All Saints' Remembrance

Sunday, November 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Voluntary Orchestral Suite: Air — Johann Sebastian Bach

***Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, people of God; gather from every place and time!
People: We join the great crowd around God's throne!
Leader: God wipes away every tear and brings life out of death.
People: Our hope and joy are in the Lord!
Leader: Let's lift our voices in praise.
People: Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb!

***Hymn 673** Jesus, Light of Joy — *Lauda Anima*

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy and Loving God, before your splendor and glory we fall silent, aware of our human frailty and need for forgiveness. Who are we to speak your word of love or spread your gospel of truth? Yet only speak your word of forgiveness, only touch us with your healing hand, and humbly we will respond to your call, through the grace of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

*** Silent Confession** *During this silence, worshipers are asked to offer individual prayers of confession.*

***Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us — Hymnal, Back Cover

***Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you;
People: and also with you.
Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end, Amen, Amen.

Children's Sermon

Congregational Response God Welcomes All — South African Song

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

Following the response, children in Pre Kindergarten - Grade 5 will go to their Sunday school classes and youth in Grades 6-7 go to Confirmation Prep.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 25:6-9 — Pew Bible, OT page 652

Second Scripture Reading Revelation 7:9-17 — Pew Bible, NT page 249-250

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Cloud of Witnesses — Rev. Gray Marshall

Solo Meditation — Jules Massenet

***Affirmation of Faith** *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of our God is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of our God is in this place.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your spirit.
Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of our Gifts and Prayer of Dedication *At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks*

Offertory Blessed Jesus Malcolm Archer

Blessed Jesus, grant them rest eternal.

***Offertory Response** Doxology

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

***Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

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

People: We give you thanks, Creator God.

Leader: For all your children who have faithfully served you,
witnessed bravely, and died for faith,
who still are shining lights to the world.

People: We give you thanks, Redeemer God.

Leader: For those we have known and loved,
who by their faithful reverence and steadfast hope,
have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

People: We give you thanks, Sustainer God.

Leader: Keep us grateful for the witness of those members of the Westminster family who have died this past year:

(Pause while names are spoken.)

May we, like them, be eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share the inheritance of the saints of light;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

*** Hymn 326** For All the Saints *Sine Nomine*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary** Toccata on the Antiphon for All Saints Marcel Dupré

(*) The congregation is invited to stand

All Saints' Remembrance Sunday – November 2, 2025

Members of the Westminster family who have died since Remembrance Sunday 2024 will be remembered in prayer during our 10:00 a.m. service of worship. The loving support of the church is extended to all members and friends who have experienced the death of a loved one this past year. The litany, which includes the reading of our loved ones' names, the tolling of our historic bell, and silence will be a part of the worship service. In the Chancel, a bouquet of white roses commemorates the lives of those members we honor today. Family members are invited to the Chancel following worship to receive a white rose.

Christopher G. Caupert	November 2, 2024
Charlaine T. Barker	November 7, 2024
Ruth W. Robert Roland	November 14, 2024
Vincent Keith Huston	November 30, 2024
Phyllis J. Lowrey	November 30, 2024
Dorothy H. Wire	December 15, 2024
Dr. James A. Singleton	December 19, 2024
John W. Kirk	December 20, 2024
John L. Jaech	January 3, 2025
A. Dale Huston	January 20, 2025
Deanna D. Funk	January 25, 2025
Bobby G. McCormick	February 15, 2025
Louise M. Cragoe	June 19, 2025
Theodore S. Proud	June 28, 2025
Matthew A. Gilmour	September 5, 2025
Henry Dale Smith Jr.	September 8, 2025
Roger L. Fenstermaker Jr.	October 2, 2025
Elizabeth "Elsie" Unglaub	October 5, 2025

Sunday at Westminster

- **Chancel Flowers** are given in memory of the loved ones honored today.
- **Guest Preacher:** Rev. Gray Marshall
- **Sunday Liturgists:** Rev. Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall; Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
- **Acolytes:** Cara Bryans and Lily Swanson
- **Worship Leader:** Taryn Barnett
- **Greeters:** Sam Batterman and James Maeda
- **Ushers:** Sabrina Holmes (Head Usher), Ben Arnold, Michella Arnold, Linda Caupert, Kyle Duffy, Joyce King
- **Safety Team:** Todd Knox
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Mu-Chi Hsieh, Violin, Eleanor VanDeventer, Soprano, and Dale Rogers, Organist

Education and Fellowship This Sunday

- **Parish Nurse Ministry (Church Office)** Ellen Carpenter will check blood pressures.
- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week's story: "Jesus is Your Good Shepherd." (Jesus, the Good Shepherd) *Caregiver: Erin Winn*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5 and youth in Grades 6 - 7** begin in worship & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
  - **Preschool - Ages 3-5 (Preschool Classroom lower level)** Story: "We Can Help Our Neighbors" (Good Samaritan) *Teachers: Erin and Adam Ekstedt*
  - **Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** This week's story: "Zaccheus" (Luke 19:1-10) *Teachers: Meleah Berkowitz*
  - **Grades 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom)** This week's story: "Transforming Encounter" (Luke 19:1-10) *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz, Cathy Brower*
  - **Confirmation Prep (Conference Room)** Students in Grade 6-7 will study Session 5: "Moses Sees God." *Teachers: Meridith Bryans and Cara Barnett*
- **11:15 a.m. – Noon**
  - **Confirmation (Conference Room)** Students in Grade 8 will study Session 4: "Roman Persecution." *Teachers: Aaron Berkowitz and Mary Ray*
  - **11:15 a.m. Adult Ed Forum: "Refugees and the Bible"** The Bible presents a consistent message of God's love for and expectation of God's people to care for refugees and strangers. Join Dr. Vena Long for discussion in Parish Hall following the worship service.

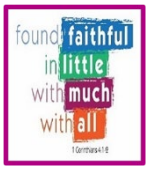
THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO
WESTMINSTER MINISTRIES ARE WELCOME TO SCAN HERE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about who we are is on our website at www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, speak to Dr. Marshall or Rev. Bishop.

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE TODAY Westminster will honor members of our church family who have died since All Saints' Remembrance in 2024. A bouquet with one white rose for each member whose life we commemorate will be placed in the Chancel. The litany, which includes the reading of our loved ones' names, the tolling of our historic bell, and silence, will be a part of the worship service.

WESTMINSTER MEMORIAL GARDEN is a place of peace and repose for the ashes of those interred within its walls. The cost of an individual inurnment in the South wall is $1,000 for a member or their immediate family and $2,000 for friends of Westminster. Persons desiring to reserve space may complete an application form located in the West Narthex and on our website. In 2016, a webpage was added to the Church website.



2026 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE Pledges for 2026 were dedicated during last Sunday's worship service in the baptismal font brass bowl as a symbol of our faithfulness to this covenant community. As of Thursday, October 30, we have received **162 pledges** for a total of **$686,753** which is **79%** of our **$871,000** goal. Please complete the pledge card and place it in the offering plate today. Pledges can also be made online at www.wpcspi.org.

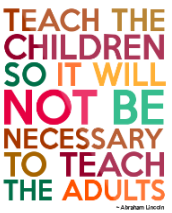
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN are invited to attend the Hope for the Holidays Market on November 1 & 2 from 10:00 – 4:00 at Hope Presbyterian Church at 2211 Wabash Ave. The PW monthly luncheon will be held on Friday, November 7 at noon. Please RSVP to the church office.

RUTH AND NAOMI will meet on Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Meg Kontio (3508 Briana Dr, 62711). Meg Kontio will lead the discussion of Chapter 3 in Becoming Spiritually Intelligent: Nine Paths toward Your Most Loving Self by Paul M. Burns. RSVP directly to Meg at 330-472-4135.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY will not meet on November 6 due to the Westminster Choir rehearsal offsite but will resume on Thursday November 13 from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer lead the class and are using the study guide titled "A is for Alabaster."

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet on Monday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom and will study Lesson 3, from the Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ by Rhashell D. Hunter.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM GATHER WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 Westminster will host Children of Abraham on **Wednesday, November 12, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to join us as we welcome our friends from other faith communities. The 2025-26 theme is "Strength in Diversity" We explore the diversity of houses of worship, including a walk through Westminster's sanctuary.



You can support our mission collection for Heartland HOUSED by bringing: bath towels, washcloths, shower curtain/liner, hygiene items, toilet paper, broom/dustpan, trash bags, and/or cleaning chemicals for their Welcome Home Basket Initiative. Please join us for fun, songs, crafts, music, and a vegetarian meal.

CONTACT MINISTRIES ADOPT A FAMILY This Christmas season, Westminster will again sponsor the nine families living in the Contact Ministries transitional shelter, providing Christmas gifts as they work their way toward independence. Each family will have multiple Wishlist items on SignUpGenius from which to select gifts. **The signup links will be available at wpcspi.org on Saturday, November 1.** Gifts can be dropped off under the smaller Christmas tree in the elevator lobby or ordered for direct delivery to Westminster (make sure to notify Jennie Alt to expect a package!). **All gifts need to be at the church by Sunday, December 7.**

CROP HUNGER WALK REPORT Thank you to all who participated in Springfield's CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 5. Westminster walkers, volunteers, and donors joined 65 community members on a beautiful Sunday afternoon Walk to raise money for local food pantries and disaster assistance throughout the world. Walk treasurer, Bill Deemer has reported a Walk total of $22,731. Of that amount, Westminster has contributed $9,610 which includes $5,000 from the Betty Smith International Fund. Thanks to Westminster members for your strong focus on helping to fight food insecurity. There is strength in our numbers.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING Thank you to those who contributed **$665** toward the Peace and Global Witness Offering. The amount the church retains is $166.25 (25% of the collection). We contribute this to Frontiers International on the occasion of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast event to fund scholarships for minority students. Our denomination annually promotes a "Peace & Global Witness Offering," in the fall which "enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world", advocating at local, regional, and worldwide levels for people in places of cultural violence.

BREADLINE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 For decades, each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, churches in Springfield sold bread donated by a local grocery store to raise money for St. John's Breadline, which serves hot food 365 days a year to Springfield's underserved. The program stopped selling bread during Covid, however, this year a sponsor is providing bread to be given to donors. The congregation is encouraged to donate on Sunday, November 23 for St. John's Breadline on our website, in the offering plate, or in the West Narthex, and receive a loaf of bread!

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M. WITH PIPES AND DRUMS
Westminster will continue the rich tradition of celebrating St. Andrew's Sunday on November 23 with a flourish of bagpipes and drums presenting traditional Scottish music. The Little Entry is the opening procession of the service. Along with the pipers and drummers, the pastors and youth will enter with the Bible to underscore the importance of the Word of God in Reformed liturgy, and the cross to highlight its centrality in our faith. In Westminster's observance, elements include the bagpipes, the flag of Scotland, singing from the Scottish Psalter, and the clergy tartan paraments presented to Westminster in 1985 in loving memory of Scott Hoff.

ADVENT BEGINS NOVEMBER 30 The church will be decorated on November 24. Service times on December 24 include the Children's Service at 5:00 p.m., traditional Christmas Eve Dinner hosted by the Board of Deacons at 5:30 p.m., and Service of Lessons and Carols at 7:00 p.m.

The 2025 Bay Weekend
November 15-16

Welcomes The Rev. Nanette Sawyer

Associate Pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago and author of *Hospitality -The Sacred Art*

Saturday, November 15

Welcome Reception 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Members are invited to the home of Drs. Todd and Judy Knox (2004 Maryknoll Place, 62704) for a gathering hosted by the Adult Education Committee.

Sunday, November 16

Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Sawyer will preach and lead the following Adult Education Forum.

Education Forum - 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All Church Lunch - 12:30 p.m.

The Westminster family will share in a community meal.

Education Forum: "Soul Force": A Love to Counter Evil

In this class we will consider the persistence and power of God's love, God's truth, and how we can be rooted and grounded in that love. As Christians we have been given the difficult commandment by Jesus to love our enemies (Matthew 5:43-44). This love is an embodied, experiential love given to us by the grace of God. This love requires us to protect the most vulnerable and to live with dignity and self-respect ourselves. We will explore how we can claim and utilize our personal power without turning ourselves into enemies, especially in difficult and dangerous times.

Please RSVP at wpcspi.org by Friday, November 14
for the Saturday Welcome Reception and/or the Sunday All Church Lunch.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, November 3
9:00 AM Garden Club of Springfield (Parish Hall)
4:00 PM Symphony Guild (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:30 PM Strategic Planning (Conference Room)

Tuesday, November 4
10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)
12:00 PM KDO Willing Circle (3rd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM Compass for Kids
7:30 PM St. Andrew's Sister Rehearsal (Off site)

Wednesday, November 5
10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel
10:00 AM Sing by Heart Dementia Choir (Parish Hall)
10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
3:30 PM DBSA Group (3rd Floor Classroom)
4:00 PM Bridges (Tower Classroom)
5:00 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)
5;15 PM Family Ministry (Conference Room)
5:30 PM Mission & Community Service (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:30 PM D&D Group (Library)
7:00 PM Ruth & Naomi Circle (Off site)

Thursday, November 6
2:30 PM Memory Loss Group (2nd Floor ClassrooM0
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Off site)

Friday, November 7
11:00 AM PW Board Meeting
12:00 PM PW Luncheon (Parish Hall)

Saturday, November 8
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal and Service (Off site)
11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, November 9
Communion Sunday
10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K to Grade 5)
11:15 AM Adult Ed Forum (Parish Hall)
5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Parish Hall)

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