



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 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.

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**

June 28, 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

Mary Frances Thompson

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 121

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills— from where will our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: God will not let our foot be moved; The One who keeps us will not slumber.

All: The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by night.

One: The Lord will keep us from all evil; God will keep our life.

All: And will keep our going out and coming in from this time on and for evermore.

***Hymn #45**

"I to the Hill Will Lift My Eyes"

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I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes 45

(Psalm 121)

1 I to the hills will lift my eyes; from
 2 God will not let your foot be moved; your
 3 Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your
 4 From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro -

whence shall come my aid? My help is from the
 guard - ian nev - er sleeps; God's watch - ful and un -
 shel - ter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by
 vide for all you need. Your go - ing out, your

Lord a - lone, who heaven and earth has made.
 slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.
 day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.
 com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

Although the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 121 draws heavily on 17th-century Scottish psalters, most of this version dates from the early 20th century. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned for use with a specific psalm.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We pause for personal prayer.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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 Psalms

Psalm 13

¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
² How long must I bear pain in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
⁶ I will sing to the Lord
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Reading from the Hebrew Bible

Genesis 22:1-14

22 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a

burnt offering?"⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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

Sermon

Brian Purcell

"God Himself Will Provide the Lamb"

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 #39**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

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.

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

***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 #687**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

[*All stand as they are able.]

*The sanctuary flowers are given by Steve & Claire Kuhl
in honor of the Toddler Learning Center and National Children's Awareness Month.*

Serving Today at Westminster

Organist:	Claire Kuhl
Liturgist:	Mary Frances Thompson
Host:	Wicker Family
Sunday Study:	Mary Frances Thompson
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
BaGs Meeting	11:30 am	Choir Room

This Week at Westminster

Office Hours:	9:00 – 1:00	M-Th	
BEMA Discussion Group	6:00 pm	Monday	Joe Gettys Classroom

Next Sunday, July 5

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 is reading and discussing *The Shack* by William Paul Young during the month of June. Bring your brown bag meal at 6:00 to enjoy during fellowship time. Book discussion begins at 6:30 and concludes at 7:30.

Summer Meals to Go at Thornwell! Join us on Tuesday, June 30, as we partner with Thornwell to help provide lunches for their To Go Lunch Program. Volunteers may meet at Westminster at 7:30 a.m. or at Thornwell's Formal Dining Hall at 8:15 a.m. We'll spend the morning preparing and packing lunches, enjoy a tour of Thornwell's campus, and return by noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our neighbors and learn more about Thornwell's ministry. For more information, please contact Kim Purcell at 864-872-8589.

Is God Calling YOU to Service? The WPC 2027 Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Ruling Elders. The committee comprises Richard Wilson, Kathleen Watkins, and Sarah Parks. The nominating rules are simple: 1. Any person you choose to nominate must have agreed to serve if elected. 2. It is perfectly acceptable (in fact, ideal!) to nominate yourself. 3. We ask that nominations be submitted by placing the nominating form in the offering plate or sending an email to the church office no later than July 7. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the needs of our church and the gifts of the Spirit in your nominations.

Congregational Meeting Scheduled for July 12 Please note that a congregational meeting has been set for July 12 at the end of worship to consider the following persons to fix 6-month terms: Elder Class of 2026: David Grier. Nominating Committee Class of 2026: Luke Christie, Chairperson.

Worship on the Water Sails On!

10:00 A.M. on Sundays

Please continue to support Worship on the Water by praying, by attending, and especially by inviting everyone you know to come experience God's grace, love, and bounty. Remember - Come by Boat, Come by Car, Come as You Are!



Parents, Youth and Children Save the Date July 31, 2026, will be the first WPC Parents Night Out – Sign-in will start at 5:00pm with pick up by 8:30pm. Parents plan for a night out while kids enjoy a snack supper and recreation including games, music, conversation and time to just be with your church friends. To make this happen, youth leaders will need volunteer adults to come out and play.



Our Guest Preacher Today is Brian Purcell who currently serves as the Chaplain for Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont here in Greenwood. He has been with the organization since March of 2025. Previously he served as a Chaplain and CPE Resident at Self Regional Hospital. Brian graduated Erskine Theological Seminary with a Master of Practical Ministry Degree in 2023 and is currently a Candidate for Ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Prior to Brian's transition into the ministry, he served as the Women's Soccer Coach at Presbyterian College for 35 years. Brian has been married to Kim Purcell for 34 years. They have two adult sons - Will (25) and Jay (28).





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Class of 2027

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