WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
St. Andrew's Sunday
22 November 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Voluntary Highland Cathedral — Roever and Korb

***Ringing of the Bell**

***The Little Entry** Murdo's Wedding — Traditional

***Call to Worship** — Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
People: **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
People: **let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**
Leader: For the Lord is a great God
People: **and a great King above all gods.**

Hymn 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven — *Lauda Anima*

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

***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 and Passing of the Peace**

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 — Hymnal, Back Cover

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Congregational Response

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold.
When you hear the wonder of the Word,
I'll be there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord
to whom you now belong.
I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.

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 class.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Matthew 13:31-33 — Pew Bible, NT pages 14-15

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 13:44-52 Pew Bible, NT page 15

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

Sermon Living in God's Kingdom Rev. Dr. Anne C. S. Marshall

Special Music Amazing Grace Anglo-American Tune

***Affirmation of Faith** Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 Hymnal, page 35

The Presentation of Our Gifts *At this time all worshipers are asked to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders in the pew racks.*

Offertory A Scottish Blessing — David Blackwell

Be a light before to lead me;
Be a guiding star above;
Jesu, may I always know thee, may I always know thy love.
There is no bird that soars the mountain,
There is no deer upon the hill,
There is no creature of the forest,
But shall sing thy praises still.
Be a kindly shepherd for me,
Keep me safe through all my days.
There is no life that swims the ocean;
There is no creature of the sea;
There is no fish within the river
Bup proclaims its praise for thee.
As the day falls into evening,
As the night is lit with stars,
At the ending of life's journey
May thy heavenly peace be ours.
Let every creature in God's kingdom,
Let every life upon the shore
Sing praise to God, the world's creator,
Sing praises now and evermore.

***Offertory Response** Doxology — Hymnal, 606

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.

***Prayer of Dedication** **God of grace and God of glory, we dedicate these gifts given this day to your work in the world. May these gifts bring hope and light to all who need it. Amen.**

***Hymn 33** Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show — *Llanfair*

***Charge and Benediction**

***March and Retreat** Balmoral and Scotland the Brave — Traditional

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

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

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given by Elaine Hoff in memory of her son, Scott Hoff, whose love, laughter, and compassion will be forever remembered and missed.
- **Flowers in the West Narthex** are given in honor of Sue Scaife for putting up with over 30 years of bagpiping!
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Jerry Boutelle
- **Worship Leader:** Juliet Boutelle
- **Acolytes:** Henry and Simon Marshall
- **Bible and Cross Carriers:** Brooke Boutelle and Kate Bryans
- **Greeter:** Julie Barton
- **Safety Team:** Todd Knox
- **Ushers:** Joyce King (Head Usher), Andrew Affrunti, Ben Arnold, Michella Arnold, Linda Caupert, Chelsea Ekstedt, and Pete Sherman
- **Music:** St. Andrew's Pipes and Drums, the Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, Organist
- **Videographers and Sound**: Bill Deemer, Krista Steller, and William Affrunti

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- 9:00 a.m. – **Breadless Breadline Fundraiser** for St. John's Breadline, which serves hot food 365 days a year. This year, we will once again host the "Breadless Breadline Sunday." WPC members are encouraged to provide additional donations marked for St. John's Breadline. To give online, use the QR code in this bulletin, choose the fund "Spec Mission Donation," and type "Breadline Sunday" in the memo line.
- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. *Caregivers: Kara Milward*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5 Sunday School**
  - **PreK – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** *Teachers: Meleah Berkowitz & Cathy Brower*
  - **Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Room)** *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz*
- **10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Classes**
  - **Grades 6 & 7** meet from 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room during worship (except on Communion Sundays).
- **11:15 a.m. – Adult Ed Forum** Today after the 10:00 a.m. worship in Parish Hall, Westminster's Mission and Community Service Committee will be leading a discussion to learn more about the plans developing for strengthening mission efforts. Share your thoughts and passions with the Mission and Community Service Committee as they consider strategic mission partnerships.
- **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS go up today and tomorrow, November 23**. Following today's service, the tree in the chancel is brought in and assembled by a Christmas Tree team in preparation for the following morning.
  Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23, the Christmas decorations go up in the Church, West Narthex, Parish Hall, Elevator Lobby, and the Library. You are invited to join the Christmas Decorations Team and members of the Worship, Music, and the Arts Committee in decking the halls for the Advent and Christmas season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS! Information about us is on our website www.wpcspi.org. Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located at the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, speak with one of the pastors.

THANK YOU JENNIE ALT! We will continue to collect cards for Jennie Alt through Monday, November 23rd. We hope you will join us in letting Jennie know just how much she has meant to our church community. We invite you to share a favorite memory, a personal note of thanks, or simply your warm wishes for whatever comes next. Place your card in the basket that is in the West Narthex, labeled "Cards for Jennie Alt". We will send them to Jennie on Monday.



2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – Pledges for 2027 were dedicated during our worship service on November 1 as a symbol of our faithfulness to this covenant community. As of Thursday, November 18, we have now reached 78% of our $989,770 goal. Our total pledged from 153 families is $768,948. 2027 pledges are still accepted. Simply place a completed pledge card in the offering plate today. Pledges can also be made online using the QR code in this bulletin: click on the menu lines, choose Giving, then choose 2027 Stewardship.

CONTACT MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS GIFT SIGN-UPS are ongoing. **The deadline for signing up is Tuesday, December 1** and the deadline for financial contributions is Sunday, November 29. Visit the Westminster website for instructions on how to sign up and drop off gifts. If you need help signing up, please contact the church office.

THE 2026 MUSICAL ADVENT DEVOTIONAL is available on the Westminster website, or a print copy can be picked up at the Sanctuary doors. This year's daily devotional includes reflections, prayers, coloring pages and music. The Spotify music playlist is accessible by scanning the QR code to be taken directly to the Spotify app. Important information regarding Westminster's Advent and Christmas events are up front for easy access.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP gathers on **Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second-Floor Classroom. The group is knitting colder weather items for children and adults. We are collecting knitted hats, scarves, and mittens for the Mitten Tree. Knitters of any skill level are welcome. Please contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 218-622-8657 for more information.

APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP The Apostles' Read Library Book Group meets on Tuesday, **November 24 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library to discuss Separation of Church and Hate by John Fugelsang. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Thanksgiving Day, November 26 and the day after, Friday, November 27. If you need an emergency pastoral visit on Friday November 27th and Saturday November 28th, please call Rev. Jerry Boutelle or email carecoordinator@wpcspi.org

HARMONY FOR THE HOLIDAYS – Celebrate the start of the holiday season with the Sound Celebration Chorus concert on **Sunday, November 29 at 2:00 pm** at Grace Lutheran Church located at 714 E. Capitol Ave. There is no charge to attend, but a free-will donation will be accepted with a portion of the proceeds going to the Grace Lutheran Food Pantry. Canned goods and nonperishables are also welcome. Westminster members Sue Baker and Mary Gail Romack are part of the chorus.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – The Westminster Children's Choir will meet on **Wednesday, December 2 and 9 at 5:00 p.m.** in preparation for their presentation of *Do Not Be Afraid* during the Advent Celebration on Sunday, December 13.

WESTMINSTER'S ALL WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA will be on Friday, December 11 at noon. The Elizabeth Circle is hosting this festive event in Parish Hall. All women of Westminster and their guests are invited to enjoy a light luncheon with special music for the Christmas season by the St. Andrew's Sisters. The cost is five dollars at the door. **Please RSVP to the church office by December 4.** You may also RSVP on the website under "Congregational Life/Fellowship Opportunities."

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER RESERVATIONS 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss this special event which includes a delicious meal of roast turkey, baked ham, vegetable, garden salad, cheesy potatoes, rolls, and fresh fruit pies. Adults are $27.00, children 6-12 are $15.50 and children ages 5 and under are no charge. **Reservations and payment must be made no later than Friday, December 18.** Please send your payment and number attending to the Church Office or visit the reservation link on our website by scanning this QR code. Large families are encouraged to reserve tables.

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY The St. Andrew's Sunday observance at Westminster celebrates the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church. The Scottish Reformation dates back to 1560 when the Scots Confession became the statement of belief of the Kirk of Scotland, a confession that remains a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Many of the practices established by the Church of Scotland are retained in our worship: the preaching of the Word, the right administration of the sacraments, the use of the vernacular language, metrical psalms, and hymnody.

The Flag of Scotland is comprised of the white Cross of St. Andrew on a blue field. St. Andrew was the elder brother of Peter, a fisherman, and a disciple of John the Baptist and Jesus. Tradition has Andrew present at the baptism of Jesus. Following the crucifixion of Jesus, Andrew evangelized the districts around the Black Sea and tradition holds it that he was crucified in Greece on a cross in the form of an "X." Therefore, the symbol of St. Andrew is the form of an X.

The Clergy Tartan is used today on the paraments in the chancel and the clergy stoles. Originally the sett (pattern) of one's kilt was a display of the wearer's social status but became a sign of one's clan affiliation. Commoner's kilts were plain. Over time, the number of overstripes increased by one with each title, up to the King who had seven stripes. His was the highest, except on the Sabbath when the ever-independent Scottish clergy donned their eight-striped tartan to show their adherence to a higher authority. Westminster's paraments and stoles were given in loving memory of Scott Hoff.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, November 23

9:00 AM Decorate for Christmas
9:30 AM King's Daughter's Board Meeting (3rd Floor Classroom)
3:30 PM DBSA Group (3rd Floor Classroom)

Tuesday, November 24

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:00 PM Compass for Kids
6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club (Library)
7:00 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Off-Site)

Wednesday, November 25

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)
5:00 PM Deliver Meal to Helping Hands

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving – Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27

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Saturday, November 28

Sunday, November 29

First Sunday in Advent
10:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Sunday School (Pre-K to Grade 5)
10:15 AM Confirmation Prep (Conference Room)
11:15 AM Confirmation (Conference Room)
12:30 PM Pokémon Club (2nd Floor Classroom)

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