

Westminster Weekly Window

November 2, 2025

Today's Message

"Hope in Remembrance"

Scripture Readings

Today: *Semicontinuous:* Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Ps. 119:137-144;

Complementary: Isa. 1:10-18 and Ps. 32:1-7; 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

November 2, 2025: *Semicontinuous:* Hag. 1:15b-2:9 and Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98

Complementary: Job. 19:23-27a and Ps. 17:1-9; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Serving This Morning

Usher – Abbie Alexander

Greeter – Dick Helfrich

Serving Next Sunday - Nov. 9

Usher – Alice Nash

Greeter – Dick Helfrich

Happening This Week - November 2 - November 9, 2025

November 2 – Coffee Hour, 10 a.m. | Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

November 3 – WestMark Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m.

November 5 – Men's Coffee Group at Panera's at Westlake at 7:30 a.m. (**Wednesday of every week**)

November 5 – The Care Team, 9-12 p.m. (**Wednesday of every week**)

November 5 – MBRA Meeting, 7 p.m.

November 6 – Choir Rehearsal, 5 p.m. (**Thursday of every week**)

November 7 – First Friday, 5 p.m.

November 9 – Coffee Hour, 10 a.m. Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

November 10 – WestMark Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m.

November 6 – Choir Rehearsal, 5 p.m. (**Thursday of every week**)

November 10 – Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m.

November 19 – Hanging the Greens: *Decorating for Christmas*, 9 a.m.

November 11 – The Church Office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day

November 16 – Iben Concert, Guido Sanchez Portugez, 4 p.m.

November 27 & 28 – Church Office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving

December 2 – Buildings & Grounds Meeting, 12 p.m.

December 20 – Rehearsal for Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, 9-12 a.m.

W Moss (south side) closed near N Western. Please follow flaggers and drive safely!

November Birthdays

08 Arthur Schlesinger

17 Dennis Herridge

18 Laura Van Riper

27 Rosemary McCurdy & Betty Oaks

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Standing ‘on the kin-dom side of history’

Last month, outside the ICE detention center in Broadview, Illinois, the Rev. David Black of [First Presbyterian Church of Chicago](#) raised his arms toward federal officers and made an altar call. As reported by Jack Jenkins of [Religion News Service](#), Black said, “I invited them to repentance. I invited them to come and receive that salvation, and be part of the kingdom that is coming.”

Footage of Black being shot with a pepper ball was widely distributed online.

As the United States government has deployed militarized and often secretive officers to conduct immigration raids in Los Angeles, Chicago, Portland, and elsewhere, Presbyterians have confronted them. From coast to coast, local congregations have tried to raise the consciousness of their neighbors, and have advocated for families in detention.

Protests in Portland took on renewed urgency after Sept. 25, when President Trump issued a [social media call](#) to the Department of Defense to “protect War ravaged Portland, and any of our ICE Facilities under siege from attack by Antifa, and other domestic terrorists.”

Clergy in Portland, Oregon had been gathering outside Portland’s ICE facility since June, typically in small numbers, alongside ordinary people suddenly branded “domestic terrorists” — specifically to emphasize that acts of public witness are not often tidy or polite. Says the Rev. Junha Kim of [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#), “Solidarity means solidarity — not with those who look or act or protest the same, but with all those who are standing on the kin-dom side of history.”

We stand (as Presbyterians) with our neighbors and oppose hate and cruelty. This is a moment to reclaim faith in the public square and to affirm that this is what Jesus’ love was all about.

A West Bluff Community Experience



Join Us for First Friday – A Night of Music, Art, and Community!

Come together for an evening of creativity and connection at our free First Friday gathering. Whether you're here to enjoy live music, meet new people, or simply soak in the vibrant atmosphere, everyone is welcome!

Our next event will take place on **Friday, November 7th, from 5–8 p.m. in Westminster Hall**. Enjoy performances by local musicians, inspiring artwork, and a warm community vibe—plus great food, drinks, and plenty of fun.

We can't wait to see you there!