



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FREDERICKSON HALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Cynthia Brindley

Elder Kim Mitchell, Pastor of Congregational Care (Frederickson Hall)

Musicians

Jan McDaniel, Co-Director of Worship and the Arts

Kevin Wilkinson, Co-Director of Worship and the Arts

Steve Thompson, Principal Organist

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano

Lisa Hart, carillon

Brianna Holt, Director of Children's Music (Frederickson Hall)

Jordan Andrews, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude



Chiming the Hour



Preparing for Worship



***Call to Worship**

Some powers are sustained by human fear and greed.

They are only kept alive by what we feed them.

These monsters we feed wreak havoc on lives and communities.

What they devour, they do not give back.

But we come this morning to worship the living God,
**whose power does not come from human hearts or hands
and who brings restoration and healing.**

Our God does not destroy. Our God delivers.

Our God endures forever.



*Hymn of Praise (No. 806)

OLD 113TH

I'll Praise My Maker

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.
is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed
God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and
My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.



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.

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



Assurance of Grace

Hear these words from the prophet Jeremiah,
in the book of Lamentations:

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."

God's mercy comes fresh each day:
through words we know
and words we read for the first time,
in voices long trusted and voices only now being heard.

Friends, believe the good news:

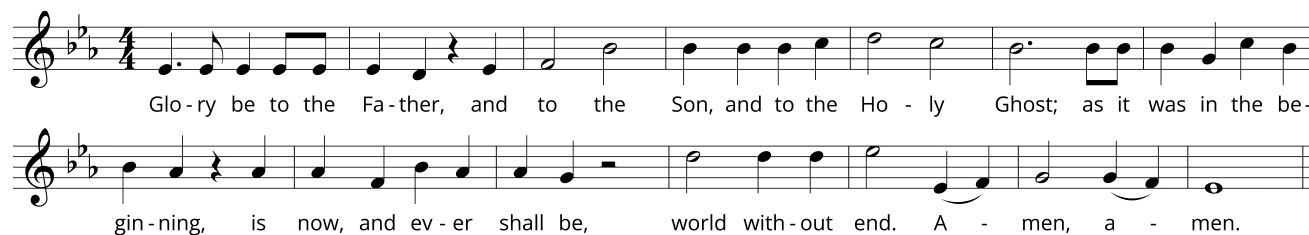
We are always already loved! Thanks be to God!



*Response to the Gift of Grace (No. 581)

GREATOREX

Glory Be to the Father



*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



*Song of Community (No. 301)

TWO OAKS

Let Us Build a House (v. 1)

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.**



Prayer for Illumination



First Reading

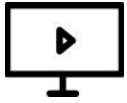
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Daniel 6:19–23, 26–27



Sacred Space



Transition

At this point, we will be transitioning to a live stream of worship in the Sanctuary.



Second Reading

Bel and the Dragon 1–21, p. 105

Holy wisdom, holy words,
Thanks be to God!



Sermon

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

The Living God vs. Everyone Else



*Affirmation of Faith

*From The Theological
Declaration of Barmen*

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.



Announcements and Invitation to the Offering



Offertory

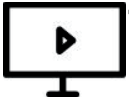


*Doxology (No. 607)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be - low;
praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev - er - more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.



Transition

We will now be transitioning back to a live service. We have 5-10 minutes remaining. Please begin to finish your work.



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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**



***Hymn of Sending (No. 846)**
Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Life with its way be - fore us lies;
Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
that Christ is all in all to thee.



*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction



Postlude

*This sign is an invitation, to all who are comfortable and able, to stand as they offer God thanks and praise.

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The Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934)

This creed was written by Karl Barth and the confessing church in Nazi Germany in response to Hitler's national church. Its central doctrines concern the sin of idolatry and the lordship

of Christ. Banner: The swastika crossed out and the cross rising; A protest and witness against Nazi tyranny and any effort to take the role of God and control of the church; The Fire: the suffering and death which follows from defense and witness against Nazi tyranny. But the cross survives such persecution and crisis of war, rising out of the flames.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Summer Inquirer's Class Today | 9:30am | Room 105



Are you a visitor or interested in exploring what membership at Westminster Presbyterian Church means? If so, you are invited to attend the Inquirer's Class! This class offers you an opportunity to explore life at Westminster, the history, and beliefs of the Presbyterian Church.



Deacon Picnic September 13 | 11:30am | Manor Lawn



This event is a great gathering to bring your family and friends to celebrate the community that we have here at Westminster! BBQ lunch, foam machine, petting zoo, and ice cream truck provided! Please register. **NOTE:** This will be a one worship Sunday. No 8:15am service.



Thegither Groups Registration open until September 16th



Thegither is Westminster's small group ministry centered around simple meals and meaningful connection. Fall registration is open through September 13, with groups gathering throughout the rest of 2026. We're also looking for "gatherers" to help organize groups. All are welcome!



Mid-Week Manna Wednesdays, Sept 16-Oct 21 | WPC Dinner: 5:15pm | Program: 6:00-7:00pm



Mid-week Manna is for the whole family! Join us for an optional dinner followed by programming for adults, youth, and children. There's something for everyone to learn, connect, and grow together. Please register for dinner by Monday each week.



ALL Youth Back to School Party September 20 | 2:00pm | Chicken-N-Pickle



ALL WPC Youth Back-to-School Party at Chicken-N-Pickle, Sunday, September 20, from 2-4pm. For more information and to register, see the QR code.



Parents' Night Out September 25 | 6:00-9:00pm | WPC



An evening dedicated to celebrating grandparents and the important role they play in our families. Children will enjoy crafts, activities, treats, and opportunities to create gifts and memories for their grandparents. Cost is \$30 for one child or \$50 for a family group (2+ kids).

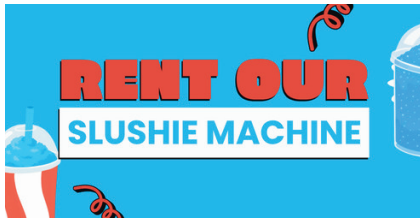


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Rent our Slushie Machine

Planning a party, gathering, or special event? Rent Westminster's slushie machine for \$200 and add a little frozen fun to the occasion! All proceeds benefit Feed My Sheep, so your rental helps support an important ministry while keeping everyone cool. Scan the QR Code to rent!



Pick up an old Pew Bible

Room 105 | Last day to pick up is August 31

Both dedicated and undedicated OLD Pew Bibles are available for pickup in Room 105. Anyone is welcome to stop by and take an undedicated Bible home.



Worship Flowers

Flowers in the Chapel and Sanctuary may be purchased to honor a loved one or special occasion, and your dedication will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please sign up to purchase and dedicate your flowers either on the Weekly Update page or at the front desk. (There are 2 vases each week at a cost of \$60 each)



This Week I Learned

Curious about what your child is learning in Children's Ministry today? Scan the QR code to explore this Sunday's lesson, activities, and announcements!

WPC MISSIONS

September 17 | 9:00am | WPC

Help pack and deliver monthly groceries to families in need. Sign up to serve.

September 19 | 8:30am | WPC

Serve at the Hope House to deliver monthly groceries to families in need. Sign up to help.



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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education Inquirer's Class 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 13th Sunday after Pentecost	24 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group	25 10:00am Knit N Pearl 12:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting	26 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	27 7:00am Men's Bible Study	28	29
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13 No Chapel Service 9:30am Christian Education Inquirer's Class 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 11:30am Deacons Picnic 6:00 pm Waypoint  16th Sunday after Pentecost	14 1:00pm Caregivers Support Group <i>Final day to RSVP for 9/16 Midweek Manna Dinner</i>	15 7:30am Men of Westminster 11:30am Mission Team Meeting	16 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Spiritual Formation Rehearsal 5:15pm Midweek Manna Dinner 6:00pm Midweek Manna 6:00pm Chancel Choir	17 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am FMS Grocery Packing 11:00am Mary Circle 6:00pm Deacon Meeting 6:00pm Priscilla Circle	18	19 8:30am FMS Grocery Packing