November 22, 2026

Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Let's Make Something Beautiful This Sunday!

There are so many beautiful things happening at Westminster - help Westminster's beautiful ministry and send in your commitment for our 2027 budget! *This Sunday we will pray over our commitments and celebrate the growth of our garden of beautiful paper flowers!*

Make sure you join us in these beautiful activities after worship:

Packing Thanksgiving Bags for our neighbors in need - Beautiful!!

Hanging Christmas Decorations to get ready for the Advent Season - Beautiful!!

Find out more details below!

Worship With Us!

Reign of Christ Sunday
Commitment Sunday

Scripture
Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon
Clear Vision
The Rev. Julie Emery

Bulletin

9:00 a.m. "Our Front Porch" Gathering
Fellowship and Discussion Group in the Covenant Room

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

- *Commitment Sunday, Let's Make Something Beautiful*
- *After Worship This Sunday: Assemble Thanksgiving Baskets and Decorate for Christmas!*
- *Sign up for Caroling*
- *Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!*

- *Welcome New Members*
- *Save the Date: Gathered, 20s and 30s Fellowship*
- *Jesse's Garden Wonderful Season*

Prayers for Our Community and Our World

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Commitment Sunday
"Let's Make Something Beautiful"



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Together, we can make something beautiful! Any questions about this year's campaign, please contact Sandy Fry, Engage Elder at **psfry2016@comcast.net**

Link to Digital Pledge Card


HELP ASSEMBLE THANKSGIVING BASKETS
After worship this Sunday!
Join us after worship this Sunday to assemble the thanksgiving baskets we are donating to families through Covenant to Care!


HELP DECORATE WESTMINSTER FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, NOV. 22
AFTER WORSHIP
ALL AGES WELCOME



All ages and abilities are welcome to join the WPC Music Family for an opportunity to go Christmas Caroling on either Dec. 13 or Dec. 19. **Please fill out this form** to indicate one or more dates and times you are available. Please email Callie Boone at music@westpresby.org with questions.

Help Needed

HELP HOST SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Do you love the chance to connect with church-goers after worship each Sunday? Please consider helping host coffee hour so we can continue this important ministry. Training will be provided! Email Linda Geisler with questions: Linda.Barron.Geisler@comcast.net





Coffee Hour Sign Up



SAVE THE DATE!



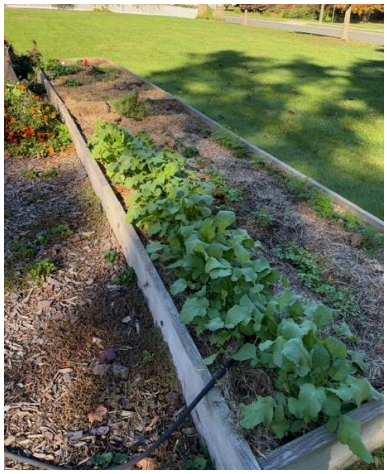
A Bountiful Harvest from Jessie's Garden

You may have noticed the garden located at the back of our parking lot facing Ridgewood Road. Jessie's Garden was first planted in 2015 and is part of a network of community gardens created by the Kostin

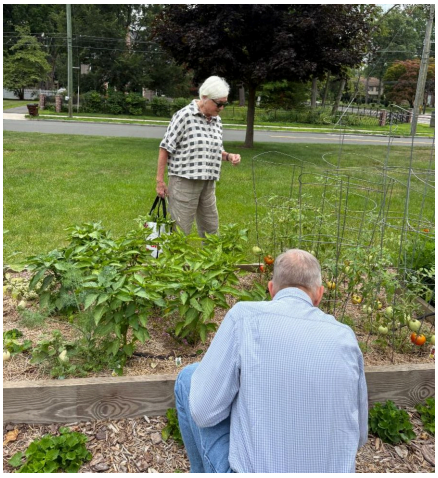
family in memory of their daughter Jessica. This is our 11th harvest where 90% of the crops are donated Loaves and Fishes in Hartford. Loaves and Fishes serves two meals per day to those who are food insecure. The organic garden is harvested a couple times a week with crops that include tomatoes, squash, eggplants, beans, peppers, and herbs.

We are grateful to Ann Cox for tending the garden all these years and for Bill Starkowski who provided hours in the dirt this season. More help is appreciated and a green thumb isn't required. If you'd like to help with the garden in the spring, please contact Ann Cox at anncct@sbcglobal.net.









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 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 LBGTQIA+ 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 celebrate with:

John and Jeannette Rhine on the wedding of their son James Rhine to Cindee Beard on October 20th. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their married life together.

The Rev. Laura Opsahl who this month celebrates 49 years in ministry.

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:

Jim Lin, who is in a rehab facility, and for his wife and caretaker Joan.

Laura Opsahl as she recovers from surgery.

We continue to pray for: Cyndi Brown's friend Gayle; 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; 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, 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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