



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' DAY



NOVEMBER 3, 2024

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Blessed Are The Faithful Souls, J. Brahms¹

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits
and aging bodies,

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Strong in our faith and eager with questions, singing our praise
and whispering our prayers,

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours.

People: We come to be your people, O God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN

O Lord of Life Where'er They Be, Gelobt Sei Gott²

1. O Lord of life, wher-e'er they be, Safe in Your own e -
2. All souls You call, both here and there, Do rest with - in Your
3. Your word is true, Your ways are just; A - bove the chant - ed
4. Hap - py are they in God who rest, No more by fear and

ter - ni - ty, Now live Your chil - dren glo - rious - ly.
shel - tering care; One prov - i - dence a - like they share:
"Dust to dust" Shall rise our song of grate - ful trust:
doubt op - pressed; Liv - ing or dy - ing, they are blest:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord God, only you are holy.

Yet we imagine that we are righteous,
excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others.

We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors
but slow to help with their own.

We take credit and give blame.

In spite of the grace you have shown to us,
we are slow to show mercy.

Forgive us, O God, and wash us clean,
that we may serve you with joy and thanksgiving (*continue with silent confession*).
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God is filled with everlasting mercy and desire for your well-being.

People: **Jesus was given to dwell among us and, in dying, was raised to be with us always. In the gift of resurrection, we can rejoice and know the hope of renewed lives.**

Leader: Trust that you are forgiven, that you belong to the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer who has known you for ages.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***ACCLAMATION HYMN 634 (verse 1)** *To God Be the Glory, To God Be The Glory³*
To God be the glory; great things God has done!
So loved God the world that God gave us the Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord, let the Earth hear God's voice!
Praise the Lord; Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give God the glory: great things God has done!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please turn to the back wall and wave to our online worshippers, offering them the peace of Christ and then greet each other.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 11:32-35

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep.

HYMN 194

When Jesus Wept, Billings⁴

The congregation will sing the hymn in a round, as indicated by the leader

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (continued)

John 11:36-44

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

After the message, children may follow the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD***HYMN***O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life, Kingsfold⁵*

1. *O Christ, who shared our mortal life and ended death's long reign,
 who healed the sick and raised the dead and bore our grief and pain:
 we know our years on earth are few, that death is always near.
 Come now to us, O Lord of life, bring hope that conquers fear.*

2. *Two weeping sisters, worn by grief and mired in depths of gloom,
 stood watching where their brother lay within a rock-sealed tomb.
 When, Lord, you met them as they mourned, you wept compassion's tear.
 But Martha, sore with sorrow, said, "He'd live had you been here!"*

3. *"I am the Lord of life and death!" you answered Martha's cry,
 "And all who hear and trust my Word shall live, although they die."
 You walked the path to Lazarus' tomb; you called him forth by name.
 And living, loving once again from death to life he came.*

4. *Death's power holds us still in thrall and bears us toward the tomb.
 Death's darkening cloud hangs like a pall that threatens earth with doom.
 But you have broken death's embrace and torn away its sting.
 Restore to life our mortal race! Raise us, O risen King.*

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE AND NECROLOGY

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for those in the Westminster community who have fought the good fight, kept the faith, finished their race, and joined the great cloud of witnesses.

We also give you thanks, O God, for all those dear to us who now are at rest with you... *Erin Donnell, Sam Buffat, Traudie Holman, Connie Dettloff, Nell Seiberlich, Vicki Cothroll, Patricia Miller, Tom Buchhauser, Thomas Carroll, Hugh Moss, Kathy Waggener, and Ann Friedley.*

People: **Almighty God, we remember before you those who have lived among us who have directed our steps on the way, opened our eyes to the truth, inspired our hearts by their witness, and strengthened our wills by their devotion. We rejoice in their lives dedicated to your service. We honor them in their death, and pray that we may be united with them in the glory of Christ's resurrection. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN 470 (refrain)

*There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*⁶

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Sue Hummel, Worship Committee

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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O How Amiable, R. Vaughan Williams⁷

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and every place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Sanctus Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, St. Bride Setting,
Iona Community (Scotland)⁸

When indicated, the congregation will echo each phrase the leader sings.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!*

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty,... Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

People: Memorial Acclamation Hymn Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen,
St. Bride Setting, Iona Community⁹

When indicated, the congregation will echo each phrase the leader sings.

*Christ has died, Christ is Risen,
Christ will come again,
Christ will come again.*

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...We pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation is invited to come forward and form two lines using the center aisle. The elements are received by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. If you are unable to come forward, remain in your seat and the communion elements will be served to you. The bread is gluten free so that all may participate.

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to step behind the communion table and light a candle in remembrance of someone who has joined the communion of saints.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep*, arr. H. Goodall¹⁰

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal, uniting us with Christ, and giving us a foretaste of our unity with all the saints. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 326**

Verse 3 - Choir alone

*For All the Saints, Sine Nomine*¹¹

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Partita on "O God, Our Faithful God," J.S. Bach*¹²

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Leaders Today:



Pastor: Rev. Scott Anderson

Liturgist: Bud Smith

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr

The Chancel Choir

Dorothy Blotz, accompanist

Ushers/Greeters: Doug & Juanita Halls, Kate Fletcher, Eileen Ahearn (Deacon)

Communion Servers: Linda Moss, Gary Stephens, Karen Stephens, Jean Loup

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS November 3, 2024

Pres House Meal - Help Needed

Westminster volunteers several times a year to prepare and serve meals at Pres House. The dates Westminster Presbyterian signed up for are: Nov. 24th, Dec. 15, Feb. 16th, and March 16th. If you would like to help or want more information, please call/text Doug Rouse at 608-225-4522. You can volunteer as much or little as you like. This is a fun way to give back to the community for individuals, couples or families!

Dessert & Auction, Saturday, December 7

Join us for fellowship, fun and some early Christmas shopping at the PWW Dessert and Christmas Auction, Saturday, December 7 from 1pm - 3pm in the narthex. Auction items are needed! If you would like to donate to the auction, please bring a new item that you have created, cooked or wish to donate to the auction. Proceeds benefit local community agencies and our Westminster PWW mission work. Thank you! For questions contact Judy Graham: jcracker@charter.net.

Thanks - "Giving" Worship

The Allied pantry works with several organizations to make food available, but there is an **urgent need for baby wipes and diapers (all sizes)**. At the Thanksgiving worship service on November 17, we will be collecting diapers & wipes (in lieu of food) to take to the Allied Drive pantry. Please consider bringing something to donate. Checks may be made to Westminster with "diapers" in the memo.

Thanksgiving Potluck Feast (One Volunteer Needed)

Mark your calendars for our annual Thanksgiving Feast after worship on Sunday November 17 in Fellowship Hall. **Please bring your favorite side dish, salad, pie or other dessert to share for the potluck.** The Fellowship committee will provide roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. One volunteer is needed to help cook a turkey on that Saturday (and bring to church Sunday). Please talk to Sandra if you can help. Any questions, contact Sandra Cole at srcole30@gmail.com or Juanita Halls jjh711152@gmail.com.

Forum November 10 – Thoreau Reading Program

The Thoreau Summer Reading Program just completed its 11th year! This has been made possible by Westminster Presbyterian Church and all those that have been believers. In those 11 years, the program has distributed well over 7000 books. Join us after worship on Sunday, November 10 as teacher Kelly McCann shares updates and information on this amazing and successful program!

MAJM Coat Drive

If you have a gently used winter coat, hats, gloves, or boots, Madison Area Jail Ministry is accepting donations for those being released from the Dane County Jail and are in immediate need for the following:

- Winter Coats: Men's, Women's and unisex size L, XL, XXL, 3X, 4X
- Men's and women's: pants and sweatshirts size medium to 2XL.

Please bring donations by **Sunday, November 24.**

Save the Date, December 22

Mark your calendar for December 22. After worship we will be celebrating God's work in and through Pastor Scott Anderson with a catered lunch. Find details and RSVP information can be found in the email announcements.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Bucky Pike, Rick Dettloff, Nancy Prine

Members & Friends: Linda Moss and family, Jerry Tarr, the family of Kathy Waggener, the family of Ann Friedley, Fred Dewitt (father of Beth Testa), Bill Bridson

MEMORIALS

*The memorial for Kathy Waggener will be at Westminster on Sunday, November 10 at 2PM.

*The memorial for Hugh Moss will be at Westminster on Saturday, November 23. Visitation is at 10AM with the Service is at 11AM.

The members of Westminster Presbyterian Church recognize the land the church occupies is the ancestral home of the Ho-Chunk Nation, who have called this land Teejop (day-JOPE) since time immemorial. We recognize and respect the inherent sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the other eleven First Nations within the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin.

Collection Plate

Collection plates are located at the sanctuary doors. You may use the QR code to make contributions online. Thanks! you!

