

# Westminster At Worship

*A Celebration of Worship*

*Pentecost Sunday*

*Recognition of Graduates*

June 8, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†*Those who feel comfortable standing may do so.*

\* *Denotes hymn number in pew hymnal. Some lyrics may be different than what is projected on the screens*



## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

**PRELUDE**

**RACHEL WEBB**

**BRINGING OF THE LIGHT**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**†CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come and see the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Come and celebrate the birth of the church.

Those who are comfortable standing, are invited to do so, as we  
join in our call to worship:

In rushing wind and cleansing fire . . .

**God's Spirit lead us here.**

In courage found and faith renewed . . .

**God's Spirit fills our hearts with longing.**

In visions seen and dreams made real . . .

**God's Spirit takes away our fear.**

In rushing wind and cleansing fire . . .

**God's Spirit sends us to share Christ's love.**

## **†HYMN**

*"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"*

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in these cold hearts of ours.*

*In vain we tune our formal songs;  
in vain we strive to rise;  
hosannas languish on our tongues,  
and our devotion dies.*

*Dear Lord, and shall we ever live  
at this poor dying rate?  
Our love so faint, so cold to thee,  
and thine to us so great!*

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
and that shall kindle ours.*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Together, let us pray.

**Abba, Father, Parent of us all, bind us together as your children.**

**Free us from the chains of division and divisiveness.**

**Unstop our blocked ears, that we might listen and hear one  
another with understanding and compassion.**

**Pour out unity and love so abundant, through the power of your  
Holy Spirit, that all resistance to a new Pentecost community  
may be swept away.**

— *We offer our silent prayers of confession* —

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.  
By the power in whom we live and move and have our being,  
I pronounce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins,  
through the holy Trinity, one God, whose mercy is everlasting.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **†RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE**

*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.*

## **†SHARING GOD’S PEACE**

God sent the Advocate to heal our divisions and to show us the  
Way. Let us claim these blessings by sharing signs of Christ’s  
peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be  
with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

*Following the message, children fourth grade and younger are  
welcome to return to their seats or proceed to the PRAYground  
at the rear of the church where there are quiet activities to  
help them participate in the worship service.*

## **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

### **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

### FIRST LESSON

**John 14:15-17**

### Second Lesson

**Acts 2:5-21**

### SERMON

*"A Surprising New Spirit"*

Rev. Jamie Milton

### †HYMN

*"For Everyone Born"* \*No. 617

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,*

*Refrain:*

*and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!*

*For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)*

*For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live, (Refrain)*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free, (Refrain)*

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We have been entrusted with God's Kingdom. We are a community, not abandoned, but commissioned by God. We are a community, not broken by the world, but empowered by the Spirit for our time. Let us state what we believe.

We believe in God, the creator of the universe:

**The one who began the dawn of all time,  
the one who sets the time and keeps time,  
the one who meets us in our time now.**

We believe in Jesus, God's flesh on earth:

**Our brother who taught us faith,  
Our savior who leads us on right paths  
when we go astray.**

**Our Way, who aligns our life for goodness' sake.**

We believe in the Spirit, God's energy alive with us in this precious moment:

**Source for all freedom, the fiery power within and beyond us.  
Power that stirs us from complacency.  
Conviction of truth that cries for justice.**

We believe that every beginning and every ending is secured  
with God's grace.

**God is ours and we strain to seek God.**

**We are the family of the earth.**

**In God, we are redeemed and brought home.**

Let it be known in us, and in our living, this day and for every  
gifted day to come.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as  
we forgive our debtors; and lead us not in to temptation, but  
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

### **CHORAL OFFERING**

COMBINED CHOIRS

*"I Thank You, Lord"*

*~ Please record your presence on the "Friendship Pad"*

### **†DOXOLOGY**

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

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Let us pray together:

**God of wind and flame, your Pentecost fire continues to touch us and bless our world today. May our offering bring the warmth of your love, and the glory of your holy flame, to those who are shaken by the buffeting winds all around us. Amen.**

**†HYMN**

*“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*

\*No. 134

*There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

*Refrain:*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
you’re the one to profit when you say,  
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.” (Refrain)*

**†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Love the commandments, keep them, honor them, do right by your neighbors, and listen to the Spirit. Now may the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, guide you in the ways of God and fill you with the peace that only Christ can give.

**POSTLUDE**

**RACHEL WEBB**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JUNE 8, 2025

- Children are always welcome in the sanctuary. **NURSERY CARE** is available for infants and toddlers during the worship service. Our nursery is equipped with a paging system. Quality childcare is provided by Elaine Edwards, who is infant/CPR trained.

- If you have a name you would like added to **WINGS OF PRAYERS**, contact Patti Wesenick, 989-737-6844. NOTE: Patti will be on vacation from June 1 to June 18. During that time you may add names to Wings of Prayer by contacting Karen Mitchell at 989-513-0843.

- **MOVIE MADNESS:** We are inviting you to our **summer movie series** on the second and fourth Tuesdays of June, July, and August. Show time is 1:30 p.m. in the Session Room — once again set up to feel a bit like a small movie theater. We will be watching the film “Conclave” this Tuesday, June 10.

- We are happy to host **BAY SHORE CAMP’S ON THE ROAD DAY CAMP** for the second year. The camp theme this year is “Jesus IS”. The camp is scheduled for Monday, August 4, through Thursday, August 7. The curriculum is designed for children entering Kindergarten through fifth grade. Registration is open! Scan the QR code to visit the registration page online.



- **GET THE CHURCH DIRECTORY SMARTPHONE APP TODAY!** We are excited to announce a new way to stay connected with your Westminster family—we have a smartphone app! Through Universal Church Directory, an app has been created with the photos that were taken for the directory, complete with addresses and phone numbers of your church friends. If you have not received your personal access code via email, please let the church office know and we can resend it.

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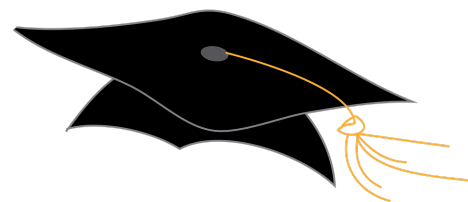
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# 2025 Graduates



## High School Graduates

**Sophia Bacigalupo**, daughter of Andy and Sherri Bacigalupo and granddaughter of Sharon Hignite, is graduating from H.H. Dow High School. She was an honors student at Dow, an Academic all-American in swimming and graduates magna cum laude. She plans to continue her education at Grand Valley State University where she will study radiation therapy.

**Lillian Chambers**, daughter of Nick and Marcy Chambers, is graduating from John Glenn High School. She will be attending Delta College in the fall with plans of continuing her education at Ferris State for architecture and interior design.

**Channing Jean Elzinga** is graduating from Freeland High School. She is the granddaughter of Chris and Kathy Elzinga. She plans to attend Delta College in the fall.

**Ava Garcia**, granddaughter of Bob and Lucy Garcia, is graduating from Bay City Central High School. She will be attending Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, where she will play soccer.

**Sabine Sivy**, daughter of Jason and Tami Sivy, is graduating from John Glenn High School. She will attend Saginaw Valley State University where she will major in environmental science and minor in legal studies. She hopes to then attend law school.

**Abigail Rose Warren** is graduating from John Glenn High School. Abigail, daughter of Janelle Ballard, will be attending Davenport University to major in Cybersecurity.

## College Graduates

**Thomas J. Kayner** is graduating from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. He is the grandson of Tom and Marilyn Kayner.

**Abigail Young** is graduating with high honors from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. She is the granddaughter of John and Dianne Young. She received six awards and was selected as commencement speaker. She will continue her education at Temple University, pursuing a PHD in Chemistry.

**Abby Zielinski** received a Juris Doctorate from Florida State University College of Law on Sunday, May 4, 2025. Her sister, Sami Zielinski, received a Bachelor of Science from Central Michigan University College of Education on Saturday, May 10. Both girls are from Brighton, Michigan, the daughters of Lauri Zielinski and granddaughters of Bev Pacynski.

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- Our **PRESCHOOL VBS** theme this year is SET SAIL. Set Sail with Jesus as we travel around the world! Preschool VBS will be Monday, August 4 through Thursday, August 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Check-in will be at 8:30. Age group for this VBS is Pre-K, 4, and Young 5's. Preschool VBS will have crafts, bible stories, songs, snacks and lunch, and outdoor time. Registration is open, scan the QR code! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Leah Sneller, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, at (989) 686-1360 or [youthdirector@wpcbc.org](mailto:youthdirector@wpcbc.org).



- A **GAME GATHERING** is planned for next Sunday, June 15 after worship.

- This summer's **BOOK & BRUNCH** will center around reading and discussing the book *Learning to Disagree: The Surprising Path to Navigating Differences with Empathy and Respect* by John Inazu. Books will be available through the church office. The first meeting is planned for June 22nd after worship, when we will discuss pages 1-64. Call the church office for more information.

- The pantry's **ITEMS OF THE MONTH** for June are picnic and cookout condiments such as mayo or salad dressing, relish, pickles and barbecue sauce. Ketchup and mustard are already available in the pantry.

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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

# *Congratulations to all of our graduates!*

**PER CAPITA FOR 2025** is  
\$30.69. This is per active,  
confirmed member.

### **Giving to Westminster**

There are many ways to share your gifts with Westminster.

Cash and checks are welcome. Please use your offering envelopes or the envelopes found in pew backs and place your gift in the offering plate when it is passed.

Visit our website [www.wpcbc.org](http://www.wpcbc.org) and click on the "Give Now" button at the top of the page. This will direct you to our Online Giving Portal or simply scan the QR Code below. Contributions can also be sent through the mail to the attention of the Church Treasurer.

We're grateful for your gifts, however you choose to give. THANK YOU!



# Spiritual Growth and Faith Formation Summer activities

## Summer Bible Study:

*"In a culture that can tear us apart with contempt and disdain of others, Jill Duffield offers a wise perspective. Her invitation is to consider how a 'generosity of spirit' can heal and connect us as we appreciate the good in each of us." So writes the coeditor of Growing in God's Love.*

This year's summer Bible study series will focus on just one – but one very powerful Bible verse – Philippians 4:8 which reads, *Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

This letter of Philippians written to one of the early churches in Christianity and is considered the most pastoral. Some have said that this verse always made them feel like they needed to "wrangle their thoughts in such a way that they could block out sin and only think about good things...but now instead have come to appreciate that Jill Duffield is writing about and sharing a loving view of God, of life, of others, and of scripture that invites us into compassion and appreciation."

If this sounds of interest to you, please join us for eight Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. over the summer as we consider whatever is **true ... honorable ... just ...pure ... pleasing ... commendable ... excellent ... praiseworthy.**

We will be meeting by Zoom, but if there is an interest for some in meeting in person at the church, we will consider making this a hybrid meeting. During the eight weeks we will consider these eight ways of cultivating compassion. Books are available

in the church office for a \$12 optional donation; only a limited number have been purchased so please sign up early so we can order more books if necessary.

Please be in touch with Rev. Linda with any questions and to let her know of your interest, especially if you would like to see the class be both in person and via Zoom.

**Class dates are: June 19 & 26; July 10, 17, 24; and August 7, 14, and 21.** Come for some, come for all. Although the study is focused on one verse only, each week's discussion will be not be necessarily linked to the previous week.

## Mindful Markings:

Our group will meet during the summer months. Let's celebrate Summer with fun and less stress in our lives. Spiritual Growth & Faith Formation is offering just such a way! Join us **June 21, July 19, and August 16**, for about 1½ hours to scribble, squiggle, make marks and add color to our Mark Making where perfection is NOT allowed.

From the first sessions held in May students commented how much they enjoyed Mark-Making with the following comments: "Awesome!" "I liked the fellowship & personal touch." "No frustration." "Loved it all." "So relaxing."

These sessions combine focused-breathing with repetitive-mark-making that help improve our focus, calm our nervous system and lower stress. All of this is a way so we can hear God and our soul's voices. These moments of presence can be so rewarding!

Please call the church office or Pam Binder (989-493-9476) to register and/or ask questions.

