



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Leading In Worship

Preacher

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Senior Pastor

Liturgists

Jerilyn Whitsitt

Elder Glenn Dunn, Parish Associate for 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

Fiona Scott, cantor (Frederickson Hall)

Jordan Andrews, piano (Frederickson Hall)

WORSHIP ORDER

August 16, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Kumbaya

African American Spiritual
arr. Joel Raney (b. 1956)

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano; Steve Thompson, organ

Chiming the Hour

Preparing for Worship

Introit

Simple Gifts

American Shaker
arr. Rebecca Te Velde (b. 1956)

*Call to Worship

Before the world began, the Word was with God:

the wisdom that ordered creation, the light that gives all light.

But that Word did not remain distant or abstract.

The fullness of God spoke with a human voice.

What the sages named Wisdom, we know intimately,

for Wisdom became flesh and lives among us.

*Hymn of Praise (No. 226)

There in God's Garden

SHADE'S MOUNTAIN

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



Sacred Space (10:30am)

The children are invited to gather on the front steps for a lesson.

*Passing of the Peace

Children Age 4 to 3rd Grade will now be dismissed to Children's Chapel.

In Chapel the children will be learning all about the story of David. Grownups, if you have a child joining Children's Chapel today, please stop by the kiosk near the worship bags to sign them in. Please pick up children attending chapel in the children's ministry area upstairs on the 2nd floor after worship.

*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

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31, p. 452

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalter (No. 25)

Psalms 8 (O Lord, Our God, How Excellent)

WINCHESTER OLD

Second Readings

Wisdom of Solomon 7:21–30, p. 36

Holy wisdom, holy words, **Thanks be to God!**

Matthew 11:28–30, p. 9

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
and for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Landon Whitsitt

Lady Wisdom

*Affirmation of Faith

From the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*

What is the purpose of human life?

To enjoy God and glorify God forever.

What rule has God given us to direct how to glorify and enjoy God?

The Word of God as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how to glorify and annoy God.

Announcements and Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

How Firm A Foundation

Early Amerian
arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Doxology. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (8:15am)

Communion is received via intinction with gluten-free wafers and grape juice.

*Hymn of Sending (No. 182)

KINGSFOLD

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*Blessings, Charge, and Benediction

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Ron Bond (1940-2023)

Dr. Sallie Pollack, piano; Steve Thompson, organ

*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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INQUIRERS



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.



RESCHEDULED: Youth (Grades 4-7) Pool Party

TODAY | 12:00-2:00pm | The Belanger's

712 NW 41st St just two blocks from the church so head there after the 10:30 service! Lunch will be provided. Just bring a suit and towel! Change into suits at the church before heading over if you can! We can walk down together!



Parents' Night Out: Back-to-School Night

August 21 | 6-9:00pm | WPC



Parents can enjoy a night out while kids spend the evening with friends at Back-to-School Night! Registration is required, and space is limited to 25 children.

Cost is \$30 for one child or \$50 for a family group (2+ kids).



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.



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.



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!

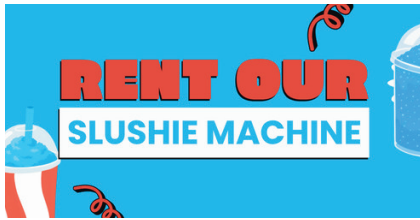


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Rent our Slushie Machine

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
16 8:15am Worship: Chapel 9:30am Christian Education Inquirer's Class 10:30am Worship: Sanctuary 10:30am Sensory Worship: Frederickson Hall 11:30am Care Team Meeting 12th Sunday after Pentecost	17 4:00pm Foundation Meeting	18 11:30am Mission Team Meeting 5:30pm Nominating Team Meeting Conference Room	19 9:00am Spiritual Formation Group 10:00am Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Spiritual Formation Team Meeting 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 7:00am Men's Bible Study	21 6:00pm Parents' Night Out: Frederickson Hall	22 9:00am Leadership Retreat 1:00pm Deacon Meeting 1:00pm Session Meeting
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