



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
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD’S WORD

Chiming the Hour

Prelude

Words of Scripture

Psalms 122:1

I was glad when they said to unto me,
“**Let us go into the house of the Lord!**”

English, David Hammond

שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת לְדָוִד שְׁמַחַתִּי בְּאֶמְרֵי לִי בֵּית יְהוָה נִגְדָּה
«חַטָּ בַּלְּקָאִילִין»: הֵיָא נַסְעֵדּוּ אֶלִי בֵּיתִי אֱלֹהִים

Hebrew, Caroline Dennis

Arabic, Hannah Dennis

Yo me alegré cuando me dijeron:
Vamos a la casa del Señor.

Spanish, Laine Horowitz

Je suis dans la joie quand on me dit:
Allons à la maison de l’Eternel!

French, Richard Whiting

Mi sono rallegrato quando mi hanno detto:
«Andiamo alla casa del Signore».

Italian, Gloria Christie

人们对我说：
“让我们去耶和华的殿吧！”
我感到欢喜。

Chinese, David Grier

Welcome and Announcements

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

Praise the Lord!

***Hymn #367**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator of the Universe, Maker of mountains and rivers, deserts and seas, vineyards and wheat fields, we praise you for the beauty and provision of the Earth you have given us to be our home. We confess that we have taken it for granted, taken more than our share, and have failed in our responsibility to care for this generous gift.

We pause for personal prayer.

Forgive us, Lord. Bring us home to the goodness of this world and our responsibility to enjoy it, share it, and care for it and all who live in it. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise

Hymn 647

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.*

*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

⁴“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can’t bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can’t bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

⁵⁻⁸“I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

Second Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-5a; 22:1-2 NRSVUE

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home^[a] of God is among mortals.

He will dwell^[b] with them;

they will be his peoples,^[c]

and God himself will be with them and be their God;^[d]

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for^[e] the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

22 Then the angel^[a] showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life^[b] with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

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

“Home Coming”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Call to Offering

***Offertory Hymn #346 “For the Healing of the Nations”**

ST. THOMAS

***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**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of GOD, begotten of the
Father before all worlds. GOD of GOD, Light of Light, very GOD of very GOD,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all
things were made: who, for us and for our salvation, came down from
heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was
made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered
and was buried, and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And
he shall come again, with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose
kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is
worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one
holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life
of the world to come. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

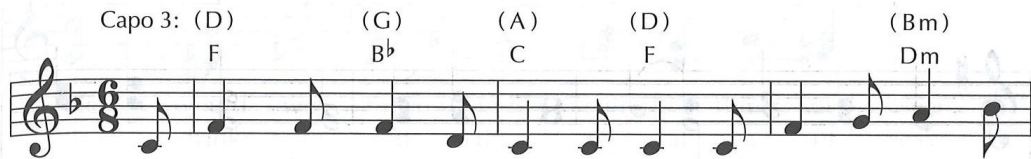
Invitation

***Communion Hymn #515 “I Come with Joy”**

DOVE OF PEACE

I Come with Joy

515



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company

Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE

8.6.8.6.6

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Communion of the People

Today we will come forward to receive communion. Please receive your elements and return to your seat. When all are served, we will all partake together. If you need the elements brought to you, please remain in your seat and our servers will serve you there. Please note that there is a gluten free option if you need it.

Prayer after Communion

Congregational Meeting

***Hymn #340**

“This is My Song”

FINLANDIA

340

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

Text St. 1–2 © 1934, ren. 1962 The Lorenz Corp.; St. 3 © 1964 The Lorenz Corp.

Music Arr. © 1933, ren. 1961 The Presbyterian Board of Christian Education (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

FINLANDIA
 11.10.11.10.11.10

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

[*All stand as they are able.]

*Our sanctuary flowers today were given with gratitude for our pastor
by Claire and Steve Kuhl*

Serving Today at Westminster

Organ:	Claire Kuhl
Liturgist:	David Hammond
Host:	Beth and David Hammond
Sunday Study:	Doris McInnes
Children's Sunday School	Kathy Gillespie

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 and Communion	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Children's Nursery	10:00 am	Sanctuary and Children's Wing

This Week at Westminster

Office Hours:	9:00–Noon	M–Th	<i>Please note that Pastor Dennis is out of the office this week.</i>
BEMA Discussion Group	6:00–7:00	Monday	Joe Gettys Classroom
PW Bible Study	11:00–1:00	Tuesday	Choir Room
Books & Brown Bags	No Meeting This Week or Next		

Next Sunday, October 11

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
Lunch and Learn	11:30 am	Fellowship Hall

The Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen of the Lakelands is the recipient of your generous donations today. On Thursday, October 29, they will be hosting “Beyond the Bowl” a culinary event to raise awareness and support their ministry. Because of your donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring back in February, Westminster is able to serve as a Signature Dish Sponsor. Tickets are now available to this event by linking here: [Beyond the Bowl: A Culinary Experience with Purpose Tickets, Thursday, October 29 • Starts at 5 PM | Eventbrite](#). Or searching for: Food Pantry Beyond the Bowl.

A Different Kind of Communion: On Saturday, October 31 our mission team is heading out to Thornwell for their Trunk or Treat. We have one car already to go. Contact Laine Horowitz at lainewpc@gmail.com if you or your group would like to participate. Trunks must be set up by 3:00 pm. Can't make the 31st? Consider volunteering for a shift at Thornwell's fall festival. Check your October Edition of the *Westminster Times* for more details.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for TODAY, Sunday, October 4, at the end of worship, so that the congregation may receive the report of the Nominating Committee and elect our church officers. With thanksgiving to God, the Nominating Committee presents the following for your consideration:

Nominating Committee Class of 2027

Luke Christie, Sarah Parks, and Denise Waldrep

Elder Class of 2029

David Grier and Karl Schwarzmenn

David Grier was born in Hickory, NC, and grew up in Due West. He majored in history at Erskine and got a PhD in Modern European History at UNC. After teaching at Erskine for 29 years, he retired in 2020. He is married to Sandy Chaney, who retired from Cottey College in May. Their daughter Anna Mei graduated from Wofford in 2025 and lives in Charleston. David has previously served as an elder at Greenville Presbyterian Church (Donalds, SC) and First Presbyterian Church of Nevada, MO. He taught (with Sandy) Sunday school to high school students and young adults in Donalds and served as one of three rotating teachers for the adult Sunday school class in Missouri.

Karl Schwarzmenn was born and raised in Maryland and lived there for over 20 years while his father served as a United Methodist minister. His family moved to Greenwood over 20 years ago. Karl has been teaching Special Education here in Greenwood for the past 12 years. After graduating from Lander University, Karl earned a master's degree in education from Anderson University.

Karl started attending Westminster Presbyterian about two years ago and immediately felt at home and welcomed. He has helped with Vacation Bible Camp for the past two years and has been active in the mission and outreach and education ministries. Karl attends Sunday School with the adults and also enjoys teaching children. He enjoys traveling, Ravens football, and spending time with friends.

Karl is excited about this new role and looks forward to working with his brothers and sisters in Christ as we fulfill the church's mission both inside and outside these walls. Your continued thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Study Opportunities at Westminster

Sunday Adult Study: Adult Sunday Study continues its study of *Fear of the Other* by Will Willimon. The study concludes next Sunday. On October 18, we will begin our study *Christian Prayer for Today* by Martha Moore-Keish.

Books and Brown Bags is taking two weeks off. The group will begin series on the Enneagram on October 20. The Enneagram study will be based on the book *Enneagram for Beginners* by Kim Eddy.

Nurture and Education Volunteer Training Lunch and Learn

Sunday, October 11

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

This is an annual required training for all those who volunteer with our Nurture and Education Ministries with children, youth, and adults. You will be trained on our child, youth, and vulnerable adult protection policy and Westminster's standard procedures to ensure safety and consistency with our children, youth, and adults. Lunch and maybe a little fun will be provided! If you are a current volunteer or a future volunteer, this training is for you!

Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 17

9:00 – 1:00

Inside and Out

Sign up today for your place on the team! Saturday, October 17 is game day! Bring your equipment and join us from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Here's what our many hands will accomplish: tree trimming, limb and branch pick up, courtyard tidy and pine straw spreading, window washing (ground level only), paint touch ups, and fingerprint removal. There's a place for you!



Next Sunday, October 11
we are pleased to welcome to our pulpit
Elder Cynthia Rosemond

Elder Cynthia Rosemond is a proud native of Abbeville, South Carolina, and currently resides in Greenwood, South Carolina. She is a graduate of Abbeville High School and earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Piedmont Technical College. She serves her community as a Pharmacy Technician at Self Regional Healthcare.

Cynthia is the daughter of John Wallace Johnson Jr. and the late Linda Slappy. She is happily married to Edward Rosemond, and together they are the proud parents of three children and grandparents of six.

A woman of deep faith and a devoted servant of God, Cynthia is an Elder at New Faith Presbyterian Church. She is also the Founder and CEO of Women of Worth Global Ministry, LLC, and the Founder of The Safe Haven, a women's Bible study community where women come together to study God's Word, pray, fellowship, and grow in their faith.

Through Women of Worth Global Ministry, Cynthia is committed to encouraging, empowering, and equipping women to become all that God has called them to be. Her ministry extends beyond the walls of the church through community outreach, including feeding and serving those in need. Each year, she hosts transformational women's retreats that provide an atmosphere for women to release, rejuvenate, relax, and reconnect with themselves and with God while surrounded by a supportive sisterhood.

Cynthia is the author of three books of encouragement and is a Certified Life Coach, Certified Professional Coach, and Certified Christian Coach. She is passionate about studying and teaching the Word of God and believes that in order to help others become better, we must first be willing to do the work within ourselves.

Known for her transparency, authenticity, warmth, and joyful spirit, Cynthia believes that her greatest assignment is to allow God to use her for His glory and to remain aligned with His will.

Her life motto is:

"I overcame everything that was meant to destroy me."



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

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