ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



NOVEMBER 1, 2026

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

UNITE IN LOVE

**Please stand as you're able.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Going Home,* arr. J. Martin[1]

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Through the waters of baptism, God calls us into community,
ALL: a circle of love and life crossing boundaries of time and place.
One: Sing to God a new song!
ALL: We join all the saints in praising God.
One: The glory of God fills heaven and earth.
ALL: Now and forever. Alleluia!

***HYMN 250** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*, Promise[2]

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, we want to make you proud. We want to hide away our faults so no one can see. We want to be considered worthy of sainthood. But you know our faults anyway. You know every detail of our lives.
ALL: Forgive us for trying to pretend we're perfect.
One: Holy God, we confess that we dance along the line between self-improvement and vanity. We read self-help books, listen to sages who tell us how we can achieve perfection, and try to eliminate all the mess from our lives so we can feel in control.
ALL: Forgive us for striving to be godlike when all you've ever asked of us is to be human.
One: Holy God, we forget that even the saints are human. Even the saints are messy and complicated. Our heroes are flawed, our loved ones make mistakes, and our idols aren't really made of solid gold. We confess that we are quick to judge the faults of others we have placed on a pedestal, as though they aren't human too.
ALL: Forgive us for expecting too much of one another.
One: Forgive us, we pray. Give us grace to trade the illusion of perfection for the real life you have gifted us and hold us secure in the promise of future glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Family of faith, hear the good news: you do not have to be perfect to be a saint. You just have to be the person God created you to be. God's grace is abundant, and it is for you. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

ALL: In 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 Psalm 139:1-18

[1] O Lord, you have searched me and known me. [2] You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. [3] You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. [4] Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. [5] You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. [6] Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. [7] Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? [8] If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. [9] If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, [10] even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. [11] If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," [12] even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. [13] For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. [14] I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. [15] My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. [16] Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. [17] How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! [18] I try to count them-they are more than the sand; I come to the end-I am still with you.

TIME FOR WONDER (Children's Time)

After the message, children may return to their parents and will later help with the offering.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 23:1-12

[1]Jesus told the crowds and the disciples, [2]The religious scholars and the Pharisees have succeeded Moses as teachers; [3]therefore, perform every observance they tell you to. But don't follow their example; even they don't do what they say. [4]They tie up heavy loads and lay them on others' shoulders, while they themselves will not lift a finger to help alleviate the burden. [5]"All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and wear huge tassels. [6]They are fond of places of honor at banquets and the front seats in synagogues. [7]They love respectful greetings in public and being called 'Rabbi.' [8]"But as for you, avoid the title 'Rabbi.' For you have only one Teacher, and you are all sisters and brothers. [9]And don't call anyone on earth your 'Mother' or 'Father.' You have only one Parent—our loving God in heaven. [10]Avoid being called leaders. You have only one leader—the Messiah. [11]"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest. [12]Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted.

REFLECTION ON THE WORD *You Have Heard It Said, Giant Checks = Giant Faith*

***HYMN 326** (vs. 3 - choir only) *For All the Saints,* Sine Nomine[4]

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

One: God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,

ALL: we praise you, O God.

One: For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who still are shining lights in the world,

ALL: we praise you, O God.

One: For those no longer remembered, who earnestly sought you in darkness, who held fast their faith in trial, and served others,

ALL: we praise you, O God.

…Gloria Stange, Dale Rohde, Lee Ihlenfeldt, Loretta Rusch, Richard Zimmer, Jack Kenny, Bob Gollar, Nancy Whitney.

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 *Neither Death Nor Life,* arr. J. Crutchfield[5]

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

… we join our voices with all the saints who forever sing your praise.
SANCTUS HYMN 565 *Holy, Holy, Holy*, Sanctus[7]

… may we then come to fully understand the mystery of our faith.
MEMORIAL ACCLIMATION HYMN 566 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*[8]

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE MEAL AND LIGHTING THE CANDLES

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Rhosymedre,* R. Vaughan Williams[9]

PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN** *God We Gathered to Remember,* Ode to Joy[10]

1. God, we gathered to remember All your blessings in this place.
For the heritage we honor Is a heritage of grace.
When our church was born and built here, When we laid the cornerstone,
When a Sunday School was planned here, It was by your grace alone.

2. By your grace, you gave a vision To those settlers long ago.
As they served you here in mission, Soon your church began to grow.
They promoted education, Bought an organ, built new pews,
Year by year this congregation Kept on sharing your good news.

3. By your grace, we're still surrounded By those witnesses of old,
For our faith and work are grounded In the good news that they told.
Now they point us toward tomorrow: "We in faith served God's own Son;
Now it is your turn to follow, Now it is your race to run!"

4. By your grace, through prayer and singing, Worship fills our church's days.
Art and dance and hand bells ringing — All are forms of joyful praise.
Love of God and love of neighbor Send us out in Jesus' name.
Worship leads us out to labor, Serving you whom we proclaim.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Sine Nomine,* R. Proulx[11]

Leaders Today

Pastor: Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee
Liturgist: Juanita Halls
Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman
AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou
The Chancel Choir
Ushers/Greeters: Bob Weber, Doug Halls, Karen Osborne, Sandra Cole (Deacon)
Communion: Thatcher Root, Bud Smith, Joel DeSpain, John Braden

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WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

¾ Year Statements (Through September) are Available!
Don't forget to stop by the table outside the MJB Lounge and pick up your pledge statement.

Just Bakery Today!
Be sure to check out the delicious treats from Just Bakery after worship. Your purchase is a yummy way to help a great cause!

Committee Fair Next Sunday
Want to see where you can help our church ministries? Visit the Committee Fair on November 8th after Sunday service. Members from all our ministries will be there to answer questions before you turn in your Time & Talent forms.

November Essentials Collection
The Allied Partners collect items for the Essentials pantry in the Allied Neighborhood. Please bring items to church during November and place in the bin labeled "Essentials Pantry" in the narthex.
Items needed: bottled cleaning liquid like Pine Sol, all-purpose spray cleaner, bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, dish soap, laundry pods (quantity 10/package), Comet cleanser, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste.

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!
NEEDED: volunteers to help cook – sign-up sheet is outside of the MJB lounge.

Stewardship & Promise Cards
Please take a moment to fill out and turn in your pledge cards, time and talent and children's promise cards by next Sunday, November 8. You can put them into the collection plate or drop them off in the office. Extra cards can be found outside the lounge in the Narthex. This is an important part of planning our next year. Thank you!

Congregational Meeting November 22
Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, November 22 for a brief congregational meeting to elect a new class of officers. Thank you!

Worship Service at Oakwood Resurrection Chapel
Westminster and Covenant Presbyterian churches are planning a joint worship service in the Oakwood Resurrection Chapel on **November 10th at 1:00PM.** Since many of you have known and visited residents at Oakwood, this will be the last opportunity to enjoy the beautiful chapel. It will be closing permanently November 30th as part of the major Oakwood rehabilitation project beginning in 2027. Everyone is welcome!

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 providing 75 written cards.

Church Women United's World Community Day
This event will take place **Friday, November 6th from 9:30AM** to 12PM at Bethany United Methodist, 3910 Mineral Point Rd, Madison WI 53705. The liturgy focusing on respect and peace. Linda Ketchum (Executive Director of Just Dane-formerly Madison-area Urban Ministry) will receive the World Community Day Award.

Save the Date!
The PWW Christmas Auction will be at Westminster on Saturday, December 5th at 1PM.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Rick Dettloff, Nancy Prine, Jean Ruhde, Barbara Vogelsang
Members & Friends: Patrick Mullin