



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We are 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.

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Westminster Presbyterian Church
A Service for the Worship of God
Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S WORD

Chiming the Hour

Prelude

Words of Scripture

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

**How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."**

Welcome and Announcements

Luke Christie

***Call to Worship**

from 1 Peter 1:16-21

In his farewell to his congregation,
Peter tells his people that as long as he's alive
he'll keep reminding them of the stories of Jesus:

**"For he received honor and glory from God
when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying,
'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'"**

Let us tell each other the stories of Jesus again today
as we worship in joy and hope.

It is good for us to be here.

***Opening Prayer**

Holy One, speak your word into our hearts this day,
that it may kindle a light in us. May this time of worship
allow us to shelter and tend the flame of your word,
that it may arise as a morning star in our hearts.
Speak to us again and again, that we may hear your voice
calling out, "Beloved." **Amen.**

***Hymn #12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance.

We pause for personal prayer

Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in Christ's name we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise

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

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-19

¹⁷ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." ¹⁰ And the disciples asked him, "Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" ¹¹ He replied, "Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things, ¹² but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the

Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.” ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, ¹⁵ and said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has epilepsy and suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. ¹⁶ And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.” ¹⁷ Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me.” ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured from that moment. ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

Sermon

The Reverend Caroline Vinson Dennis

“Heavenly Hikes”

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

Exodus 24:12-18

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

***Offertory Hymn #722**

"Speak to Me That I May Speak"

CANONBURY

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

***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 #190**

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

GENEVA

190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Capo 3: (Dm) Fm (Gm) Bbm (A7) C7 (Dm) Fm



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and
 3 Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est

(Gm) Bbm (A7) C7 (Dm) Fm (Gm) Bbm (A7) C7



daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;
 keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain
 light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions

(Dm) Fm (A7) C7 (Dm) Fm (D) F (Bm) Dm



Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and
 an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -
 to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no

(Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F



John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward
 ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by
 oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our

(Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F (Bm) Dm (D) F (A7) C7 (D) F



toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
 test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
 liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

The first two stanzas of this 20th-century Transfiguration hymn guide singers through a contemplation of the disciples' experience of that event. The final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for enlightenment and for a renewed sense of commitment to doing God's will.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

[*All stand as they are able.]

Serving Today at Westminster

Organ:	Claire Kuhl
Vocalist:	Elizabeth Watkins
Liturgist:	Luke Christie
Host:	Marvin & Ginny Cartee
Sunday Study:	Caroline Dennis

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
Sunday Sustenance	11:15 am	Fellowship Hall
Worship & Music	12:15 pm	Joe Gettys Room

This Week at Westminster

Office Hours:	9:00 – 1:00	M-Th	
BEMA Discussion Group	6:00 – 7:00	Monday	Joe Gettys Classroom
Pancake Feast	5:30 pm	Tuesday	First Presbyterian
Better Together Wellness	5:15 pm	Wednesday	Fellowship Hall
Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 pm	Wednesday	Sanctuary
Mindful Meditation	10:00 am	Saturday	Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, February 22

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
Buildings and Grounds	11:15 am	Choir room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Study Opportunities at Westminster

Sunday Adult Study: This Sunday we begin our Lenten Study, “The Last Supper, Conversations that Led to the Cross,” by Wil Willimon. Books are available on the Lenten Resource Table across from the Pastor’s Office.

Books and Brown Bags is not meeting this week. Conversations continue next Wednesday on section three of “How to Know a Person,” by David Brooks.

Today is Sunday Sustenance: Chef Rob and his assistants are preparing three kinds of green chili pie: vegetarian, beef, and chicken. Volunteers will assist with set up, cooking, clean up, side dishes, and desserts.

WPC Angel Fund: Our Sunday Sustenance Offering will benefit the WPC Angel Fund. This Fund provides needed resources for church members, friends, and neighbors in the event of an emergency, such as a house fire or a need, such as rental assistance.

Celebrating Lent and Holy Week Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18.**

Mark your calendars for these meaningful Lenten opportunities and check your *Westminster Times* for more details.

- **Tuesday, February 17** – Shrove Tuesday Dinner, First Presbyterian Church
- **Wednesday, February 18** – Ash Wednesday Worship & Communion, 6:00 PM, WPC
- **Mondays at 5:15 PM** – Chair Yoga, WPC
- **Wednesdays at Noon** – Lenten Lunches & Worship Services at area churches
- **Wednesday, March 4** – Family Night Supper with Boston College Students, 6:00 PM, WPC
- **Saturday, March 28** – Easter Egg Hunt, 3:00 PM, WPC
- **Thursday, April 2** – Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion, 7:00 PM, WPC
- **Sunday, April 5** – Easter Sunrise Service at Camp Fellowship (details coming soon)
- **Sunday, April 5** – Easter: Flowering of the Cross in the Courtyard, 9:00 AM; Worship at 10:00 AM, WPC



Begin the holy season of Lent Wednesday evening at 6:00 at our service of Worship, Communion, and Imposition of Ashes.



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

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