



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 AT 10AM | 15TH 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

Zora Polikoff, liturgist

As we gather together to worship, let us remember the words of Scripture:

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.

*Jesus sent his disciples out two by two
and gave them authority over evil spirits.*

For with two, if you fall, someone is there to help you up.

*Jesus says, "Where two or three come together in my name,
there am I with them."*

Also, if two lie down together, they can keep warm.

*Every day the believers continued to meet together in the temple courts.
They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.*

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

Let us consider how we may spur each other on toward love and good deeds.

A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

So let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another.

Let us worship God together.

Written by Rev. Joanna Harader

* You are invited to stand as you are able.

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us into relationship with you and with one another. You give us the gift of friendship, kindness, and understanding. Still, we squabble. We find faults in one another. We struggle to live in community with people who think differently from us. Forgive us. Remind us of your grace, and help us to share that same kind of love with others. Help us to be thoughtful in conflict, and build relationships of restoration and trust. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Grace

*In Christ there is a new creation; the old life is gone, the new life has begun.
Friends, believe the good news:*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and made whole.

* Passing the Peace

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

* Song of Response #609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

† *You are welcome to sign as you are comfortable and able.*

We include this practice as a way to engage our whole selves in worship.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Romans 13:8-10**

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 18:15-20**

Sermon

Navigating Conflict

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn #525

*Let Us Break Bread
Together*

LET US BREAK BREAD

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

Loving God, as we depart from this table, help us to bear your love wherever we go, meeting our neighbors with understanding, working through conflict with generous hearts, and finding shared peace together. Amen.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

* Song of Response #654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;

in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn #300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW
WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Fall Worship Schedule: NEXT SUNDAY we return to 11am worship. The Fellowship Hall class, Reading Through the Bible, and Children and Youth Faith Formation will also return to their 9:30am meeting time.

Lunches for HOPE: Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Fall sack lunch drive! We've got just a couple slots left. Visit our website for the signup link to provide needed items, or you can donate monetarily through our online giving page. Please bring all items to Westminster by next Sunday, September 13.

Football Parking: Our next football parking and tailgate day is September 12 for the Oklahoma game! Kickoff is at noon, and we will start to gather around three hours before gametime. Bring a comfortable chair for outdoor seating and a dish to pass (if you are able). All are welcome!

Annual Meeting: This year's annual meeting will take place on Sunday, September 20th, following worship. We will share lunch together and hear updates from ministry teams, share celebrations from the past year, and conduct church business. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help us plan for food. There are also opportunities to help with food prep, service, and cleanup.

Listening Circles: Westminster is launching a time of listening for the congregation to help us identify our future vision of who we want to be going forward. The first step of this process is "listening circles". We encourage all members and attendees of Westminster to participate in order to share your perspectives. The primary date for these listening circles will be October 4 after worship, with alternatives on October 12 (7pm) or October 13 (7pm) over Zoom. Signups are posted on the bulletin board.

Grow in Faith and Friendship

Reading Through the Bible Group meets Sundays at 9:30am in Room 34 and via Zoom. Contact Marcia Anderson (hilden.anderson@gmail.com; 734-757-4305) for more information.

Sunday Morning Adult Ed meets in the fellowship hall at 9:30am.

Children and Youth Faith Formation meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 9:30am. 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 meets weekly at 1pm at Westminster and over Zoom. Contact Linda Harnisch for more information (rlharnisch@gmail.com).

We pray for our Westminster family

Ongoing needs: Fran Bolhouse, Cara Doane

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.

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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