



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 5, 2026 AT 10AM | 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

An open and welcoming Christian community in service to God and neighbor

We Come Into God's Presence with Joy

Life of the Church

Prelude

* Call to Worship

Lynda Berg, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

Calling all citizens of heaven: exiled dreamers and disciples of love,

God is close to the outcast and faithful to all.

Calling all pilgrims of the Spirit, carried by the winds of hope,

God is everywhere at all times, compassionate to all.

Calling all travelers between worlds, who translate compassion into peace,

God makes neighbors of strangers and kin of the forgotten.

Come to worship and be renewed for this long journey.

Strangers in a strange land, we have come to worship the creator of all.

Written by Rev. Erika Marksbury and Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer for Illustrated Ministry

* Hymn #346

*For the Healing
of the Nations*

ST. THOMAS

* *You are invited to stand as you are able.*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all mercy, we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Too often, our desire to do what is good competes with a tendency to cause harm, intentionally or unintentionally. We lament the sin that holds us captive, individually and through the communities we are part of. We repent of the sins we have perpetuated, and the sins done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

* Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* Song of Response #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

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World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Psalm 145:8-14**

Anthem

A Moment to Wonder

Children are invited to come forward for a short lesson on the chancel steps.

Second Reading of the Word **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Sermon

A Longer Story

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (v.1)*

**All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*...Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels and archangels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Song of Response #552 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Song of Response #553 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer after Communion

We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

- * Song of Response #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Halle, halle, hallelujah!
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

- * Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #182

*I Heard the Voice
of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Playground Expansion! Westminster will be adding a play structure for younger ages this summer! This is a gift to our neighborhood and a place for Westminster and UDT preschool children to play. Please consider contributing a special gift toward this project through our online giving page. Also, stay tuned for information on the assembly day for the project expected in late July or early August. We will need many hands!

Refugee Support with JFS: Today is the last day of our summer-holiday Refugee Support Donation Drive. Donation bins can be found in the hallway near the library. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this effort over the last month!

Please note: The church office will be closed on Monday, July 6 in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Cara Doane, Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm

Condolences: We hold the family of Laurie Beuhler in our prayers as they grieve the death of Laurie.

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com). To list prayer requests here, in the *Friday Good Things Are Happening* email, or Prayer Chain, contact Jill Fairchild (jill@thefairchilds.net or 734-417-0816). You can join our email prayer chain by contacting Jill. To keep us current, please share updates on those for whom we are praying.

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 11:15am in the Library and via Zoom over the summer. Contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more information.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9am for the summer.

Children and Youth Faith Formation is off for the summer and will resume in the fall. Contact Cathy Daniels (catld1121@gmail.com) for more info.

Monday Conversations are weekly at 1pm online: an opportunity to discuss Sunday's sermon in a small group. The Zoom invitation is in the Friday *Good Things* and Sunday podcast emails.

Mary Martha Group meets the first and third Mondays at 7pm via Zoom. Contact Margaret Klammer (mklammer@comcast.net) for more information.

Matthew 25 Study Group meets at 7pm on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For meeting information, please contact Elizabeth Tidd (lizbeth0405@yahoo.com) or Carol Hufnagel (carol.hufnagel@tetrattech.com).

Thursday Book Club is off for the summer and will resume in the fall. Contact Linda Harnisch for more information (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

Welcome to Westminster

Our Values: Love, Compassion, Connection, Inclusion, Earth-Care, Service

Our Mission: Show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church; participating in the joyful worship of God; engaging in regular study, reflection, prayer and sharing of our faith; committing ourselves and our resources to the spiritual and physical needs of our church family and neighbors near and far; seeking to be a good neighbor in our neighborhood.

Sunday worship podcasts are at westpresa2.org/online-sermons.

For deacon care, please contact Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@gmail.com).

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