

May 24, 2026



Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Veni Sancti Spiritus by Adam Kossowski

Worship With Us On Sunday!

Day of Pentecost

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

Drawn to Wonder

The Rev. Julie Emery

Bulletin

10:00 a.m. Sunday Hybrid Worship Link

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 3301 6989

**Any questions, contact Becky Kimberly in the office
at office@westpresby.org.**



In this e-newsletter, you'll find details about:

Westminster News and Events

- *Memorial Garden Service, this Sunday at 11:15 a.m.*
- *Westminster Volunteer Day at Hydroponic Farm, May 30th*
- *Living Saving Overdose Rescue Kits*
- *Save the Date: Music Appreciation Sunday, June 7*
- *Graduating? We Want to Know!*
- *Our Front Porch, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Covenant Room*
- *Lost and Found Outside the Fellowship Hall*
- *Free Piano!*
- *Church Closed for Memorial Day*

Prayers for Our Community and Our World

- *Grace & Space Fellowship and Prayer will NOT be held Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday.*

Westminster News and Events



Memorial Garden Service Sunday This Sunday, May 24 at 11:15 a.m.

It is Westminster Presbyterian Church's tradition on Memorial Day weekend to give thanks for the lives of all the beloved saints whose ashes have been placed with care in the Memorial and Meditation Garden. The Memorial Garden service will be held this Sunday at 11:15 a.m. (immediately following our Sunday worship service). This brief service will be held in the garden and will include scripture, prayer and song. In the event of rain, the service will be held in the chapel. [Click here](#) to see the list of those at rest in the Memorial Garden.

Any questions about the service, please contact Becky Kimberly, church administrator at office@westpresby.org or 860-521-6240.



Westminster Volunteer Day at Levo International Hydroponic Farm, Hartford Saturday, May 30 from 9am-12noon

Join us for a rewarding morning of hands-on service and community impact at Levo International on Saturday, May 30 from 9am - 12noon. To learn more about Levo [click here](#).

Levo's mission is strengthening communities through sustainable hydroponic farming and improved food access.

Volunteers at the farm perform a variety of tasks: planting seedlings, building and maintaining the hydroponic system, and harvesting crops.

If you would like to get involved and join us, please contact Lesley Morrey at lpmorrey@gmail.com or 860-778-5948 for sign up instructions.



Lifesaving Opioid Overdose Rescue Kits Made Available at Westminster

In our ongoing commitment to the well-being of our community, we are pleased to announce a new partnership with the **West Hartford Prevention Partnership**. As part of our **Mental Health Hub Initiative**, we are now providing **FREE** Opioid Overdose Rescue Kits at key locations throughout the church.

These kits are located and will be maintained at the following stations:

- **Church Office**
- **Entry Way**
- **Fireside Room**

These stations will be refilled regularly to ensure these life-saving resources are always available. Each kit contains:

- **Naloxone (Narcan):** Two doses of 4mg intranasal nasal spray, which can temporarily reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.
- **Protective Equipment:** One pair of non-latex gloves and a CPR rescue breathing face shield or mask.
- **Test Strips:** Fentanyl and/or xylazine test strips to help identify these substances.
- **Instructions:** A step-by-step informational postcard on how to recognize an overdose and administer naloxone.
- **Resources:** Contact information for addiction treatment and local crisis resources.

Any Questions? Please reach out to Diane Smith at smithdiane2009@gmail.com or (857) 998-0215.

Save the Date!

Music Appreciation Sunday

June 7, 2026 @ 10am



Graduating? We Want to Know!

Have a graduate? Please share your graduate's information with us so we can celebrate their accomplishments with our church community. Send their name, school, and degree information (if they are graduating from college or graduate school) to Becky Kimberly at office@westpresby.org.

Our Front Porch

Adult Fellowship & Discussion Group



Sundays 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
in the Covenant Room

Join Us for an Hour of Connection!

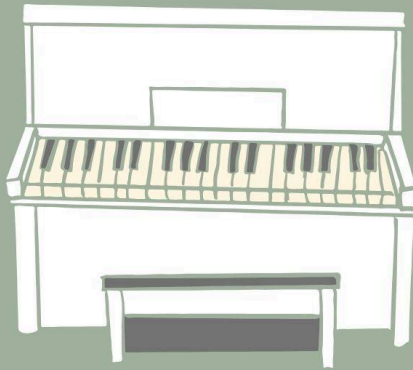
Gather before worship for conversation and connection.
No preparation or commitment is required.

Contact Peter Benner (pbenner16@gmail.com) or
Larry Carr (larrycarr@gmail.com) for more information

Missing Something? Lost and Found Outside the Fellowship Hall

Missing a fleece jacket? Can't find your favorite coffee mug or water bottle? Many unclaimed items have accumulated at the church this past year and we're looking to find their homes. There is a lost and found located in the foyer outside the Fellowship Hall. Come take a look when you're at church. We will leave these items out for the next two weeks. Any unclaimed items will be donated. Any questions, please contact Becky Kimberly at office@westpresby.org.

FREE PIANO



Westminster is looking to find a home for one of our pianos. The piano needs some TLC, but has been confirmed by a reputable piano tuner to be worth keeping. The piano would be free - you would be responsible for moving it (we can put you in touch with a piano mover). Contact Becky Kimberly at office@westpresby.org for more information.

Church Will Be Closed for Memorial Day

The office and church building will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday. Staff will be back on Tuesday, May 26th.

Prayers for our Community and Our World

Please text or call Rev. Julie Emery at 603-748-1130 with any prayer requests or pastoral concerns. *Please note our Grace & Space time of sharing and prayer will not meet on Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday.*

We pray for those near and far:

We pray for peace, especially in those places of increased violence and war particularly in Iran and throughout the Middle East. We pray for a peaceful resolution to conflict. May God's peace take root in the hearts of all people, may peace prevail.

We pray for the communities throughout our country who are experiencing increased conflict and terror due to the actions of ICE. We pray for those suffering from trauma and grief, and for those who are caught in the middle of such conflict. We pray for an end to the violence and for justice to be found.

May there be mercy and protection for those who are most vulnerable: Immigrants and refugees; the LGBTQIA+ community; those standing up against injustice in all its forms.

We pray for those who stand up for justice in communities throughout the world. May they be wise, safe and courageous.

May God's love and grace be the guiding force in our lives, our homes and our communities in the days ahead.

We pray for those in need for health and wholeness:

May those who are struggling receive God's love and encouragement including: George Dewey, who is responding well to lung cancer treatment; Nancy Murray, former Westminster member, who is recovering from surgery and awaiting medical test results; Ashley Aronson and for her parents Craig and Nicole who are providing care and support; Abbey Downing's father Jack Neller, who is recovering from a bilateral lung transplant; Callie Boone's Aunt Cyndi; Liz Grabber's mother Barbara; David MacMeekin; Bob and Carol Rentz; Mike McElroy's wife Jane; Yvonne Smith; Doug Levine, friend of Marilyn Pikor; Susie Scoville's brother Jon; Jane Sebolt; Joan and Jim Lin; Bob Gillis; Becky Kimberly's father John; Barbara Aronson; Karen Wagner's friend Rich; Ross Ludeman; Muriel Sherman and Betty Stokes.

We ask God to comfort those who grieve:

The friends and family of Richard Stafford, who died on April 26. A service in celebration of Richard's life will be held on **Friday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m.** [Click here](#) to read his obituary.

We continue to lift to God all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in recent months: the family of Jamison Clegg, Eina Reiger's cousin; the family of Camden Siegal; the family of Ginger Ludeman, wife of former Westminster pastor Rev. Ross Ludeman; the loved ones of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, and the community in Minneapolis-St.Paul; the Boone family, upon the death of Callie Boone's grandmother; Janet Wade-Utay and Art Utay upon the death of Art's aunt; Janet Wade-Utay and her sister-in-law, Jen, upon the death of Janet's brother George; the Harp family and the Hamilton and Hammond families.

We celebrate with:

Sarah and Alex Helberg on the birth of their son, Theodore Alexander, on May 19. Both mother and baby are healthy and doing well.

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