



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All Saints' Day

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

1 November 2026 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Growing into God's Future: Rooted in Faith, Growing in Hope

Voluntary

Elegy

George Thalban Ball

*Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader:

We come to take our place in God's long story;

People:

we did not begin God's work, nor will we complete it;

Leader:

yet while we are here, we have a beautiful chapter to write.

People:

We come to worship God, who carries us through this life

Leader:

and tends our legacy long after we are gone.

All:

Let us worship God!

*Processional Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord, upon whom we build our life forgive us for our sins. We have trusted in our own efforts, and failed to trust in yours. We have loved control, and shied away from hope. We look to the future with fear, as if you are not already there. Rebuild our trust in you, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer, that we might walk in your paths and place our legacy in your hands alone. 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.

Children's Sermon

*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.*

Congregational Response

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends,
God's love is strong and it never ends.** (Repeat three times)

All Saints' Remembrance

Leader: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from
Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:
People: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.
Leader: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers
and teachers who have taught us the way of God:
People: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.
Leader: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and
uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:
People: Family of our faith, we remember you.
Leader: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents
whose lives ended too soon:
People: Those close in our heart, we remember you.
Leader: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have
lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they
are with your heart forever. As we read these names,
we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and
give thanks for their life.

(Reading of the names of those who have died in the past year.)

Leader: We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

People: **Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.**

Leader: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

All: **Amen.**

***Congregational Response 326**

For All the Saints (*verses 1 and 3*)

Sine Nomine

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-2

Pew Bible, NT page 226

Second Scripture Reading

Numbers 27:12-20

Pew Bible, OT page 147

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Future Not Our Own

Rev. Dr. Anne C. S. Marshall

Anthem

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Anthony J. Showalter

The text for the anthem is 837 in the hymnal.

***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 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

Sonata V for Flute: Andante

J. S. Bach

***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.

***Litany of Thanksgiving
and Dedication**

Congregational Response:

We give you thanks, O Lord!

***Hymn 36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

Ar Hyd y Nos

***Charge and Benediction**

***Voluntary**

Allegro Maestoso

George Dyson

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.



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

IN MEMORIAM

Dolores “Dee” Tozer
10/01/1929 – 10/22/2026
United with WPC 12/04/1955 – 70-year member

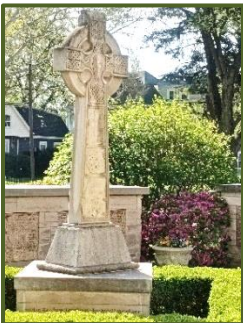


All Saints' Remembrance Sunday – November 1, 2026

On Sunday, November 1, Westminster will honor members of our church family who have died since All Saints' Remembrance in 2025. 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. Those members who will be remembered are:

Rev. Frank N. Gready	01/20/2026	Dr. Diane K. Rutledge	02/03/2026
Dr. William H. Lienemann	02/08/2026	Marleen Kay King	03/15/2026
Mary E. "Betsy" Ruklick	03/18/2026	Jo P. Ridley	05/05/2026
Judy Huston	05/08/2026	William H. Post	05/08/2026
Joyce H. Olson	06/28/2026	Judith B. Dees	07/23/2026
Gerald W. Smith	08/20/2026	Mary Ann Armstrong	09/21/2026
Eleanor M. Leary	10/03/2026	Terry "Kate" Eastvold	10/06/2026
Dolores G. "Dee" Tozer	10/22/2026		

In the Chancel this All Saints' Sunday, there is a bouquet of white roses to commemorate those Westminster Saints who are remembered in today's service. Family members and friends of those lifted up in today's service are welcome to take a rose, after worship, with them to mark this special day of remembrance.



MEMORIAL GARDEN – A PEACEFUL PLACE

You may wish to visit the Memorial Garden on this All Saints' Sunday. The Memorial Garden built in 2020 is a place of peace and repose for the remains of those who have expressed a desire to be interred in the garden wall. It is found in the shadow of the Church's noble tower on the front lawn with paved paths and benches for an opportunity for private meditation and a traditional Celtic Cross as the centerpiece. Our website lists pertinent information about those inurned here.

For those interested in future planning, an individual inurnment is \$1,000 for a member or their family and \$2,000 for friends of Westminster. Memorial Garden brochures and application forms are available in the West Narthex information rack and on our website under the tab "About Us." Memorial Garden Committee: Chair, David Mitchell; Dr. Scott Day, Sue Donels, Marci Irvine, Carole Kennerly, and Jeanne Pittman.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Flowers in the Chancel** are memorial roses for All Saints' Day.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Sarah A. Bishop
- **Stewardship Speaker:** M. Brownell Anderson
- **Worship Leader:** Maria Lafrenz
- **Acolytes:** Caroline Bryans and Paislee Reich
- **Greeters:** Claudia Nash and Linda Andrews
- **Safety Team:** Alan Schuermann
- **Ushers:** Joyce King (Head Usher), Andrew Affrunti, Ben Arnold, Michella Arnold, Linda Caupert, Kyle Duffy, Chelsea Ekstedt, and Pete Sherman
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir; Tori Caldarone, flute; Audra Davison, 'cello; Dale Rogers, Organ
- **Videographers and Sound:** Bill Deemer, Krista Steller, and William Affrunti

EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **8:30 a.m. – Food Drive (West Narthex)** – Today is our First Annual Westminster Food and Snack Drive to benefit our own micro pantry and Compass for Kids. We will collect donations before and after our 10:00 a.m. service in the West Narthex. Suggested donations include canned proteins, breakfast items like instant oatmeal packets, cereal, boxes of granola, and breakfast bars, and individually wrapped snack items.
- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. *Caregivers: Erin Winn and Priscilla Kluge*
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5 Sunday School**
 - **PreK – Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** *Teacher: Meleah Berkowitz*
 - **Grade 3 – Grade 5 (Third Floor Tower Room)** *Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz*
- *Today after Sunday School, Miss Meleah and Mr. Aaron are taking the kids on a Stewardship Scavenger Hunt around the church. Feel free to join us, or we can bring the children to you at the Parish Hall when we finish (around 11:15).*
- **10:15 – 12:00 p.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).
 - **Grade 8** meets from 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Conf. Room following worship.
- **11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Stewardship Celebration** – Gather in Parish Hall for a time of food and fellowship as we celebrate God's blessings.

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 to all our members for your generous donations to the **CROP Hunger Walk** held on October 4th. We will still accept gifts until **November 1**. The current amount collected is **\$3,315**. In addition, the Mission and Community Service Committee allocated \$5,000 from the Betty Smith Mission Endowment.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING Thank you to all who expressed “love kindness” and contributed to our denominational offering that culminated on World Communion Sunday, October 4. Racial justice, gender justice, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith engagement are the important causes supported by this offering. To date, we have received donations totaling **\$990**.

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – Join us as we continue our **Growing into God’s Future: Rooted in Faith, Growing in Hope** worship series. We will reflect on the ways that God has provided a foundation for us in Jesus Christ, that generations have been building on. We have benefited from the faith of those who have come before us and our faithful actions will impact the generations that come after us. Let us consider what God is inviting us to dream and do. We also invite you to pray, asking God, “What might you do through me?” To date, we have received 89 pledges totaling \$539,745 which is 55% of our \$989,770 goal. Pledges can be made on Dedication Sunday by bringing your pledge card to church or going online using the QR code in this bulletin.

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 will collect knitted hats, scarves and mittens in late fall and for the Mitten Tree later. Knitters of any skill level are welcome. Please contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 218-622-8657 for more information. Due to Election Day on **November 3**, knitters will not knit at Westminster which is a polling place. Knitters are encouraged to knit at home that day.

YARN DONATIONS – Children of Abraham needs your help! We are making a collaborative art project that requires a large amount of yarn, and we would love to use any yarn you have lying around! Any color, texture or length can be donated. This is great way to clear out your stash of odds and ends from finished projects. Please bring your yarn donation to the main office labeled "Attn: Meleah" by **November 10**. We are so grateful for your assistance!

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets **on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Meg Kontio (3508 Briana Drive Springfield, IL 62711). Meg will lead the discussion of Chapter 3 in An Alter in the World: A Geography of Faith by Barbara Brown Taylor. RSVP directly to Meg Kontio at 330-472-4135.

SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH OFFICER TRAINING – **Sunday November 8** following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Second Floor Classroom.

ON MY OWN TIME: an exhibit of your artwork, collections, and hobbies will be held **on Sunday November 8 from 9:00 until Noon**. Consider displaying something you collect such as porcelain figures, Barbie dolls, Hot Wheels, photographs, paintings, or ceramics. **Bring your collection to Parish Hall on Saturday morning, November at 9:00 a.m. to set up your display on tables.** Members of the Worship, Music, and the Arts will be present to assist you in putting up the display. Contact Dale Rogers for late registrations.

FAIR TRADE – The next Fair Trade is **Sunday, November 8**. Thank you to Melanie Green for her work with this ministry.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to the next gathering of Children of Abraham on **November 11 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Westminster**. This year’s theme is “Rooted in Faith.”

TEACH THE
CHILDREN
SO IT WILL
NOT BE
NECESSARY
TO TEACH
THE ADULTS

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, November 2

9:00 AM Garden Club of Springfield (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, November 3

Election Day Voting (Parish Hall)

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)

7:00 PM St. Andrew's Sisters (Off-Site)

Wednesday, November 4

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel (Chancel)

10:00 AM Sing by Heart Dementia Friendly Choir
(Parish Hall)

10:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

3:30 PM DBSA Group (3rd Floor Classroom)

5:00 PM Bridges (Tower Classroom)

5:15 PM Family Ministry (Conference Room)

5:30 PM Mission & Community Service Committee
(2nd Floor Classroom)

6:00 PM Children's Choir (Music Room)

6:30 PM D & D Group (Library)

7:00 PM Ruth & Naomi Circle (Off-Site)

Thursday, November 5

2:30 PM Early Stage Memory Loss Group
(2nd Floor Classroom)

5:45 PM Thursday Night Bible Study (2nd Floor Class)

7:00 PM Choir (Music Room)

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

9:00 AM Set Up for On My Own Time (Parish Hall)

11:00 AM Church Mice (2nd Floor Classroom)

Sunday, November 8

Holy Communion

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM Sunday School Stays in Worship

11:00 AM Fair Trade Sale

11:00 AM On My Own Time Display (Parish Hall)

11:15 AM Church Officer Orientation (2nd Floor Class)

11:15 AM Confirmation (Conference Room)

5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Room)

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