

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
(Hymn 72B, arr. Diercks)

The Church's One Foundation
(Hymn #404, arr. Berry)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

For God Alone My Soul Awaits
62B Trinity Psalter – vs 1 & 4

Text: Psalm 62, Trinity Psalter Hymnal Joint Venture

Tune: WIEBERG – K. Lee Scott

For God alone my soul awaits in quiet silence still; from him alone salvation comes.
My rock of strength is he; my rescue comes from him alone; my fortress strong is he.
In him alone I am secure; I'll not be greatly moved.

From God alone comes saving grace; my glory rests in him.
My mighty rock and refuge sure is God, in whom I trust.
On him, O people, evermore, on him place all your trust;
pour out your hearts before him now; God is a refuge sure

† Call to Worship Psalm 5:7, 103:5

Leader: Through the abundance of the Lord's steadfast love, enter his house and bow down before him.

People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

† Hymn of Adoration *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* #271

† 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.

**this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.*

***“catholic” means “universal” church, the true church in all times and places*

† 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

Isaiah 30:15, pg.591

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess to you, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that we have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed. Forgive our sins through the blood of our Savior, Christ Jesus. Make us truly contrite and give us grace to amend our lives according to your Word. Restore our souls, so that we are merciful and kind, even as you are. Give us the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was meek and lowly of heart. Let the same mind be in us which was also in him, and grant that being rooted and grounded in Christ, we may receive power to overcome the world and gain life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18-19, pg. 781

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10:25-29, pg. 1007

† Psalm

The Heavens Above Declare

#19B, vv.1-7

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication

Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Spirit of God, Dwell Thou Within My Heart and

Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me

(Hymn #393, vv. 1, 5, arr. Edwards)

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Joe Steele

“Carefulness and Fear in the Worship of God”

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

pg. 555

† Hymn of Response

Speak, O Lord

#172

† **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

Jesus, With Thy Church Abide
(Hymn #406)

NOTES


Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we are gath - ered all to hear you;
 2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud - ed,
 3. Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of light, from God pro - ceed - ing;
 4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and ad - o - ra - tion!

let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you,
 'til your Spir - it breaks our night with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed.
 o - pen now our ears and heart, help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing;
 Grant that we your Word may trust and ob - tain true con - so - la - tion,

by your teach - ings sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
 You a - lone to God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
 hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es, hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 while we here be - low must wan - der, 'til we sing your prais - es yon - der.

St. 1-3, Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; st. 4, anon., 1707

St. 1-3, tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; st. 4, tr. anon.

Alt. 1990; mod.

LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8.

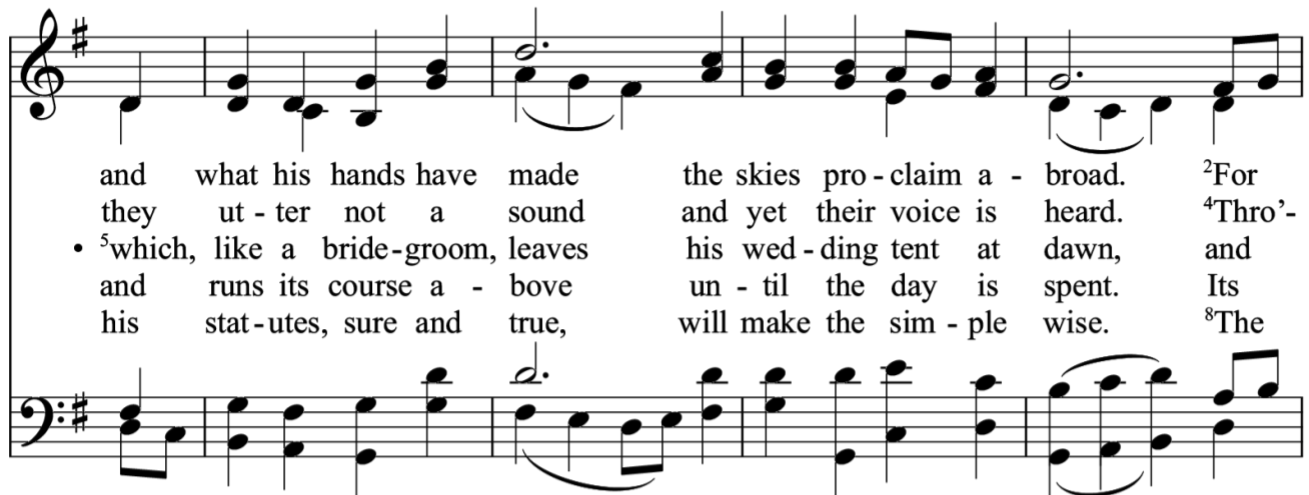
Johann R. Ahle, 1664

19B

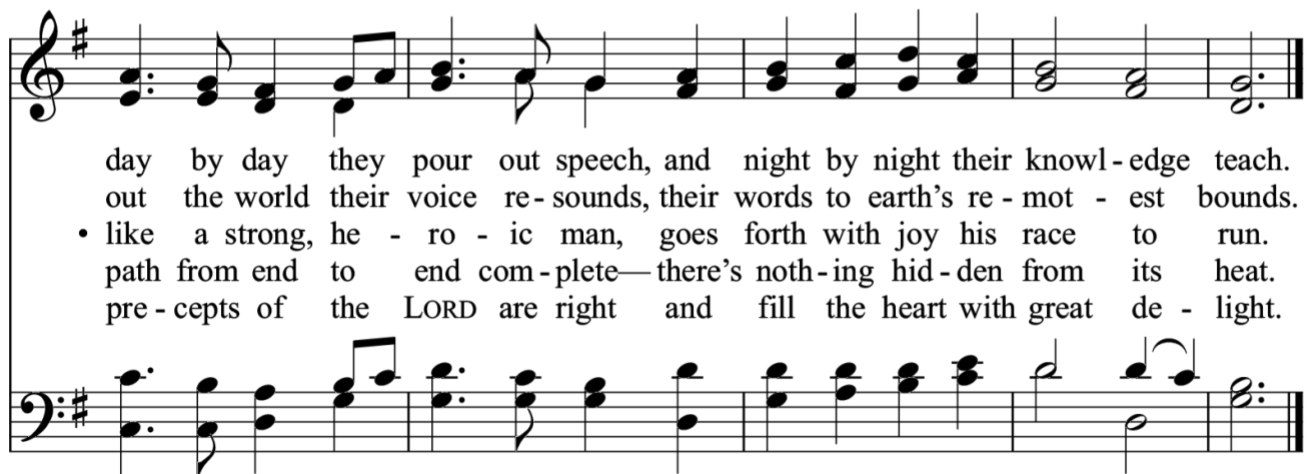
The Heavens Above Declare



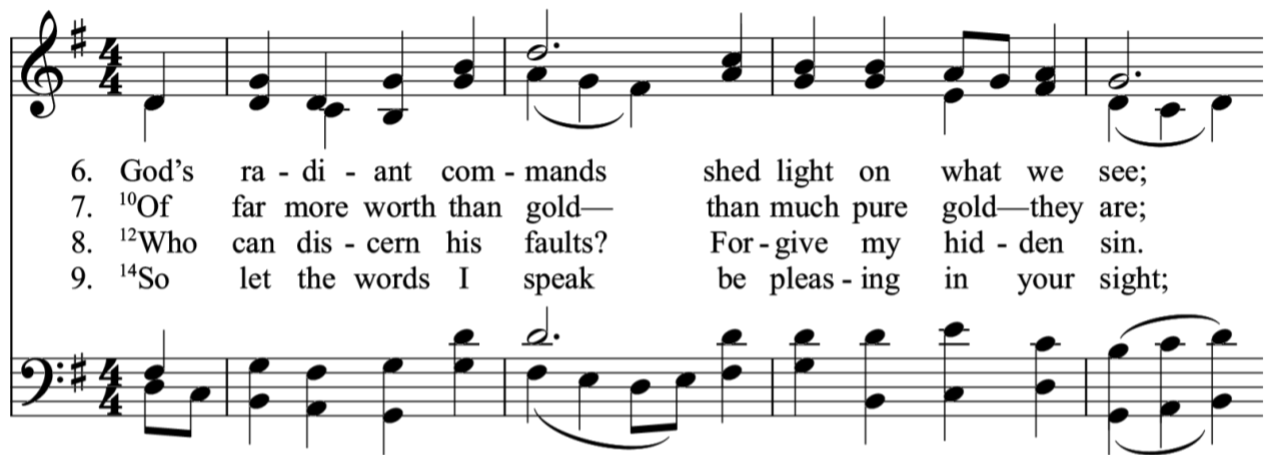
1. ¹The heav'ns a - bove de - clare the glo - ry of our God;
 2. ³No lan - guage do they use, nor an - y spo - ken word;
 3. God set a tent in heav'n, a dwell - ing for the sun,
 4. ⁶The sun goes forth in might from heav - en's far - thest end
 5. ⁷The per - fect law of God will make the soul re - vive;



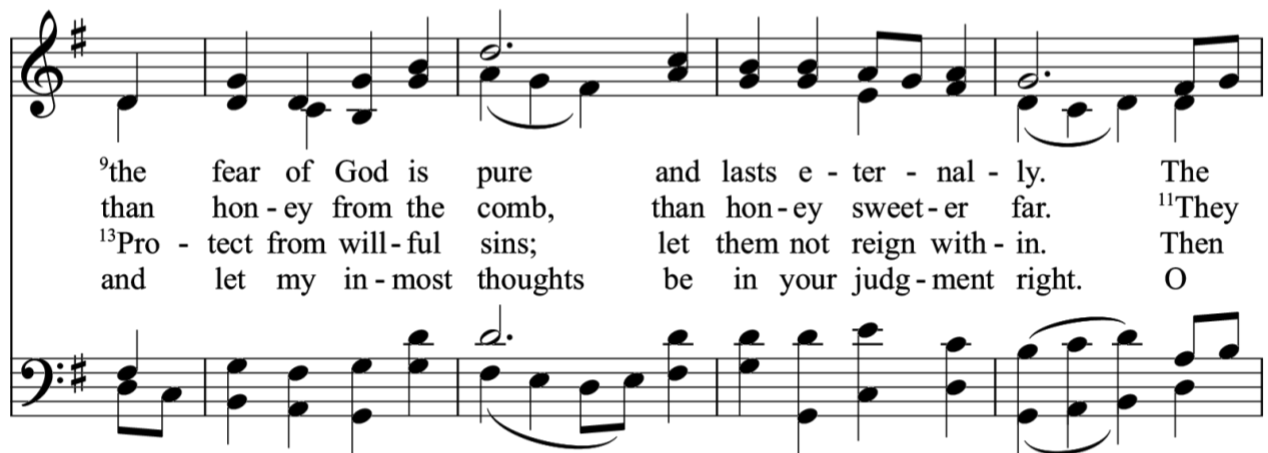
and what his hands have made the skies pro - claim a - broad. ²For
 they ut - ter not a sound and yet their voice is heard. ⁴Thro'-
 • ⁵which, like a bride-groom, leaves his wed - ding tent at dawn, and
 and runs its course a - bove un - til the day is spent. Its
 his stat - utes, sure and true, will make the sim - ple wise. ⁸The



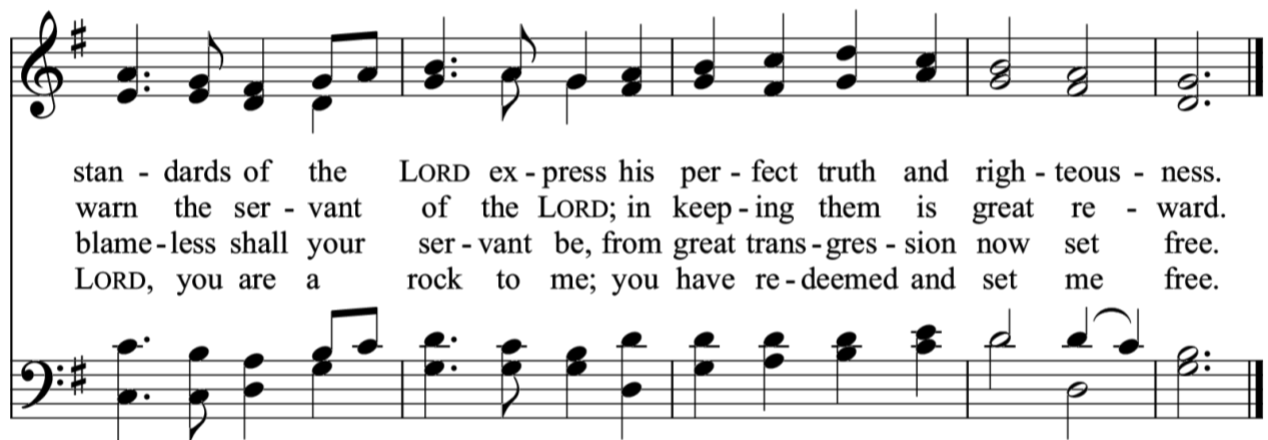
day by day they pour out speech, and night by night their knowl - edge teach.
 out the world their voice re - sounds, their words to earth's re - mot - est bounds.
 • like a strong, he - ro - ic man, goes forth with joy his race to run.
 path from end to end com - plete—there's noth - ing hid - den from its heat.
 pre - cepts of the LORD are right and fill the heart with great de - light.



6. God's ra - di - ant com - mands shed light on what we see;
 7. ¹⁰Of far more worth than gold— than much pure gold—they are;
 8. ¹²Who can dis - cern his faults? For - give my hid - den sin.
 9. ¹⁴So let the words I speak be pleas - ing in your sight;



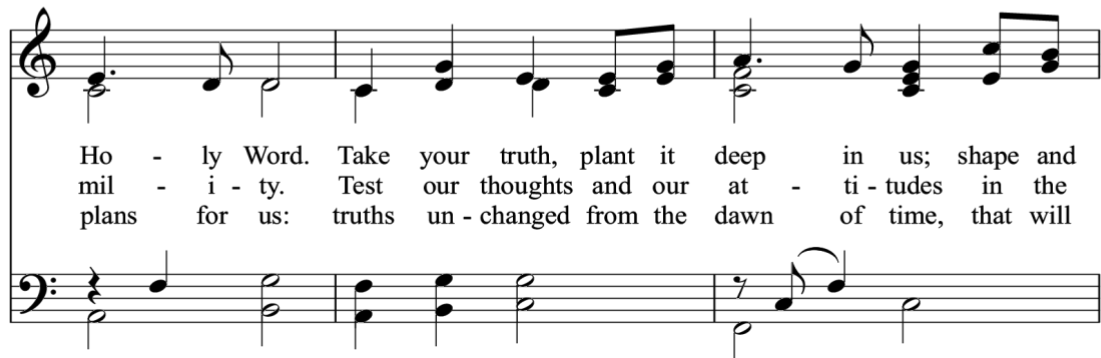
⁹the fear of God is pure and lasts e - ter - nal - ly. The
 than hon - ey from the comb, than hon - ey sweet - er far. ¹¹They
¹³Pro - tect from will - ful sins; let them not reign with - in. Then
 and let my in - most thoughts be in your judg - ment right. O



stan - dards of the LORD ex - press his per - fect truth and righ - teous - ness.
 warn the ser - vant of the LORD; in keep - ing them is great re - ward.
 blame - less shall your ser - vant be, from great trans - gres - sion now set free.
 LORD, you are a rock to me; you have re - deemed and set me free.

Unison

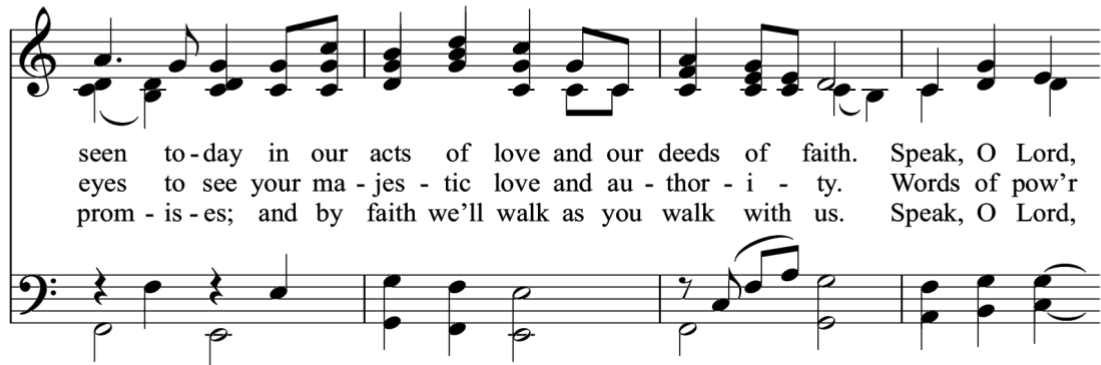

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
 mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
 plans for us: truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,
 eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r
 prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord,



and ful - fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
 that can nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 'til your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

Evening Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Not in Me (Schumacher and Ward)

Nothing but the Blood (Hymn #278)

O the Blood of Jesus (K. Barker)

And Can It Be (D. Forrest)

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship

Leader: You are our God, and we will give thanks to you; you are our God;
we will extol you.

All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love
endures forever!

† Hymn of Adoration

At the Name of Jesus

#270

† Invocation

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

† Hymn

Arise, My Soul, Arise

#275

Confession of Faith

WLC Q. 77, pg. 948

Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Andy Ball

Offertory

Lord, Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)

(Keyes, Boswell, Papa, and Tealy)

There is a Fountain

(Zech 13:1, Hymn #340)

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Jim Roberts

“Forgiven! - Part 2”

Psalm 32:6-11

pg. 462

† Communion Hymn

Behold the Lamb

In Bulletin, vv. 1-3

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The purple cups contain wine, and the clear cups contain grape juice. The bread is gluten-free.

Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together

† Communion Hymn

Behold the Lamb

In Bulletin, v. 4

† 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

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the LORD

(Ps. 89, J. H. Fillmore)

1. At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2. At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 3. Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 4. In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 5. Broth - ers, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev' - ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 • from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
 • faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour:
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 • brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Caroline M. Noel, 1870; alt.

KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5.D.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Arise, My Soul, Arise

1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;

the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;

be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I

Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

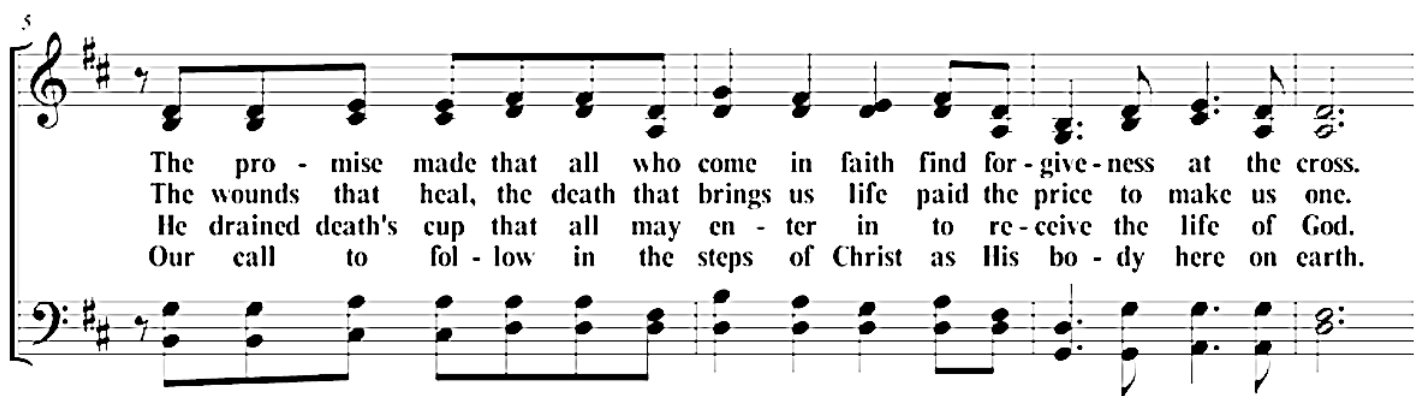
Behold The Lamb (The Communion Hymn)

Arranged by
David Bruce Murray

Composed by Kristyn Lennox Getty,
Keith Getty, and Stuart Townend



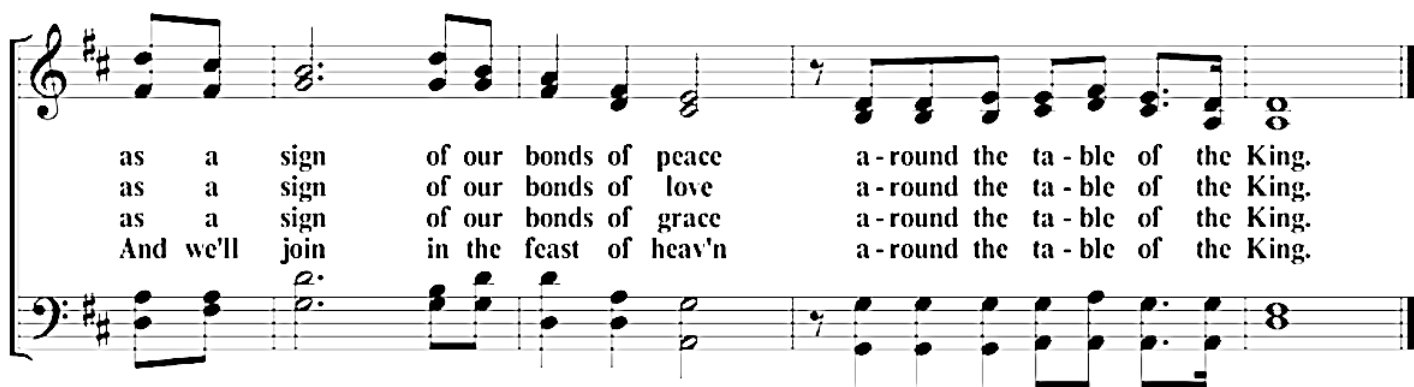
Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us, and we re-mem-ber
The bo - dy of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you, eat and re-mem-ber;
The blood that clean - ses ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you, drink and re-mem-ber
And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re-spond and to re-mem-ber



The pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.
Our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth.



So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice
As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain!



as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

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

The Lord's Supper: Partakers must be baptized, communing, and active members in good standing of a church that preaches the true Gospel. We kindly ask that children of visiting families who have not made a public profession of faith to the church refrain from partaking in the Lord's Supper. If you have questions concerning our practice, please speak with our pastors or an elder.

Visiting College Students: If you are a new student moving in this week, please let us greet you! At the visitor's desk, we have a welcome bag and would love to tell you more about WPC

20/30s Community Group Interest: If you are interested in joining or hosting/co-hosting a community group for fall/spring, please let Pastor Duncan know. Space may be limited, so we are gauging interest to plan accordingly.

Foster Care & Adoption Support Group: Our next meeting will be on August 27th at 6 pm here at the church. Please RSVP with Pastor Duncan so we can get a headcount for food.

EVENTS

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

Wednesday Evening Meal & Activities: Make plans to join us on Wednesday evening, **August 19th** 5:30 PM, for food, fellowship, prayer, choir, youth group, and catechism classes for our children. The meal this week is **Chick-fil-A**, and the cost is **\$6 per person, with a \$24 per-family cap.** Meals need to be ordered by Tuesday at 10 am

Lincoln Village Men's Workday: The Outreach Team and Men's Ministry are holding a morning workday at Lincoln Village on **August 22nd** at 8 AM to support Lincoln's housing program and school. Attendees will need to be prepared to handle tasks such as cleaning, home maintenance, yard work, or demolition. Please RSVP with Christopher Thompson at Christopher.23thompson@gmail.com by Wednesday, August 19th, and let him know if you have any questions.

Baby Shower: Join us Saturday, **August 29th**, 2 PM @ WPC for a baby shower for Mary Loutzenheiser.

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.

20/30s Luau: Join us **September 7th**, 5:30 PM. Come and join us at the Boyd's for a Labor Day Luau! Kalua pork and drinks will be provided, but please sign up to bring a side or dessert. The whole family is welcome and larger families (4+) are asked to bring two items.

Lincoln Village Scholarship Lunch and Learn: Lincoln Village Ministry will hold a Lunch and Learn on **September 15th** at 11:30 am to provide information on how individuals and businesses can direct their Alabama State income tax liability to scholarships for students at Lincoln Academy. This session will be specifically geared toward business owners and executives but will still have information for individuals who are looking to participate. More information is available on a flyer in the Narthex, along with instructions for registering for the event. Please see Christopher Thompson or Pastor Cantrell if you have any questions.

Men's Conference: The Men's Ministry Team invites all men to the *Exploring God's Design for Men* Conference, **October 1-3**, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville. You must register to attend.

20/30s Nashville Zoo Trip: **October 3rd**, 10:30 AM. We are going to the zoo! Tickets are \$22/adult and \$18/kid (ages 2-12). We will plan to meet there at 10:30 AM and enjoy some time together!

EVENT REGISTRATION



AUGUST 19, 5:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Meal @ WPC



AUGUST 29, 2:00 PM
Baby Shower - Mary Loutzenheiser @ WPC



SEPTEMBER 7, 5:30 PM
20/30s Labor Day Luau @ The Boyd's



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



OCTOBER 1-3
Men's Ministry Conference @
Covenant Presbyterian - Nashville



OCTOBER 3, 10:30 AM
20/30s Nashville Zoo

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

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office@wpc-hsv.org

Upcoming Events

- August 22: 8:00 AM, Lincoln Village Men's Workday
- August 29: 2:00 PM, Baby Shower for Mary Loutzenheiser
- September 7: 20/30s Labor Day Luau at the Boyds
- September 26: 8:00 AM, Lincoln Village Children's Workday
- October 1-3: Men's Ministry Conference @ Covenant Presbyterian Church- Nashville
- October 3: 20/30s Nashville Zoo
- October 23-25: WPC Missions Conference

Sunday School for Youth and Children

3-year-olds:	Nursery Pre-K	5 th -6 th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 210
4-year-olds:	WCA Room 102	5 th -6 th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 211
Kindergarten:	WCA Room 100	7 th -8 th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 207
1 st Grade:	WCA Room 101	7 th -8 th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 206
2 nd Grade:	WCA Room 105	9 th – 12 th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 203
3 rd /4 th Girls:	WCA Room 110	9 th – 12 th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 203
3 rd /4 th Boys:	WCA Room 108	College:	WCA Room 205

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 8/16/26	Next Week: 8/23/26
Coffee Fellowship	Michael & Mary Loutzenheiser	Tim & Anita Eno
Evening Prayer	Andy Ball	John A. Davis
Head Usher	Joey Loutzenheiser	Gideon Mbila
Nursery	AM: Lauren Stingily, Eva Benton, Kristen Branscomb, Adrienne King, Katya Eberle, Karlie Branscomb, Kayla Pinto, Mary Katherine Keel SS: Sarah Catherine Lauderdale, Taylor Thompson, Kate Carver, Noelle Thompson PM: Katy Kirkwood, Elizabeth Steele	AM: Mary Lou Cantrell, Wendy Pearce, Athena Powell, Deb McFadden, Taylor Thompson SS: Mary Sanford, Tracey Zumbach, Allen Zumbach, Noelle Thompson PM: Robin Roberts, Amy Ward, April Stegman, Hannah Smith
Sexton Counter	Josh Brown	Christopher Thompson
Sound Booth	AM: Keith White PM: Christopher Thompson	AM: Bradley Davis PM: Scott Paulson



August 16 – August 23, 2026

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM

Sunday School: 11:10 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, August 16, 2026

12:30 PM - Youth & Parents Lunch

4:00 PM - Missions Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

7:00 AM - Men's Transforming Grace Book Study @ Blue Plate Café

7:00 AM - Men's DTS Book Study @ WPC

9:15 AM - Women's Prayer Time @ WPC

10:00 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

12:00 PM - Men's Union with Christ Book Study @ WPC

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

10:00 PM - Crown Club @ WPC

5:30 PM - College & Career RUF Cookout @ UAH

5:30 PM - Meal served WPC Narthex

6:15 PM - Nursery Opens

6:15 PM - Youth Group

6:15 PM - Choir Practice

6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting WPC Narthex

Thursday, August 20, 2026

6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study @ Carol Evans Home

6:30 PM - Men's Ezekiel Bible Study @ WPC

Friday, August 21, 2026

6:30 AM - Men's 1st Peter Bible Study @ Sunny Street Café

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

Saturday, August 22, 2026

8:00 AM - Lincoln Village Men's Workday

Sunday, August 23, 2026

4:30 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

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Ruling Elders:

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)