,
reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts.

God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ,
who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.

*Response 567

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in
the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

Greet both friends and strangers saying,
The peace of Christ be with you.

Moment of Mission

Stacy Franzmann

Time for Church Life and Call for the Offering

Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those seated near you.

Last one to sign, please leave at the end of the pew. Thank you.

Offertory

“Father, We Thank Thee,”

Nik Stackpole (b. 2000)

*Father we thank thee who hast planted Thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal, Jesus Thy Son to us imparts.
Thou Lord did make all for Thy pleasure did give us food for all our days,
Giving in Christ the bread eternal, Thine is the power, be Thine the praise.*

*Watch over thy church, O Lord, in mercy save it from evil guard it still.
Perfect it in Thy love, unite it, cleansed and comforted unto Thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands Thy church be gathered into Thy kingdom by Thy Son!*

*Response 592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (*Doxology*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures
here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

(Children may exit with Ms. Valerie to attend choir rehearsal)

Prayer for Illumination

Just as we see your wisdom and glory in nature around us, God,
may we hear your Word for us in the words of these readings,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may be drawn closer to you.
Through your great preacher, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Psalm 19

Hymn 167

God's Law is Perfect and Gives Life

HALIFAX

The Second Lesson

Luke 4:14-21

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Singing Harmony”

The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby