



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Share the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God of love,
we hear your call to follow.

People: **Teach us to accept the foolishness of your word
is more powerful than the wisdom of this world.**

Leader: Guide us to lay aside our differences
for the sake of the gospel.

People: **Turn our hearts toward you
and give us the wisdom to walk in your ways.**

***Opening Hymn No. 361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

***Prayer of Confession**

Ever-loving God, we confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable, and non-controversial. You are always at work in the world, but we struggle to discern your presence in the signs of the times. Forgive us. Give us courage to stand for what is right and good and to risk love and justice even when it is unpopular. Guide us to be your healing presence in the world.

(A time of silence for personal confession)

***Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***Sung Response - Hymn No. 627**

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;
O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Back to School Blessing

Anthem

Amazing Grace

arr. Ron Jeffers

Prayers of the People

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.

Congregational Response

THREEFOLD AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 12: 49-56

New Testament, page 75

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Little Christian Lies: Polite Conversation

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

How Great Thou Art

arr. Dan Forrest

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn No. 317**

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way.
Know that the God who sent his son to die that we might live
will never leave you lost and alone in his beloved world.

Postlude

Gigue

Bach

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Laura Bentley, Laura Ecklin, Faith Kemmler, Higher Ground: Lori Cole, Beth Eger, Chris Hestwood, Angie Milliren, Lorraine Milovac, Rachel Schultz, and Jim Burns.

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A PC(USA) Congregation



Sunday, August 17, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We offer our prayers for those with recent illnesses, surgeries, or hospitalizations: Marilyn Lindstrom and Heather Loos.

Nominating Committee - Call for Nominations

You are invited to share in the leadership as a:

Ruling Elder, Deacon, Member of the Nominating Committee, and Member of the Endowment Committee

If you would like to serve, or if you know of members who have the gifts for these important roles, please email: Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org by Monday, September 1.

For more information, go to <https://westminster-church.org/event/nominating-committee-call-for-nominations/>.

NOW HIRING: Church Nursery Attendant

Westminster is looking for church nursery attendants to care for our little ones on Sunday mornings. For more info and to apply, go to <https://westminster-church.org/employment/>.

Tuesday Evening Book Group

Tuesday, August 26 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

The Tuesday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. The book is an eloquent meditation on space and life on our planet through the eyes of six astronauts circling the earth in 24 hours. All are welcome.

Coming up on September 23, *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. Questions may be directed to Tom Drake at tom.mdrake@yahoo.com.



Music Schedule for 2025-2026: Join Us!

August 28, 2025 and September 3, 2025

Westminster is pleased to announce the return of our music ensembles for fall 2025.

Thursday, August 28: Chancel Choir, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 268.

Wednesday, September 3: Junior Choir (3rd-6th grades), 4:45-5:30 p.m., Room 268;

Cherub Choir (K-2nd grade), 4:45-5:30 p.m., Room 176;

Westminster Ringers, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 268.

All are welcome, and no prior experience is necessary. For more information, contact Chris Hestwood at hestwood@westminster-church.org.



Wednesdays beginning **4:45 p.m.** - Children's Choirs (Sept. 3)

August 27 **5:15 p.m.** - Food & Fellowship

Everyone is invited!

6:00 p.m. - Faith formation for all ages



From children's choirs to Children's & Family Ministry programs, Food & Fellowship, Veritas youth group, adult discussion groups, and more, there is something for everyone!

All ages and stages of faith formation are invited to attend this wonderful evening of connection and fun.

Dinner Prices: Ages 10 to adult - \$10; Ages 4 to 9 - \$6; Ages 3 and under - Free

Living Stones Sunday, August 31 | 3:00-6:30 p.m. | Offsite

REGISTER TODAY!



We are looking for volunteers to help serve food at the buffet line. Transportation will be provided. Your support in feeding those in need will be greatly appreciated! For questions, contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org.

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays, starting September 3 | 9:00 a.m. | Room 231

This group studies one book of the Bible at a time, a few verses at a time. The goal is to get a better understanding of scripture and what it means to each of us. Questions, contact Chuck Wolfe at wolfe.chuck@gmail.com.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

A Celebration of Faith and Fellowship

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 7 | After all 3 services | Fellowship Hall

Join us to celebrate the beginning of a new season and time at the church! We will join together in Fellowship Hall after each worship service to walk through a beautiful photo gallery and listen to leaders of our church share about their ministries. There will be plenty of light bites, and kid-friendly snacks to enjoy. Any questions, contact shubilla@westminster-church.org.

Register Now for WROC Fall Fitness Programs



The WROC offers a variety of cardio, strength, and flexibility classes that range from beginner to advanced. Visit our website for details and registration. wroc.westminster-church.org

Gentle (Hatha) Yoga

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Flow (Vinyasa) Yoga

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

AUGUST 17-23, 2025

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

8:30a	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard
	Wiggle Room**	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:45a	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)*	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room**	WROC Fitness
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Wiggle Room**	

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

12:00	AA/Door #20	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Session Meeting	Galbreath Chapel

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00a	Tuesday Morning Men's Group	Rm. 238
10:00	Staff Meeting	Rm. 238
7:15	Pastor Nominating Committee	Rm. 238
7:30	Boy Scout Troop 366	Rm. 107

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

4:00	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
7:00	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	AI Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

*Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message. A time for children 4 years through 4th grade to explore the Bible, enjoy fellowship together, and grow in their faith.

**Wiggle Room - 9:45 - Upstairs WROC Fitness Room: 8:30/11:00 - Room 239. Available to families with children who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service. Please see an usher if you need help finding the Wiggle Room.



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