

October 18, 2026



Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Adoration of the Golden Calf by Nicolas Poussin

Worship With Us!

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture
Exodus 32:1-14

Sermon
Do-Be-Do-Be
The Rev. John Merz

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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:

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- *Brunch Bunch this Sunday After Worship*
- *"Just This" Four-Week Book Study*
- *Volunteers Needed for Faithful Families Sunday Gatherings*
- *Our Front Porch Gathering, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.*

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WESTMINSTER'S

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— WELCOME SINGLE ADULTS 60+ —

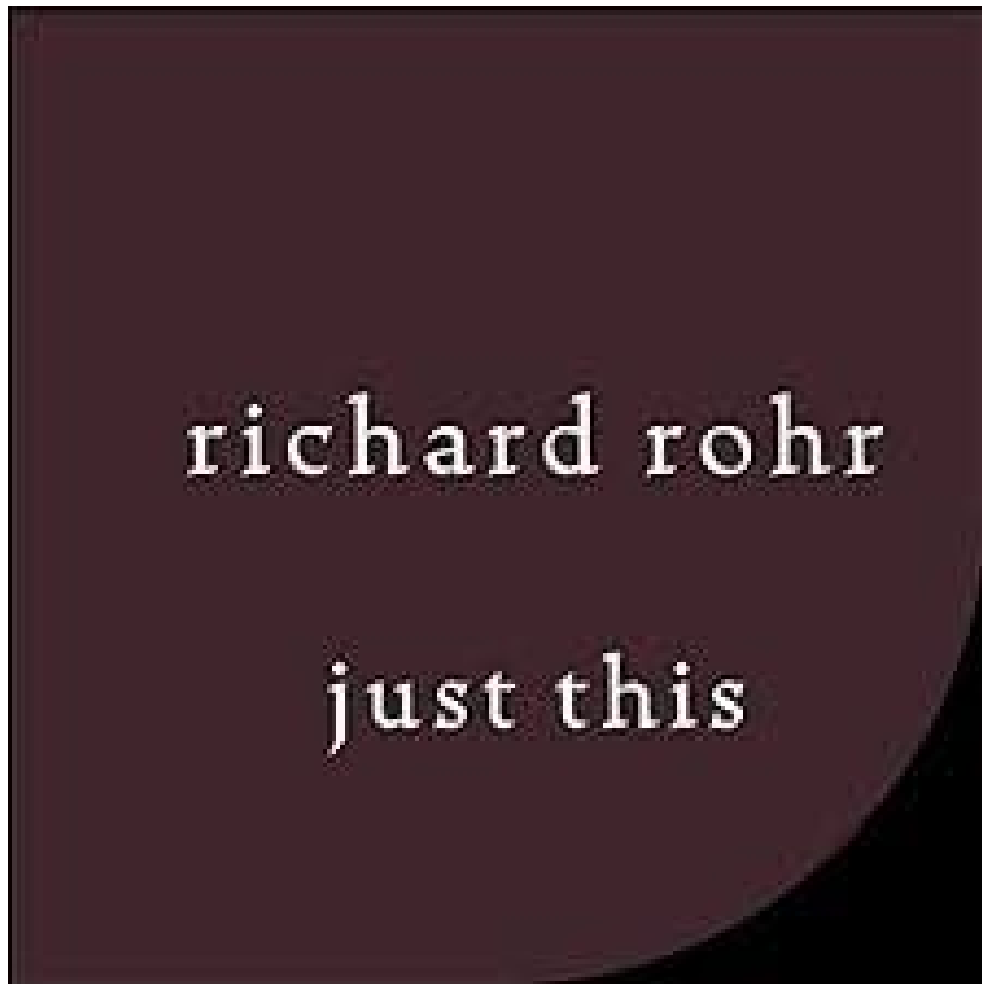
 **SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 18
11:00AM**

 **COVENANT ROOM,
WESTMINSTER**

The Brunch Bunch will gather this Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. right after church in the Covenant Room. All single adults 60ish

or above are invited to become part of this monthly gathering as we get to know each other better. That truly is our only agenda. Food will be provided so the only thing you need to bring is your smile and willingness to get to know each other better in a relaxed atmosphere. If you have questions, please call Barbara Riihimaki ([860-803-9090](tel:860-803-9090)) or email her at bdriih@gmail.com

See you there.



"Just This": A Four-Week Book Study
Mondays at 6:30pm
(October 12 - November 2)

In today's stressful and often disconnected world, we've found that creating a little space to gather can make a big difference; a chance to slow down, get to know one another, and talk about things that really matter. Larry and Cathi Nelson are going to lead a **four-week conversation group** around the small book of reflections called, *Just This* by Fr. Richard Rohr. It's a short, beautiful book with just four chapters.

Each week, we'll explore one simple theme including Awe, Waking Up, Surrendering and Practices.

We know how busy life can be, so we're keeping it intentionally simple:

Mondays, October 12–November 2
Our home: [26 Westpoint Terrace, West Hartford](#)
Near Conard High School

Come around **6:30 PM** for some informal conversation and connection. We'll begin the discussion at **7:00** and **end promptly at 8:00 PM.**

And don't worry if you didn't attend the week before, you don't finish, or even read the chapter. The book is simply a jumping-off point. We think the conversation will be just as meaningful.

The book can be purchased for **\$10 through the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) website**. To purchase one, [click here](#). Please RSVP to Becky Kimberly in the church office by emailing office@westpresby.org.

**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 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 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 Jane Sebolt, who is recovering at home from a fall.

We continue to pray for: 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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