



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
January 26, 2020

Westminster United Church is a Christian family sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the congregation, the community and the world at large. We provide a spiritual home for worship, celebration of the sacraments, and Christian Education.



We embrace people of all ages, gender, race, sexual orientations, gender identity, abilities, ethnicity, social and economic circumstances, in the membership, ministry, leadership and life of this congregation.

We are so glad you came! Thank you for worshipping at Westminster. We hope you will be encouraged by the teaching you hear and by the people you meet. Please take a moment to fill out "A Westminster Welcome!" card located in the seat pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate. To stay connected with us, see our Facebook page, website www.westminster-uc.ca or sign up for our weekly email at wuc@westminster-uc.ca.

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A children's program is available for your baby/toddler in the nursery down the hall. Children will be invited to head to J.a.M. during the service after the Children's Time. Please speak to an usher for directions or more information. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our J.a.M. program, please contact: Cathy Shaw, Minister of Faith Formation (cshaw@westminster-uc.ca)

(* Indicates standing in body or spirit)

We Gather Together

Prelude - Here I Am, Lord - *arr. Raney*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God's steadfast love, extends to the heavens

God's faithfulness reaches to the clouds (*Psalm 36*)

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

We take refuge in the shadow of your wings. (*Psalm 36*)

We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

With glad souls or aching hearts we bring our faith and doubt.

With all that we are and all that we have, we will worship God.

Gathering Verse - MV 115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Opening Prayer

* **Passing the Peace**

* **Hymn: VU 820 Make a Joyful Noise - Psalm 100**

To Offer Ourselves

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - *arr. Walter's*

* **Sung Response - MV 34 All Is Giv'n for the Glory (v4)**

Offering Prayer

To Hear God's Word

Time with all God's Children

Song while children leave for J.a.M. - Hallelu

Ministry of Music - The Summons - *John Bell (Chris Shkolnik, bodhran)*

Scripture: Mark 8:27-30; Mark 12:28-34 - *Helen Bowman*

Message: "Have You Learned Who You Are?" *Rev. Dan Yourkevich*

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

*** Hymn: MV 42 Praise God for This Holy Ground** - *Heymonystraat*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

*** Hymn: Put Your Hand in the Hand of the Man**

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water
Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea
Take a look at yourself, and you can look at others diff'rently
By puttin' your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee

Every time I look into the Holy Book, I wanna tremble
When I read about the part where a carpenter cleared the temple
See those buyers and the sellers were no diff'rent fellas
Than what you and I profess to be
And it causes me shame to know I'm not who I should be

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Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea
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My mama taught me how to pray, before I reached the age of seven
When I'm down on my knees, that's when I'm close to heaven.
My daddy lived his life with two kids and a wife
Well you do what you must do
But he showed me enough of what it takes to get me through

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* Blessing and Sending Forth

Closing Response - MV 58 We Sing of Your Glory (v4 2x)

* **Postlude** - Forth in Your Name, O Christ - *Wesley*



Upcoming Services and Events

- Sunday, February 2 Black History Month Presentation
- Sunday, February 9 Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

The New Year has arrived and brings with it changes and fresh starts. On January 20th, Rev. Michelle transitioned back into her leadership role at Westminster, as Rev. Dan prepares for his next "retirement" date. Rev. Dan will lead us in worship for the final time on January 26th and Rev. Michelle will resume worship leadership on February 2nd.

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Michelle back, and we are ever so thankful to Rev. Dan for his warm and caring embrace of Westminster since May 2019.

A Message from Rev. Michelle Robinson:

Dear Westminster Friends,
Now that my maternity leave has come to an end, I have returned to work. It continues to be a gradual start. You will see me back in the pulpit on February 2, 9 and 16. Following that I will be away for two Sundays (February 23, March 1) before continuing full steam ahead. I've valued this important time home with my family and am looking forward to serving among you again. Blessings and I'll see you soon!



Regional Prayer Cycle //

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith, Cooke's-Portsmouth: Kingston.

Let's learn about the diverse history of our community //

Local Historian and Archivist at the Oshawa Museum, *Jennifer Weymark*, will be giving a presentation February 2 at Westminster UC after worship, 12:30 p.m. **Black History in Oshawa: One Family's Story.** Lunch provided by the UCW. All are welcome!

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, February 9th //

What does it mean to be faithful people of God in the 21st Century context?

Please join us on Sunday, February 9th for Westminster's Annual Congregational Meeting and the kickoff to our discernment journey as we listen for the ways God is guiding us as a community of faith.

Dr. Betty Pries from Credence & Co. will be facilitating the process over the next few months. She joins us as our guest speaker during worship on February 9th speaking about the challenges and opportunities for the "Church in the 21st Century."

After service there will be a light lunch provided by the Foodman Group followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting where we will discuss and celebrate Westminster's many ministries. Child care will be provided.

We have Hearing Assistance equipment available every Sunday //

If you are hard of hearing or you wear hearing aids, we can assist you to enjoy the service. Either headphones can be worn without hearing aids or neck loops which can be used with hearing aids. If you wish to wear the neck loop you need to ensure that your hearing aids come equipped with a telephone coil (T switch). You can ask one of our ushers for assistance.



Prayer Requests during the service //

Our weekly worship service provides a time for submitting prayers of concern, thanksgiving and praise. You will find prayer forms in the pew pockets. Prayer & praise requests are collected along with the offering. Please place the completed prayer cards in the baskets as they are circulated. The requests are read in the service during our prayer time together, unless otherwise noted and then forwarded to our Prayer Team who will continue to pray for each concern.

Friday Flicks //

This free movie night for adults is on Friday, January 31 at 7:00pm...bring a date, bring a friend or step out solo, as we watch the comedy/drama, **THE FIGHTING TEMPTATIONS**, starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Beyonce... Popcorn included!



UCW Requests //

The UCW is in need of an electric can opener and if you have one that you are not using, we would greatly appreciate your donation. If you have any questions, please contact Susan at 905-493-3122. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Readers Needed //

Readers needed for monthly Minute for Mission. For further information, please contact Debbie Joyce at (905) 668-9416.



Concerned about energy efficiency? Here are some helpful ideas ...

One person contributes as much heat as a 100 watt heater: so invite your friends over!

In the kitchen: your refrigerator and freezer are more energy efficient when they are full. Use water and ice cubes to fill up the space.

Cook in quantity: when you bake, keep both racks full.

Small appliances such as a slow cooker, bread maker and pressure cooker are considerably more efficient than their larger equivalents.

Greeters and Candlelighters //

If you are looking for a new way to meet your Westminster Church family, please consider signing up to greet and light the candles. Greeting is a great way to get to know the members of our congregation. If you aren't sure and would like more information please speak with Patti Lang or Ava Tomlinson. The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex.

Come Walk With Us on the COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR! //
Saturday, February 22



Lace up your boots, bundle up and join members of your church community as we walk together to make a difference in the lives of others! To join our team and to sponsor online, just go to www.cnoy.org search for Westminster United Church and follow the prompts; Or stop by the gym after service on Jan. 26 or Feb. 16 to give a donation. All proceeds raised will go directly to The Refuge, a local outreach program giving hope and love to the hurting, hungry and homeless youth of our community. For more information contact Cathy Shaw at

905-723-6442 or at cshaw@westminster-uc.ca.

Sock Tree //

The tree in the Narthex is looking for decorations. Winter has set in and everyone wants to have warm feet. Please bring in your donations of warm socks and they will be donated to local community groups and schools that have expressed a need. Donations will be collected until the middle of February.



Coffee and tea are served after worship in the gym //

We warmly welcome everyone to come and enjoy a time of fellowship and get to know the members of our church.

Thank you...//

...for your purchases of organic coffee, green and NEW earl grey tea and Fair Trade chocolate bars. This enables us to provide the coffee and tea after church.



Reminder //

Please be reminded that the Memorial Service for Cheryle Artymko will be held on Saturday, February 1 at 11:00am. The visitation will take place from 10:00 - 11:00am and there will be a reception following the service in the gym.

Ways to Give Your Offering //

* Via envelope: cash or cheque

* Via PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance): contact the office or pick up a brochure in the Narthex

* Via text: text "give" to 833-963-1387 to set up your account. Once you have set up your account, you can text your offering amount at any time. It's that simple!

* Via Tithe.ly app: download the app for free. Set up your account within minutes!



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* Via e-transfers to wuc@westminster-uc.ca. Please make the security question and answer the same. For example, both could be "Offering". In the message section, please specify what the money is for (i.e. Local Fund, Building Fund, Mission & Service, Foodbank, Special Appeal, etc.). If you require a tax receipt, please include your mailing address if your contact information is not already on file with the church office.

* Via debit or credit card by going to westminster-uc.ca/give/ and click on the "GIVE ONLINE" button.

* Via debit or credit by visiting the gym after service or stopping by the office Monday through Friday during office hours.



* Donation receipts for offerings/donations of \$20 or more (cumulative) are issued in February of the following year in which the offering/donation is made.

* If you have questions regarding any of these options, please see Monica Veenstra after the service or contact the Office Administrator, Becky Clingman.

AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL AND
CONTEMPORARY PRAISE MUSIC

UNITED IN PRAISE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | 7PM

WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH
1850 ROSSLAND RD. EAST, WHITBY

FEATURING PRAISE BANDS FROM
BROOKLIN, FAITH,
KINGSVIEW, NEWCASTLE,
WESTMINSTER UNITED
CHURCHES, AND SPIRIT.CALM

FREE WILL OFFERING TO THE MISSION &
SERVICE FUND OF THE UNITED CHURCH



To: Friends of Westminster United Church

Date: January 22, 2020

Re: Listening for our Vision & Mission

What does it mean to be faithful as a people of God in our 21st Century context?
As Westminster United Church, what is our central purpose for being together?
To what ministries, dreams and other acts of faith is God calling us at this time?

Westminster United Church is initiating a listening and discernment process to listen for how God is calling us as community of faith. We want to pay attention to what it means to be a people of faith in this time. We also want to discern what concrete actions we are being called to take in response to God's call.

Please join us for this conversation! We are working with Betty Pries and Cayla Charles from Credence & Co. (www.credenceandco.com). In February, you will receive an invitation to complete a survey. Several randomly selected people from our community of faith will be invited to participate in an interview with Credence. The surveys and interviews will endeavour to capture your perception of Westminster today along with your aspirations for Westminster going forward. We will also meet several times for conversation together as a community of faith, led by Credence.

Please, note the following dates in your calendar:

- February 9, 2020: Guest speaker, Dr. Betty Pries "The Church in the 21st Century"
Congregational Meeting following the service
- February 9 – 21, 2020: Interviews and survey
- March 8, 2020: Congregational Meeting following the service
- Other dates to follow...

We pray that our dialogue together will open our community to listening deeply for God's leading and that, in doing so, we will reflect ever more closely that which God is calling us to be.

From Credence & the Westminster UC Mission & Vision Working Group



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Westminster Weekly Calendar

Sunday January 26

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM-Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

10:45 AM - 10:50 AM-Stewardship Moment

Monday January 27

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room I, Youth & Computer)

09:30 AM - 12:30 PM-Taoism Tai Chi (Gym)

06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Guides 18th group (Gym)

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Foodman Group Meeting (Kitchen)

Tuesday January 28

12:30 PM - 03:00 PM-Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen)

06:30 PM - 08:00 PM-Whitby 31st Brownies (Gym)

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-WUC Council Meeting (Founders Room)

Wednesday January 29

Thursday January 30

06:30 PM - 08:30 PM-Youth Group (Youth Room)

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Family Karate (Gym)

07:00 PM - 08:30 PM-Choir Practice (Founder's Room/Sanctuary)

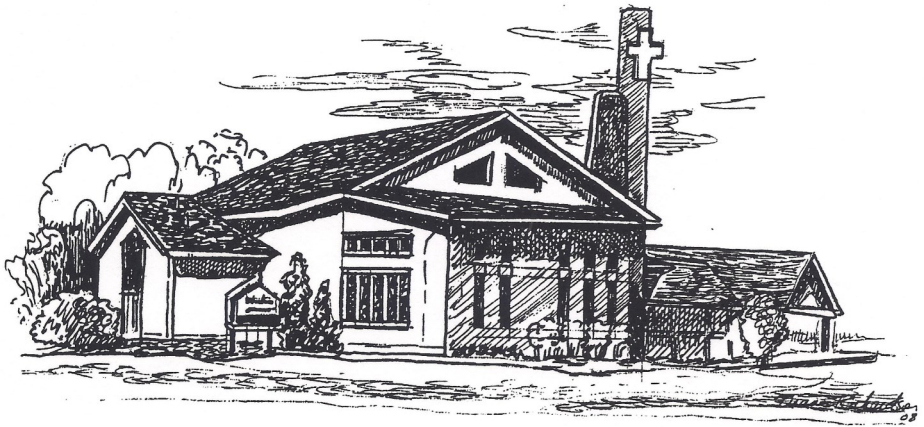
Friday January 31

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM-YDAC (Room I, Computer Rm, Gym)

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM-Friday Flicks! (Sanctuary, kitchen, narthex)

Saturday February 01

11:00 AM - Memorial Service for Cheryle Artymko (Whole Church)



Greeters and Candle Lighter The Berthelot Family

Ushers Team 5 - Jim Wild, Kerry Delaney,
Fitz Morrison, Jolene and Keith Baker,
Dave and Mary Parks

Coffee and Tea Team 1 - Emma Lovasz, Joyce Lowe,
Liz Robinson

Tech Booth Martin Gilroy and Jan Hendrikse

Volunteer Custodian(s) Team 5 - Jim and Joan Ward,
Jim and Wendy Edwards

Counters Shirley Penny and Jim Wild

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