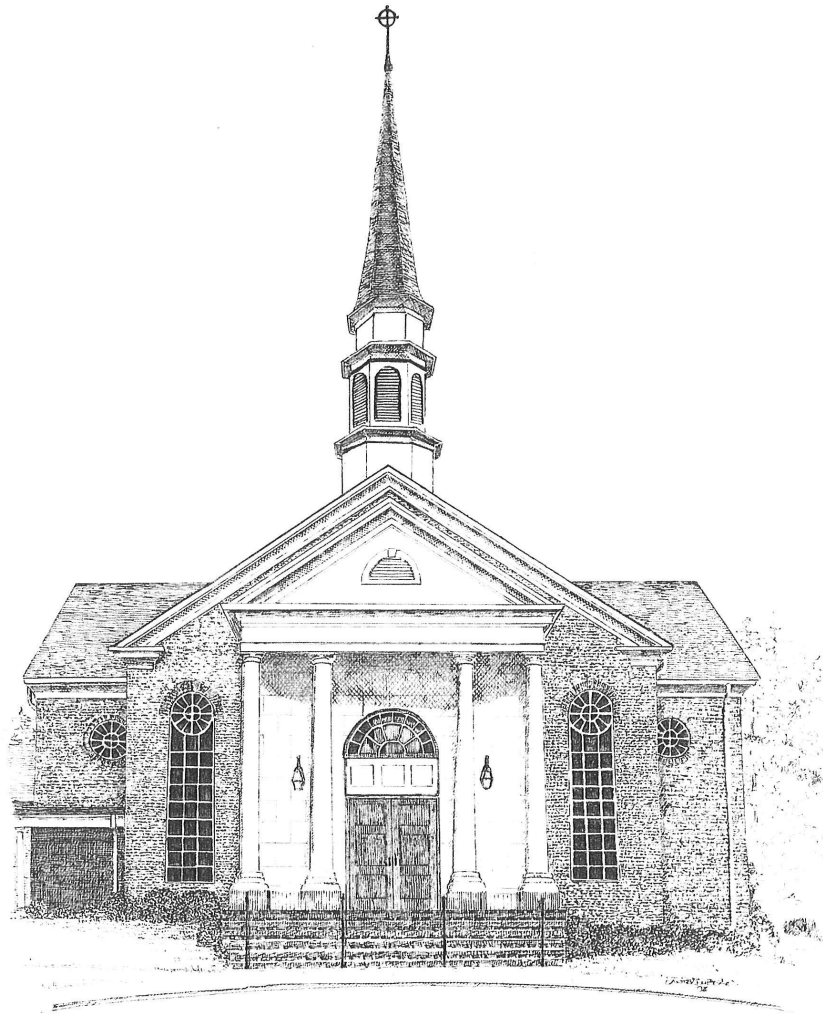




Westminster Presbyterian Church

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. 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. We ask that families sit together during worship and that no child move unaccompanied through the building.

Children's worship packets are available on the front pew and are given out after *The Time With All Gods 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 the nursery 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.

A brochure regarding our Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult protection policy is available in the narthex.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Worship of God
August 9, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S WORD

Chiming the Hour

Prelude

Words of Scripture

Psalm 118:24

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

Welcome and Announcements

Luke Christie

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

***Hymn #268**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

We pause for personal prayer.

By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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 for Illumination

Reading from the Gospel

Mark 14:1-9

14 It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him, ² for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

³ While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴ But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

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

Sermon

Rev. Doug Kauffmann

"What She Had the Power to Do, She Did"

Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Mark 14:9

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

***Hymn #711**

"Lord of All Good"

TOULON

711 Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

***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 Dedication**

***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 #697**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

HENDON

Take My Life

697



1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;




take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as




cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

[*All stand as they are able.]

*The sanctuary flowers are given in honor of the enduring love of
Doug and Sally Kauffmann on their 50th anniversary.*

Serving Today at Westminster

Organist:	Claire Kuhl
Liturgist:	Luke Christie
Host:	Watkins Family
Children's Sunday School	Kathy Gillespie

Today at Westminster

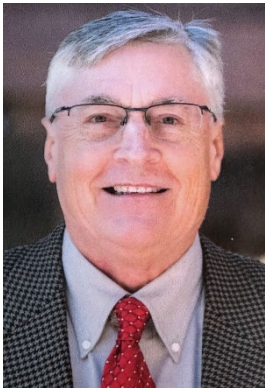
Sunday Study	9:00 am	Joe Gettys Room (<i>Adults</i>)
Sunday School	9:00 am	Children's Wing (<i>Children and Youth</i>)
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Children's Nursery	10:00 am	Sanctuary and Children's Wing

This Week at Westminster

Office Hours:	9:00 – 1:00	M-Th	
BEMA Discussion Group	6:00 pm	Monday	Joe Gettys Classroom
Business Affairs Meeting	6:00 pm	Tuesday	Parlor
CC&F Meeting	7:00 pm	Tuesday	Choir Room
Books & Brown Bags	6:00 pm	Wednesday	Joe Gettys Classroom

Next Sunday, August 16

Sunday Study	9:00 am	Joe Gettys Classroom (<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



Please Welcome Doug Kauffmann to our Pulpit Today:

Doug Kauffmann attended some fun schools in his life, including the American High School in London, England, Duke University in North Carolina, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. It was at Southern Seminary that he met and fell in love with Sally Hill, who was from Greenwood, SC. Sally graduated with a Music and Education degree from Lander University in 1974 and attended Southern Seminary in 1975 to earn a Religious Education degree. Doug graduated from college in 1975 with a BA degree in History and attended Southern Seminary to earn a Master's of Divinity degree.

Doug and Sally married in 1976 in Greenwood, SC and began a 48 year partnership in marriage and ministry. They have two daughters, Anna Kauffmann and Christina Isenhower, two sons-in-law, Brent Germain and Matt Isenhower, and two grandsons, Luke Germain and Jacob Isenhower. Doug and Sally served together in many ministry opportunities, the most beloved of which was their twenty years at Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries. They retired from Connie Maxwell in 2016. Soon after, Sally began a joyful period of volunteer ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church, particularly helping in the music ministry. Doug has also enjoyed times of teaching Sunday School at Westminster and preaching in the Worship on the Water ministry at Camp Fellowship.

Sally died from a severe stroke on June 12, 2024, and crossed the threshold from earthly to heavenly life. Doug is honored to preach at Westminster Presbyterian Church On August 9, 2026 where Sally had so much joy ministering with friends for several years.

Study Opportunities at Westminster

Sunday Adult Study: Join us for Adult Study this Sunday at 9:00 am in the Joe Gettys Room as we explore a new *Wired Word* lesson connecting current events and Scripture.

Books and Brown Bags will begin its discussion of *False White Gospel* by Jim Wallis this week.

Dinner Church: August 16th 5:00–6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for Dinner Church! Dinner Church offers a unique worship experience centered on fellowship, service, and faith. Each evening includes opportunities to serve, share a meal and conversation, and participate in interactive worship focused on the theme of light. Enjoy meaningful connection, uplifting music, and invite a friend to join you! Dinner Church is offered in addition to Sunday morning worship.

It's summer cleanup and clean-out time at WPC!

Mark your calendars for August 30th! It's summer cleanup time at WPC! Join us on Saturday, August 30, from 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. as we work together to clean, organize, and declutter areas throughout the church. We'll sort items to keep and set aside usable items for a yard sale benefiting the church's building needs. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex on August 16 and 23. Volunteers are also needed to help organize and staff the yard sale. This is an indoor workday, so dress comfortably. Coffee and donuts will be provided.



Please take home any personal items you wish to keep before August 30, as remaining items may be included in the yard sale. Members and friends are invited to donate yard sale items by bringing them to the church September 8–10 (please do not bring items on the day of the sale). The yard sale will be held Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Richard Whiting at richardswhiting@gmail.com or 864-992-3222.



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