Westminster Weekly Window

November 9, 2025

Today's Message

"Resurrection? Afterlife?"

Scripture Readings

Today: 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

November 16, 2025: Semicontinuous: Isa. 65:17-25 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 20:27-28

Serving This Morning

Serving Next Sunday - Nov. 16

Usher – Alice Nash Usher – Jackson

Greeter – Dick Helfrich Greeter – Dick Helfrich

Happening This Week - November 9 - November 16, 2025

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

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

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

November 12 - Men's Coffee Group at Panera's at Westlake at 7:30 a.m. (Wednesday of every week)

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

November 13 - Choir Rehearsal, 5 p.m. (Thursday of every week)

November 16 - Coffee Hour, 10 a.m. Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

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

Looking Ahead

November 17 – WestMark Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m.

November 18 - Session, Parlor, 4 p.m.

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

November 20 - Choir Rehearsal, 5 p.m. (Thursday of every week)

November 21 - Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m.

November 27 - Thanksgiving To-Go, 12-2 p.m.

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

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

December 5 – First Friday, 5-9 p.m.

December 6 – Winter RiverBend Brass Concert, 3 p.m.

December 12 - Christmas Cabaret

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

November Birthdays

08 Arthur Schlesinger 18 Laura Van Riper

17 Dennis Herridge 27 Rosemary McCurdy & Betty Oaks

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Join us for the next Iben Arts Series concert on Sunday, November 16 at 4 p.m., featuring Guido Sanchez-Portugez, an acclaimed Costa Rican guitarist, composer, and educator. Currently serving as Clinical Assistant Professor of Guitar and Theory at the University of Illinois, Dr. Portugez shares his passion for music through international performances and collaborations with Grammy-winning artists.

Mission and Outreach Report

There's a lot happening at Westminster.

Contact: Elizabeth Richmond, Mission and Outreach Elder, 309-672-2377

First Friday at Westminster

If you're reading this on Friday, November 7, there's still time to join us for First Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy food, music, art, and fun. Our guest artist this week is local musician Ryle Irish, whose guitar-based sound blends classic country, Americana, blues, and original roots music. As always, our musical host Sarah Marie Dillard will serve as MC and open the evening with classic covers and originals. Delicious food will be provided by Courtney from Royal Remembrance. Stay tuned to The Bulletin for details on our December First Friday event.

Thanksgiving To-Go

We're organizing a special Thanksgiving To-Go meal for those in our community who might otherwise go without, or who simply want a warm, no-cost meal. Courtney from Royal Remembrance, our First Friday caterer, thought of and offered to lead this effort, and we're thrilled to partner with her. A local business has also offered to co-sponsor this wonderful idea. The "to-go" meals will be hosted by Westminster and extended to food pantry clients, foster families, relative caregivers, and anyone else in any kind of need.

If you'd like to support this ministry, checks can be made out to Westminster with "Thanksgiving Dinner" on the memo line.

Volunteers are needed:

• Kitchen prep: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Meal runners: 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. • Cleanup: begins at 1 p.m.

To volunteer, please contact Erikah in the church office. For questions, reach out to Elizabeth Richmond. Your time, donations, and positive support are all appreciated as we take on this meaningful effort.

And for anyone willing to admit they know how to operate the dishwasher in the church kitchen—Eugene and I would love a quick lesson in the next week or two. We promise not to make you do the dishes.

Upcoming Events

- December 5th next First Friday 5 to 8 p.m. Christmas Cabaret, Friday, December 12, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Breakfast with the Grinch, Saturday, December 20 (ticketed event; details coming soon)
- "Noon" Year's Eve Party, Wednesday, December 31, with a special noon countdown for our youngest revelers (ticketed event; details coming soon)
- Yoga at Westminster, early-morning weekly sessions coming soon as we finalize details and work out the kinks (pun intended) for this church and neighborhood wellness offering



