



# *Westminster* PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 16, 2026 AT 11AM | 12TH 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

Ralph Lange, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

*Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord:*

**Outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers,**

**The young, old and the in-between.**

*Come as you are, for this is God's house:*

**A house of prayer for all people,**

**And God welcomes each one who comes.**

\* Hymn #610

*O for a Thousand  
Tongues to Sing*

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Call to Confession

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

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short, and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Thomas J. Carrico, Jr., Presbyterian Outlook*

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

## *We Hear God's Word*

First Reading of The Word    **Isaiah 56:1-8**

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 15:21-28**

Sermon

*More Than Crumbs*

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 #295

*Go to the World!*

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*We Go Forth to Serve*

\* Dismissal

*And let all God's people say:*

**Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude

## *This Week's News*

**Shopping bags of nonperishable food** and personal and household items dedicated with our offering today will be given to 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 and 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. Visit our website for the signup link to provide needed items, or you can donate monetarily through our online giving page. Drop off items now through 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 that week.

**Fall Worship Schedule:** Believe it or not, Fall will be here before we know it! We will continue our Summer Schedule through Labor Day weekend, and then we will return to 11am worship on Sunday, September 13.

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** During worship on Sunday, August 30th, we will take a moment to bless the backpacks (or notebooks, or other tools for study) of our students and teachers heading back into another year of learning. Mark your calendar and bring something with you that represents your learning journey, whether you are a traditional student or a lifelong learner.

## *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:** Elke Kramer, Fran Bolhouse

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](http://westpresa2.org/online-sermons).

**For deacon care**, please contact Amy Welzenbach ([awelzenbach411@gmail.com](mailto:awelzenbach411@gmail.com)).

**Thank you for continuing to fulfill your pledges** and financial commitments in support of the mission and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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