



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 23, 2026 AT 11AM | 13TH 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

Rachel Croxton, liturgist

(congregation please read bold type)

When the powerful forget the powerless,

God remembers.

When fear tells us to look away,

God calls us to pay attention.

When systems grind down the marginalized,

God raises up unlikely leaders.

When deliverance feels slow and far off,

God is already at work.

This is the God we come to worship,

Let us worship with courage, ready to act.

* Hymn #756

O God of Every Nation

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Call to Confession

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children.

In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. Amen.

Written by Rev. Jeny Carlson, Presbyterian Outlook

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and called into new life.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

* 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 **Romans 12:1-8**

Anthem

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Sermon

Holy Resistance

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #740 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**I am weak and I need your strength and power
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead 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 #23

*God, You Spin the
Whirling Planets*

PLEADING SAVIOR

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Blessing of the Animals: Join us for a joyful and interactive Blessing of the Animals tonight 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 this week: 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: Cara Doane, Donna Greyerbiehl

Condolences: We hold Doug and Carole Franklin and family in our prayers as they grieve the loss of Doug's father, Dave Franklin, who died on August 18th. A service will be held today, August 23rd at 3pm (visitation at 2pm) at Christ Our King Lutheran Church in Saline.

For deacon care, contact your deacon directly or send an email to the deacon moderator, Amy Welzenbach (awelzenbach411@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.

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