

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 26, AD 2026



*"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF
OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."*

- ISAIAH 40:8 -



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Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
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† *Those who are able, please stand.*

Morning Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Reflection
(M. Hayes)

Holy, Holy, Holy!
(Hymn #230, arr. A.L. Page)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #217, vv. 1, 6)

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat, in depths of burning light!
How wonderful, how beautiful, the sight of thee will be,
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awesome purity!

† **Call to Worship** Revelation 19:5; Psalm 21:13

Leader: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.

All: Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.

† **Hymn of Adoration** *God Himself Is with Us* #164

† **Invocation 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.

† **Confession of Faith** The 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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church;** the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Gloria Patri

#572

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.

Call to Repentance

Psalm 119:1-4, pg.512

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Oh Lord, we are deeply convinced of the evil and misery of our sinful estate. When you would guide us, we control ourselves. When you would be sovereign, we rule ourselves. When you would take care of us, we suffice ourselves. When we should depend on your provision, we supply ourselves. When we should study, love, honor, and trust you, we serve ourselves. Instead of looking to you, we look to man's approval, and we are idolaters by nature. Convince us that we cannot be our own God, or make ourselves happy, nor be our own Christ to restore our joy. Help us to see that you sanctify by providential affliction. When riches are our idol, you wing them away. When pleasure is our all, you turn it into bitterness. Please show us that none of these things can heal a wounded conscience, or support a tottering frame, or uphold a departing spirit. Take us to the cross of Christ and leave us there. Amen.
(Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 44:21-22, pg. 605

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 1, pg. 448

† Psalm

Sing Aloud to God Our Strength

#81A

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*I am So Glad That Jesus Loves Me
and Jesus, I am Resting, Resting
(Gal. 2:20c, Heb. 12:2a)*

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

"Take Heed How You Listen"

Luke 8:4-15

pg. 865

† Hymn of Response

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

#173

† Benediction

† Doxology

#567

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.

† **Postlude**

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
(Hymn #524)

NOTES


1. God him - self is with us: let us now a - dore him,
 2. God him - self is with us: hear the harps re - sound - ing!
 3. O thou fount of bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his tem - ple—
 See the crowds the throne sur - round - ing! “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly”—
 trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, like the ho - ly an - gels

all with - in keep si - lence, pros - trate lie with
 hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their
 who be - hold thy glo - ry, may I cease - less -

deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,
 voic - es blend - ing! Bow thine ear to us here:
 ly a - dore thee, and in all, great and small,

him, our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er.
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that thy church now rais - es.
 seek to do most near - ly what thou lov - est dear - ly.



1. ¹Sing a - loud to God our strength; O shout for joy to Ja - cob's God.
 2. ⁵God or - dained this law for Jo - seph when he went through E - gypt's land;
 3. "In the se - cret place of thun - der I gave heed to your re - quest;
 4. ¹⁰"I am God the LORD who brought you up from E - gypt's land of grief.
 5. ¹³"If my peo - ple would but heed me, Is - r'el fol - low in my ways,




²Raise a song and sound the tim - brel, harp, and lyre, to bring him laud.
 there we lis - tened to a lan - guage that we did not un - der - stand.
 • at the flow - ing streams of Mer - i - bah, there I put you to the test.
 O - pen wide your mouth, and sure - ly I will fill your ev - 'ry need.
¹⁴I would soon sub - due their hat - ers, turn my hand a - gainst their foes.




³At the new moon, sound the trum - pet, at the full moon play as well,
⁶He said, "I re - moved your bur - dens, and your ach - ing hands set free.
 • ⁸Hear, my peo - ple, let me warn you, if you would but lis - ten now!
¹¹But my peo - ple would not lis - ten, would not do what I re - quired.
¹⁵Those who hate the LORD would cow - er, and their doom would nev - er end.




⁴at the feast by God ap - point - ed and de - creed for Is - ra - el.
⁷I de - liv - ered you from trou - ble when you sought me for re - lief.
 • ⁹No strange god shall be a - mong you; to a false god do not bow.
¹²So I gave them up to fol - low what their stub - born hearts de - sired.
¹⁶But with fin - est wheat I'd feed you, hon - ey from the rock I'd send."



Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1. Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2. Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
3. Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4. Oft as the pre - cious seed is sown, your quick-'ning grace be - stow,

now let the dew of heav'n de - scend, and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive, its sav - ing pow'r may know.

John Cawood, 1819

DUNFERMLINE C.M.
Scottish Psalter, 1615

Evening Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

There is a Fountain
(Hymn #340, arr. Giamanco)

God of Grace
(Getty and Rhea)

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Leader: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits

Leader: **who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,**

People: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Leader: **who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

† Hymn of Adoration *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

#340

† Invocation

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Psalm of the Month *My Soul Is Sinking Down to Dust*

#119D

† Hymn *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

#439

Confession of Faith

WLC Q. 73, pg. 947

Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Bill Emrich

Offertory

How Blest is He
(Hymn #32B, arr. Grotenhuis)

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Jim Roberts

“Forgiven- Part 1”

Psalm 32:1-5

pg. 462

† Hymn of Response *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*

#456

† Doxology

#567

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Postlude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

O Come and Sing Unto the Lord
(G. Parker)

NOTES




1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
 4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,



and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way;
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be 'til I die:
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:
 'til all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:



lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;
 • and shall be 'til I die, and shall be 'til I die;
 lies si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;
 be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;



and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be 'til I die.
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave.
 'til all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more.

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My Soul Is Sinking Down to Dust

1. ²⁵My soul is sink - ing down to dust; re - vive me
 2. ²⁷In - struct me in your pre - cepts' way; I think up -
 3. ²⁹Keep false - hood far a - way from me and teach me
 4. ³¹LORD, let me not be put to shame; I cling with

by your liv - ing word. ²⁶I told my ways, you
 on your works at length. ²⁸My soul with sor - row
 all your law in grace. ³⁰I choose to take the
 zeal to your de - crees. ³²I run the path of

an - swered me; now teach me your de - crees, O LORD.
 melts a - way, ac - cor - ding to your word give strength.
 way of truth; I set your laws be - fore my face.
 your com - mands, for you have set my spir - it free.

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

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1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
 2. Come, ye thirst-y, come and wel-come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
 3. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;
 4. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
 5. I will rise and go to Je - sus! He will save me from my sin.

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
 true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
 • all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth is to feel your need of him.
 if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
 By the rich - es of his mer - it, there is joy and life in him.

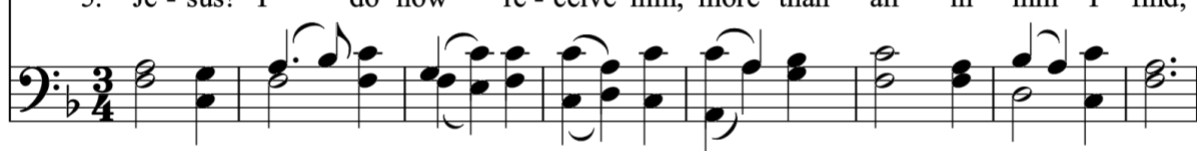
Joseph Hart, 1759; alt.

ARISE 8.7.8.7.
 William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak-ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;




friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.



Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!




Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.



Welcome guests! We are delighted that you have come to worship with us here at Westminster. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you will worship with us again soon. For more information about the church, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Classes: Today, all SS classes (ages 3 & up) will meet in the Sanctuary.

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9-1, and Friday, 9-12.

Summer Ice Cream Fellowships: Following Sunday Evening Services

Officer Nominations: We will be accepting nominations for the offices of Deacon and Elder through **August 2nd**. Please prayerfully consider men whom you feel may be equipped and called to serve Westminster in these offices. Nomination forms are available on the round table in the Narthex. These forms can be turned into the office or placed in the collection plates during the offering.

EVENTS

For events requiring registration, use Realm, QR Code, or the Blue Sheet

New Men's Study: The next DTS book study, Personal Declension and Revival of Religion in the Soul by Octavius Winslow, will begin **August 11th**, 7 AM at WPC. Books are \$10 and can be picked up in the church office.

Crown Club: Wednesday, **July 29**, 11 AM. Lunch at Full Moon BBQ (1009 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville), then Signals Museum of Information (1806 University Dr NW, Huntsville) at 1 PM. See Robin Roberts with questions or for more information.

WCA Teacher & Staff Breakfast: WPC is hosting teachers and staff on Monday, August 3 at 8 AM as they prepare to kick off the new school year. **We still need several items, and the event is only a week away.** Please sign up and find delivery instructions using the QR code or contact Jennifer Murphree.

New Members Class: Are you interested in learning more about church membership? Our next New Members Class is scheduled to start on **September 13th**. We will meet on Sundays at 11 am during the Sunday School hour. This class is designed to help you learn more about our beliefs, values, and opportunities for service. It also serves as the first necessary step toward membership.

Women's Fall Bible Studies: To sign up, email Laura Patterson at patterson.laura.s@gmail.com or call the church office.

EVENT REGISTRATION



JULY 29, 11:00 AM
Crown Club Lunch @ Full Moon BBQ



JULY 29, 1:00 PM
Crown Club @ Signals Museum



AUGUST 2, 8:00 PM
WCA Faculty & Staff Breakfast @ WPC



AUGUST 11, 7:00 AM
DTS Men's Book Study @ WPC



SEPTEMBER 13, 11:00 AM
New Members Class @ WPC

WAYS TO SIGN UP:

Use your Realm account, the QR Codes
or call the church office at 256-830-5754.

Some sign-ups are available on the Blue Sheet in your bulletin



ONE VOICE

FELLOWSHIP

Brothers and Sisters,

One Voice Fellowship (OVF) is a multi-lingual PCA church in Falls Church, VA and is one of the ministries supported by your Faith Promise Giving. They minister to a community of many different nationalities and languages present in the DC area.

Until recently they had been sharing the same building as the Chinese Christian Church of Virginia (CCCVA). CCCVA has now moved to a larger building and is allowing OVF to continue to use their original building.

This has been a great blessing for OVF, however when CCCVA moved they took many things with them from the old space. This has created a list of needs as OVF adjusts to being the sole users of the space.

Please prayerfully consider giving to OVF from their Amazon wishlist by scanning the QR code or using the link displayed below and join us in praying for their ministry among the many people groups present around DC.

**In Christ,
WPC Missions Ministry Team**



Upcoming Events

- July 29: Crown Club Activity
- October 3: 20/30s Nashville Zoo
- October 23-25: WPC Missions Conference

Sunday School for Youth and Children

3-year-olds:	Nursery Pre-K	4 th Grade:	Sanctuary
4-year-olds:	Sanctuary	5 th -6 th Grade Boys & Girls:	Sanctuary
Kindergarten:	Sanctuary	7 th -8 th Grade Boys & Girls	Sanctuary
1 st Grade:	Sanctuary	9 th – 12 th Grade Girls:	Sanctuary
2 nd Grade:	Sanctuary	9 th – 12 th Grade Boys:	Sanctuary
3 rd Grade:	Sanctuary	College:	Sanctuary

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 7/26/26	Next Week: 8/2/26
Coffee Fellowship	Paul Dubberly & Jan Parsons	Steve & April Stegman
Evening Prayer	Bill Emrich	Scott Nicol
Head Usher	Walker Thames	Jason Rutledge
Nursery	AM: Cameron Baird, Joelle Benton, Laura Smith, Laura Smith SS: Taylor Thompson, Mary Sanford, Noelle Thompson PM: Katya Eberle, Amena Fox, Emily Jorden,	AM: Francesca Finch, Diana Perrin, Tom Perrin, Angie Johnson, John McFadden SS: Monica Zylstra, Taylor Thompson, Anna Diaz, Noelle Thompson PM: Kaitlyn Carl, Rachel Buhl, Sarah Buhl, Aaron Finch, Jim Roberts
Sexton Counter	David Knight	Monday Mbila
Sound Booth	AM: Keith White PM: Christopher Thompson	AM: Bradley Davis PM: Michael Patterson



July 26 – August 2, 2026

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 11:10 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, July 26, 2026

12:30 PM - 20/30s Lunch

4:30 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2026

6:30 PM - Biblical Counseling Team Meeting

7:00 PM - Women's Hosea Book Study @ Murphree's Home

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

11:00 AM - Crown Club Lunch @ Full Moon BBQ

1:00 PM - Crown Club Outing @ Signals Museum

7:00 PM - Women's Crazy Busy Study @ Bradshaw's Home

6:30 PM - College & Career

Friday, July 31, 2026

6:30 AM - Men's James Bible Study @ Sunny Street Café

Sunday, August 2, 2026

4:30 PM - Children's Ministry Team Meeting

4:30 PM - 20/30s Ministry Team Meeting

4:30 PM - Women's Ministry Team Meeting

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Andy Ball, Nat Causey, Joe Crowhurst, John A. Davis, John W. Davis III, Fred Diaz, Curtis Edewaard, Bill Emrich, Aaron Finch, Eric Fulcher, Scooter Johnson, Paul Keel, Scott Lynn, Brian McFadden, Stacy Murphree, Chester Replogle, *Ken Shipman, Allen Zumbach

(*currently on sabbatical)