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## Westminster Presbyterian Church

February 2, 2025 at 10:30 a.m

*The fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

# LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

is patient and kind;  
does not envy or boast;

it is not arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way;

it is not irritable or resentful;

it does not rejoice at wrongdoing,  
but rejoices with the truth.

bears all things,  
believes all things,

hopes all things,

endures all things.

*Love never ends*



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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!

**Happy February Birthdays, love is in the air.** Celebrate your special day with a hug. We thank Marian Wahl for providing February birthday cake, Happy Birthday!

**First Sunday Food Collection** will take place this morning 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.

**We will be collecting personal care items** and women's underwear today 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.

**The Acme Cash Back program is coming to a close.** Please submit all your Acme receipts for the "**Cash Back**" line at the bottom dated from August 1, 2024 through February 15, 2025. Boxes are in WHH and the narthex. Thank you!

**A letter from Christina Hodgkinson, Executive Director** of the International Welcome Center: “Because of you, something beautiful happens every day at the International Welcome Center: Your generosity creates moments where faith meets action, where understanding bridges cultural divides, and where our country's newest families find not just help – but hope.”

“Your generosity does more than support our mission – it breathes life into it, creating hope and connection when it's needed most” But, unfortunately, in light of these new developments, our collection of household goods will be in **limbo** until further notice.

## Calendar of Church Building Events For February 2– February 9, 2025

### Sunday, 2/2

- 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)

### Monday, 2/3

- 7:00 pm Discipleship Committee meets via Zoom

### Tuesday, 2/4

- 5:30 pm ILP Studio

### Wednesday, 2/5

- 3:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 91442

### Thursday, 2/6

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

### Sunday, 2/9

- 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)
- 11:45 am Sweets and Treats Brunch (WHH)

Everyone is invited to Coffee fellowship in Wright-Herberich Hall after 10:30 am. worship to say hello, visit and catch up with your neighbor.

Sermon “The Greatest of These is Love” The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby

\*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray for the life of the world,  
saying, O Christ our Light,  
**hear our prayer**

We pray silently...

And finally, together, as the people of God, we offer the prayer that Christ  
taught us, saying in one voice:

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 487 When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

\*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary “Improvisation on ‘Laudes Domini,’” Nik Stackpole

**Today's Worship team is** Reverend Dr. Sandy Selby (preaching);  
Stacy Franzmann (liturgist); Nik Stackpole (organist);  
Bruce Klucharich (audio-visual); Adult Choir and Ushers

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*At the ringing of the carillon, please silence your conversations and prepare your  
hearts and minds for an encounter with the Living God.  
**Bolded text is read or sung by all.** \*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.*

Voluntary “Waltz on Hyfrydol,” Mitchell Eithun (b. 1995)

\*Call of Worship Stacy Franzmann

From the very beginning, God calls us.  
**God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.**  
We come up with excuses to avoid our calls,  
for we are afraid.  
**But God reassures us in many and various ways through  
the course of our days.**  
Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,  
**God is with us and sustains us.**

\*Hymn (insert) Christ is the World's Light CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Call to Confession

Trust in the One who made us and redeemed us.  
Let us confess our sin.

**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 life,  
we admit to you and to each other  
that we have not always lived lives of love.  
We have lost patience and been rude.  
We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.  
We have even let love end.  
Forgive us and heal us, dear God,  
through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. 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 has loved us since the beginning,  
and God’s love for us will never end.  
Do not fear, therefore,  
but have faith in God’s steadfast love,  
God’s healing power, and God’s ability to make all things new.

\*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.**

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 “Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light,” Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

(Jason Burdett, Violin)

*Creator of beauty and giver of light,  
who set the stars shining in dark sacred night;  
We offer our music with hearts full of praise,  
With joyful thanksgiving for all of our days.  
In pastures of heaven, where green valleys sing,  
And high mountains echo, each prayer to our King;  
May this sing, a gift forever be found,  
Now offered with grace, and eternity bound.  
The journey of each soul remains in your care,  
Your guidance and faithfulness, always you share;  
Your spirit, within us, each strength that you send,  
Returned to your glory, a world without end.*

\*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

Spirit of life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in,  
that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others. **Amen.**

The First Lesson 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Hymn 2108 O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

The Second Lesson Luke 4:21-30

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