

October 25, 2026



Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



History of Our Community by Becca Gannick and
the Preston Taylor YMCA Boys and Girl's Club

Worship With Us!

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture

Deuteronomy (Selections from Chapter 6, 10 and 15)

Community Conversation

The Rev. Julie Emery

Bulletin

Join us after worship for a reception to give thanks and celebrate Mike McElroy, our Church Sexton, whose last day at Westminster is October 30th.

10:00 a.m. Sunday Hybrid Worship Link

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 3301 6989

Please note that our worship service is recorded and posted online.

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

- *New Member Class, November 1 After Worship*
- *Community Conversation on Addiction, Saturday, November 7*
- *Photos from GHIAA Power Summit*
- *Volunteers Needed for Faithful Families Sunday Gatherings*
- *Our Front Porch Gathering, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.*

Prayers for Our Community and Our World

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AFTER WORSHIP

YOU'RE
INVITED TO

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Rev. Julie Emery will hold a new member class on November 1, after worship. We will welcome new members to the church on November 8. If you are interested in joining or just want to learn more about Westminster, please join us! Any questions, contact Sandy Fry, Elder for Engage, at 860-951-6447 or psfry2016@comcast.net.

A community Conversation

Understanding Addiction

Causes, Concerns, & Solutions



Saturday, November 7, 2026

12:00 — 4:00 p.m.

2080 Boulevard, West Hartford, CT

Guest Speaker: Dr. Nii Addy

Yale School of Medicine

Light Lunch Provided



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Westminster is co-sponsoring this event with the West Hartford Prevention Partnership. For more information or to provide volunteer support, please contact Diane Smith at smithdiane2009@gmail.com

**Westminster Shows Their Support at
Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance Power
Summit!**



**Westminster is starting a
new group for young
families**

FAITHFUL FAMILIES
will meet for 8 Sundays
this fall.

Love this idea? Want to help
support our young families?
[Click Here](#) to find a sign up list
where you can volunteer to help
with lunch or with childcare

**Thank you for your help
as we support young
families in our
congregation**



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!

Like those chatting on a front porch, join us before worship for conversation and connection. No preparation or commitment is required.

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



Prayers for our Community and Our World

We invite you to hold our community in prayer throughout your week, to reach for God's grace, to watch for God's beauty, and to pray in thanksgiving in hope for ourselves and each other. We offer the prayers below for our community and our world:

We pray for those near and far:

We pray for the victims of the school shooting at Silver Rail Elementary School in Bend, Oregon. We grieve with the families and loved ones of those who were killed. We pray for all those impacted by gun violence; may God's justice prevail.

We pray for peace in Gaza, Iran, Sudan, Ukraine. May God's peace take root in the hearts of all people, and may those who are caught in between the powers and principalities be protected and comforted.

We pray for all people who, because of conflict and economic instability, have been forced into migration to seek safety and stability. We especially pray for the people of Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador. May God's strength and presence be with migrants everywhere.

We pray for all of God's creation, and for people impacted by the repercussions of global warming. May we seek new ways to heal our planet and steward our resources.

We pray for the communities experiencing increased fear and terror due to the actions of ICE. We pray for the safety and dignity of those who have been detained, and for justice to be found.

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

We give thanks 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 be surrounded by God's healing and comfort. We especially pray for Cyndi Brown's friend Gayle, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

We continue to pray for: George Dewey; Jane Sebolt; Cyndi Robinson's friend Shelby Lippart; Nancy Murray; Ashley Aronson; Abbey Downing's father Jack Neller; Callie Boone's Aunt Cyndi; Liz Grabber's mother Barbara; Mike McElroy's wife Jane; Doug Levine, friend of Marilyn Pikor; Susie Scoville's brother Jon; Joan and Jim Lin; Bob Gillis; Barbara Aronson; Karen Wagner's friend Rich; Muriel Sherman and Betty Stokes.

We ask God to comfort those who grieve:

May God's loving arms surround all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in this season.

We pray God's comfort and peace upon:
The family and loved ones of: David MacMeekin; Bob Rentz; Ross and Ginger Ludeman; Paul Chabot; Mary Sand; Eugenia, the Rev. Laura Opsahl's sister; Yvonne Smith, especially daughters Diane Smith and Aimee Hopkins; Marilyn Pikor's dear friends, Carol and Stan; Nancy Hoffman; Susan Plese, friend of Karen Wagner; Richard Stafford; Jamison Clegg, Eina Reiger's cousin; George Utay, Janet Wade-Utay's brother and Art Utay's aunt.

We trust that God walks with each of us in our struggles and sorrows, and rejoices in our celebrations.

If you have any prayer requests or pastoral concerns, please text or call Rev. Julie Emery at 603-748-1130.

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