



Westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 AT 11AM | 17TH 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

Gale Ring, liturgist

*In times of busyness and stress
when we feel surrounded by challenges on all sides,*

**We gather to learn to strive side by side
with one mind for the faith of the gospel.**

*In times of joy and rest
when we feel the goodness of God's provision and abundance,*

**We gather to learn to strive side by side
with one mind for the faith of the gospel.**

*In times of conflict and distress
when we feel just how hard it is to live in unity together,*

**We gather to learn to strive side by side
with one mind for the faith of the gospel.**

*Disciples of Christ, come, let us worship God who empowers us to press on,
As we learn to strive side by side
with one mind for the faith of the gospel.*

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries

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

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of fruitful labor,
work sometimes brings out the worst in us.
At home, at school, in the workplace,
even in our relationship with you,
we too easily question what others do and get,
instead of taking care of our own business.
Take away our bitterness.
Give us grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.**

From The Abingdon Worship Annual

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!

We Hear God's Word

First Reading of The Word **Jonah 3:10-4:11**

Anthem

All I Ask of You

by Mary McDonald

Westminster Choir

What does God require of me, and how shall I come before the Lord?

Shall I come with offering of sacrifice,

or shall I bow before the God on High?

What does God require of me, require of me?

All I ask of you, all I ask of you is more than offering or sacrifice.

All I ask of you, all I ask of you is justice and kindness

and to walk humbly with your God.

Humble yourselves in the presence of your God, and He will exalt you;

for God is opposed to the proud,

but gives grace to the humble, gives grace to the humble.

All I ask of you, all I ask of you is justice and kindness and humbleness.

No sacrifice can be enough to place before my feet,

for I desire compassion, not sacrifice.

Let justice flow like water and kindness fall as rain.

Walk humbly with your God, praise His holy name!

All I ask of you, all I ask of you is more than offering or sacrifice.

All I ask of you, all I ask of you is justice and kindness

and to walk humbly with your God, humbly with you God, walk with God.

† *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.

A Moment to Wonder

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

Second Reading of the Word **Matthew 20:1-16**

Sermon

No Fair!

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

We Respond to God's Word

* Preparation for Prayer #469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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 #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 #307

*God of Grace
and God of Glory*

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We Go Forth to Serve

* Dismissal

And let all God's people say:

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

This Week's News

Annual Meeting: Join us today following worship! We will share lunch together and hear updates from ministry teams, share celebrations from the past year, and conduct church business.

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.

Gemini Concert on the Lawn! Gemini returns to Westminster on Saturday, October 3, at 3pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun and music for kids and grown-ups alike! As a part of this event, we are inviting the neighborhood to participate in a community food drive benefiting Food Gatherers. Donations of non-perishable food or personal-care items may be brought to Westminster in the two weeks leading up to the concert, or bring a donation day-of. More info about most-needed items can be found at foodgatherers.org.

Football Parking: Our next football parking and tailgate day is September 26 for the Iowa game! Kickoff is at 3:30. We'll start parking cars by 7am, but feel free to stop by any time before kickoff. Bring a comfortable chair for outdoor seating and a dish to pass (if you are able). All are welcome!

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 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 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: 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.

For deacon care, please contact Amy Welzenbach (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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