

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES

PRELUDE *Nearer, My God, To Thee,* arr. G. Young[1]

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is our dwelling place,
ALL: God gathers us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.
One: God is our dwelling place,
ALL: God gathers us into community with all people to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth..
One: God is our dwelling place,
ALL: God gathers us into community with all creation to live in harmony, to encourage new growth.

***HYMN 53** *Our God, Who Gives Us Life,* Noel[2]

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy. Hear and share the good news.
ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!

***CELEBRATION SONG 647** *Give Thanks*, Give Thanks[3]

***PASSING THE PEACE**
One: ...the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:34-46
34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one
of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment
in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39
And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments
hang all the Law and the Prophets." 41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked
them this question: 42 "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him,
"The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord,
saying, 44 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your
feet"'? 45 "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one was able to give him an
answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

TIME FOR WONDER (Children's Time) – Amy Poland
After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

SERMON *You have heard it said…God Loves Those Who Love God*

***HYMN 762** *When the Poor Ones*, Cuando el pobre[4]

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row. Bring coins! All change collected will go to a mission project chosen by the children.*

OFFERTORY *Thee Will I Love,* arr. C. Courtney[5]

***DEDICATION HYMN 717** *For the Life That You Have Given*, Pleading Savior[6]

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP – Bill Tanke

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

***HYMN 766** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*, Mc Kee[7]

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Jazz Variations on Mc Kee*, M. Hassell[8]

Leaders Today

Pastor: Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee
Liturgist: Ed Cothroll
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman
AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou
The Chancel Choir
Ushers/Greeters: Sue Hummel, Bill Tanke, Chuck Kamp, Eileen Ahearn (Deacon)

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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS



No Fear Sunday, Fall Festival After Worship
Stick around after worship for our Fall Festival and pizza lunch in the Narthex area!

¾ Year Statements (Through September) are Available!
Please stop by the signup table outside the MJB Lounge and pick up your pledge statements today!

All Saints Day
Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday where we gather in worship to celebrate the lives of those Westminster members and friends that we've lost since the previous All Saints Day. We will read their names, toll a bell and light a memory candle for each of them. After, the congregation is invited to light a candle for their loved ones. This year we celebrate: Albert Whitney, Gloria Stange, Dale Rohde, Lee Ihlenfeldt, Loretta Rusch, Richard Zimmer, Jack Kenny, Bob Goller.

Sunday, November 15th at 11 AM - Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch
Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes and cranberries will be provided. You and your family are welcome to join us. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Lunch will be in the Fellowship Hall here at Westminster Presbyterian Church. We look forward to meeting neighbors, making new friends, and sharing this bountiful meal together. All are welcome!

Children's Stewardship
Children's Stewardship Promise Cards are available on the Family Ministry table in the Narthex. Please return them in the collection plate or church office by November 8.

Halloween at Westminster
We invite members and friends to greet the kids with candy at our Yuma entrance. We encourage costumes! (No scary costumes please, just fun or silly ones.) Sign up in the Narthex if you would like to help on **October 31, from 5:00-7:00PM** (or just show up!) If you would like to donate candy, drop it off in the office or with Kathy Key.

Just Bakery November 1!
The next appearance of Just Bakery at Westminster is Sunday, November 1st after worship. Prep your tummy to purchase yummy treats and support a great cause!

Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM) Christmas Card Writing
On Sunday, November 8th and 15th we will write Christmas cards for the inmates associated with the Madison Area Jail Ministry. Blank cards with instructions and message guidance will be found on the tables in the narthex. Westminster has committed to provide 75 written cards.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Gay Didriksen, Peg Zimmer
Members & Friends: Patrick Mullin