



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 9, 2026 AT 11AM | 11TH 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

Carly Polikoff, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

The Wisdom of God yearns for our attention,

In chaos and in quiet, She reaches for us.

She reveals the true sources of our hope,

And makes known the cause of our struggles.

Though evil works to fool and sway us,

We are rooted in care for each other.

Grounded in a promise of love,

Made capable of brave and bold acts.

May God renew our faith.

From enfleshed: Liturgy that Matters

* Hymn #418

*Softly and Tenderly
Jesus Is Calling*

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

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

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

We have failed.

And God loves us.

We have forgotten.

And God loves us.

We have injured.

And God loves us.

We have gloated.

And God loves us.

We have hoarded.

And God loves us.

We have turned away.

And God loves us. Amen.

Written by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

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.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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 **Matthew 14:22-33**

Anthem

In the Garden

by C. Austin Miles

Marcia Anderson, clarinet; Glen Anderson, piano

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**

Sermon

*What Happens to
a Dream?*

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayers of the People and 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.

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 #250

*In the Bulb
There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Caring for our community: Pick up a cloth grocery bag in the main entry today and bring it back next Sunday with nonperishable food and personal and household items for Hope Clinic's food pantry.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us for a joyful and interactive Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, August 23rd at 7pm! Bring a pet, a photo of a beloved animal (wild or domestic), a stuffed animal, or just yourself. We'll begin with a brief outdoor worship service, reflecting on how God's love is revealed through our furry, feathered, and scaly friends. Then we'll mingle through stations offering blessings for animals and people, treats and toys for pets in attendance, and crafts to help care for creatures in the wider world.

Lunches for HOPE: Westminster's Mission Ministry Team is once again collecting items for our Sack Lunches for Hope Clinic. While the lunches are simple, they provide nourishment, dignity, and hope to people who need them most. This year's goal is to assemble 96 in '26 every time! Won't you join us? Visit our website for the signup link to provide needed items, or you can donate monetarily through our online giving page. Drop off items August 16 - September 13.

Parking Lot Resurfacing: Please note that our parking lot will be resurfaced the week of August 24. This should not impact Sunday service, but be aware that the lot will be closed if you need to access the building during the week.

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 2:30pm 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).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Donna Greyerbiehl, Kathy Kamm

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.

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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