

# Westminster Presbyterian Church



## **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

is called by God to be an inclusive community of faith,  
abiding in God's love, and committed to:  
Enjoying God, Following Jesus, and Growing Disciples

**You Are Welcome Here:**

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Westminster is a welcoming and inclusive community seeking to grow in faith and understanding and to show God's love to those among us and those around us. We pray you experience our joyful welcome and God's peaceful presence as you worship with us today.

Questions about Westminster? Just ask! Any one of us would be glad to help.

**The Sanctuary is a Place of Reverence and Worship**

In order that our worship might be meaningful to all, please enter the sanctuary reverently. The narthex or courtyard are good places to visit with friends before or after worship. Use the moments before worship to prepare your heart, mind, and body for worship, centering yourself in the space and quieting your heart. It may be helpful to listen quietly to the prelude, find the hymns we will be singing, meditate on the scriptures we will be reading.

**Children at Westminster:**

Children are an integral part of our church family. We are glad when they come to worship God with us. In our midst, children learn our rhythms of worship, become knit into our fellowship, and teach us as surely as we are teaching them.

Please take children to the restroom before worship. If you need to leave the sanctuary during worship, please use the exits at the rear of the sanctuary. Please avoid walking through the courtyard during worship. We ask that families sit together during worship. Please do not let any child move unaccompanied through the building.

After the "Time with All God's Children", children first grade and up (by age or development) are encouraged to remain in worship. Children in kindergarten and younger (by age or development) may depart with our caregivers and teachers for Children's Sunday School or remain with their parents for worship if they choose.

If this is your first visit to Westminster, you are welcome to accompany your child to Children's Sunday School so that you can meet our caregivers and help settle your child in. Children's worship packets are available in the narthex. As is a brochure regarding our Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult protection policy.



**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**A Service for the Worship of God**  
July 27, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S WORD

**Chiming the Hour**

**Prelude**

**Words of Scripture**

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the LORD has made!  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Bill Jacobs

**\*Call to Worship**

*from Psalm 85*

Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
**and put away your indignation towards us.**  
Will you not revive us again,  
so that your people may rejoice in you?  
**Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,**  
**and grant us your salvation.**  
Let me hear what the LORD will say,  
for God will speak peace to God's people,  
to the faithful, to those who turn to the LORD in their hearts.  
**We turn O LORD to you in our hearts.**  
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.  
**Righteousness will go before the LORD,**  
**and will make a path for the footsteps of our God.**

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or “Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator.”

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923  
MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923  
Text and Music © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company

FAITHFULNESS  
11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have not been persistent in our pursuit of you. We struggle to be still and wait that we might know that you are God. Instead, we follow after lesser gods and seek fulfillment in things that do not satisfy. Forgive us.

*We pause for personal prayer.*

Restore in us O LORD the joy of your salvation. Open our hearts to receive your Spirit. In the name of Christ, we ask it. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Response of Praise

#### “Glory to God”

Hymn #582

*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.*

#### \*Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

#### WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

### Time for All God’s Children

#### Prayer of Illumination

#### Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

**11** He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” **2** So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

**3** Give us each day our daily bread.

**4** And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

#### Perseverance in Prayer

**5** And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’ **6** for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ **7** And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ **8** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

**9** “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **11** Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? **12** Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? **13** If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

This is the Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Caroline Dennis

**“Knock, Knock...Who’s There?”**

*“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened  
for you.  
Luke 11:9*

*Vocalist will sing refrain and verses.  
 Congregation, please join in the refrain after the first time through.*

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

# 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the  
 wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,  
 spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,  
 wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the

- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.



GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
 law and a land. When they were con - found -  
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -  
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
 y, you called once a - gain when you  
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and  
 spoke through your proph - ets to  
 blew through your peo - ple on the  
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."  
 o - pen their eyes.  
 rush of the wind.  
 peo - ple a - rise.

## **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.**

### **Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

**“Goodness of God”**

**CeCe Winans**

**Michaela Winfrey**

### **\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **\*Hymn #450**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

**SLANE**

## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F<sup>#</sup>) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F<sup>#</sup>m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F<sup>#</sup>) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.  
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927  
 Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

SLANE  
 10.10.10.10

### \*Charge and Benediction

#### Postlude

[\*All stand as they are able.]

*The sanctuary flowers this week are given by Steve & Claire Kuhl  
 in memory of Claire's mother, Elizabeth Fields.*

### **Serving Today at Westminster**

Organist:	Claire Kuhl
Vocalist:	Michaela Winfrey
Liturgist:	Bill Jacobs
Host:	Wicker Family
Sunday Study:	Len Bornemann

### **Today at Westminster**

Sunday Study	9:00 am	Choir Room ( <i>Adults</i> )
Sunday School	9:00 am	Children's Wing ( <i>Children and Youth</i> )
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Children's Nursery	10:00 am	Sanctuary and Children's Wing
Dinner Church	5:00 pm	Fellowship Hall

### **This Week at Westminster**

Office Hours:	9:00 – 1:00	M-Th	
Zoom Prayers	NOON	Monday	
BEMA Discussion Group	6:00 – 7:00	Monday	Joe Gettys Classroom
Books & Brown Bags	6:00 pm	Wednesday	Joe Gettys Classroom

### **Next Sunday, August 3**

Welcome to WPC	8:45 am	Fellowship Hall
Sunday Study	9:00 am	Choir Room ( <i>Adults</i> )
Sunday School	9:00 am	Children's Wing ( <i>Children and Youth</i> )
Worship and Communion	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Children's Nursery	10:00 am	Sanctuary and Children's Wing
Music and Worship MT	11:15 am	Choir Room
Nurture and Education MT	3:00 pm	Choir Room

### Study Opportunities at Westminster

**Sunday Adult Study:** Today we continue our Summer Study of *The Present Word*, Len Bornemann leads our discussion of Matthew 23:37 - 24:35; Mark 13:1-23; Luke 21:5-24 - Jesus Predicts the Temple's Destruction,

**Books and Brown Bags** will launch a new adventure on July 30: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*—the first book of the Chronicles of Narnia series, written by renowned theologian and author, C. S. Lewis.

**Welcome to Westminster Mini Series:** Join us Sunday mornings for this six week mini-series class. It is a chance to get to know other Westminster members, friends, and leaders, become more familiar with Presbyterian beliefs and ways, and learn more about our church. Please contact our church office at [wpcgwd1@gmail.com](mailto:wpcgwd1@gmail.com) to let us know to expect you.

***Come From Away* - A Very Special "Pop-Up Presbyterians"** This September, Greenville's Centre Stage will present *Come From Away*, a musical that follows the residents of Gander, Newfoundland as they offer radical hospitality to some 7,000 strangers forced to land in their small town on September 11, 2001. Among the welcomed were our own Caroline and Phillip Dennis, along with their daughters, Helen and Hannah. We are organizing a "Pop-Up Presbyterians" to see *Come From Away* at **3:00 on Sunday, September 28**. We will cheer on Caroline and Phillip as they share their story in a "talkback" after the show, then have dinner at Limoncello. To join us, please **purchase your own tickets** to *Come From Away* online ([centrestage.org](http://centrestage.org)) or by phone (864-233-6733) and let Luke Christie know by **August 24** so that he can give Limoncello an accurate headcount.



**Don't Miss Dinner Church TONIGHT!** At Dinner Church we make a meal, make a friend, and make a difference. The evening starts at 5:00 in our church kitchen as we work together to make sandwiches that will be served at our soup kitchen this week but also collecting essentials needed to restock their pantry. So bring any or all of these to Dinner Church: lemonade mix, tea mix, saltines, peanut butter, and jelly. Join us! And definitely bring a friend!





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### **RULING ELDERS**

Class of 2025  
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Class of 2026  
Laine Horowitz  
Richard Wilson

Class of 2027  
Luke Christie  
Bill Kimler

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***Sunday Study 9:00 a.m.    Church Service: 10:00 a.m.***

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