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Who is Westminster?

As a dynamic faith community that has grown and changed over time, we have been writing the history of Westminster Presbyterian Church in the heart of Grand Rapids, Michigan for 160 years. Founded in 1861, we are a diverse congregation drawn from all parts of the metropolitan area. With over 1,200 members, we are a community of Christians committed to worshipping God, serving Christ through mission in our local community and world, and listening for the Spirit's transforming movement in our midst. We are a member congregation of the [Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#) and the [Presbytery of Lake Michigan](#).

What is our ministry for youth and young adults like?

Because God in Christ welcomes all, we strive to provide an inclusive community for people of all genders, races, sexual orientations, backgrounds, questions, and doubts. Children and youth are vital to our faith community; we seek to integrate their voices, energy, and vision.

Helpful Links:

[Our church website](#)

[Our youth page](#)

[Camp Henry's website](#)



What is our ministry for youth and young adults like? (continued)

Our youth ministry seeks to create a context to explore faith in Jesus Christ; foster a brave space where all youth—whether or not they are Christian—will be welcomed, accepted, and celebrated; remove barriers for friendships among youth; encourage connections between youth and adults; empower youth to lead within the church and challenge them to follow God outside the church; live joyful lives, rejoicing in God’s creation, embracing the fullness of life in its messiness and beauty.

Music is foundational to our traditional-style worship, and includes choirs for all ages and instrumental ensembles; we are united in praising God through music. Westminster has 3 core missions: Westminster Child Development Center provides childcare with a sliding payment scale. Camp Henry is an all-season camp that provides life-changing experiences in a positive Christian environment. The Downtown Food Pantry provides emergency assistance to people in need. The congregation is committed to justice through our membership in Grand Rapids’ new broad-based organizing effort and in partnership with other local ministries. The PCUSA Matthew 25 initiative compels us to dismantle racism, eradicate poverty, and grow congregational vitality.



For more information

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