



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude (8:30)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

arr. Lloyd Larson
arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

Prelude (11:00)

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone/arr. Wilma Jensen

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

People: **Surely salvation is at hand for those who love God.**

Leader: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace embrace.

People: **Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky. God gives what is good, and we respond with abundant praise!**

*Opening Hymn No. 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(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. 468

Lord, Be Glorified

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

3. In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

4. In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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.
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

Matthew 14:22-33

New Testament, page 16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Take Heart

Jason Freyer

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Trust His Heart
Megan Jones, soloist

arr. Joseph Lynn

*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

*Closing Hymn No. 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Healey Willan

Leading in worship: Jason Freyer, Laura Bentley, Jim Burns, and Megan Jones



Wednesdays beginning August 26
Everyone is invited!

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 these wonderful evenings of connection and fun.



4:00-5:15 p.m. – Bible Study with J – Room 231

4:45-5:30 p.m. – Junior Choir – Choir Room; Cherub Choir – Room 176

5:15-6:15 p.m. – Food & Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Kids' Connection (5yrs-2nd) - Room 233

Kids' Connection (3rd & 4th) - Room 176

Jesus and Me (5th & 6th) – JAM Room (257)

Veritas (7th-12th) - Youth Wing

Wired Word – 9/2, 10/7, & 11/18

Taizé – 9/9, 10/14, & 11/11 @ 6:30 in Galbreath Chapel

One Hit Wonders – 9/23, 10/21, & 11/4 (Consult the website for topics)

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Sunday, August 9, 2026

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Faith & Fitness - Free Event Move, Praise, and Connect with Others

Saturday, August 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Enjoy easy-to-follow fitness movements set to inspiring contemporary Christian music. Registration appreciated, go to wroc.westminster-church.org.

Lemonade on the Lawn Sunday, August 23, after each worship service

Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn! Let's get out and enjoy some sunshine and each other's company. If the weather requires the 8:30 a.m. worship service to be held indoors, this event will be postponed.

Serving for Living Stones

Sunday, August 30 | 3:30-6:00 p.m. | Fairhaven United Methodist Church

Join us in making a difference by assisting at a local neighborhood church by volunteering to help serve food at the buffet line. Transportation will be provided from the north parking lot of the church. Your support in feeding those in need will be greatly appreciated! Space is limited; scan the QR code to register.

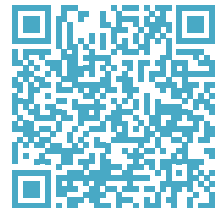


Choirs Return for Fall - Music Schedule for 2026-2027

Wednesdays, beginning August 26, Rooms 176 and 268 (Cherub and Junior Choirs)

Thursdays, beginning August 27, Room 268 (Chancel Choir)

Come sing with us at Westminster! Scripture shows that singing to God is both ordained and encouraged — from the Psalms to the New Testament, it is presented as a commanded and vital part of worship. Whether in personal devotion or corporate praise, singing is a biblical mandate for God's people. And, it's fun!



Thank You for the Food 2 Go Effort

Through your generous donations, we packaged 2,045 Food 2 Go bags this summer. Thank you for donating food, giving your time to help package the bags, and a special thank you to the drivers who delivered them each week.

Call for 11:00 a.m. Ushers

We need YOU to volunteer to usher! Ushers play a vital role in providing welcome and hospitality to members and visitors. Children with a parent, and youth are encouraged to volunteer. Please consider joining the team today. Contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org.

Recommendations for Church Leadership

Exciting things are happening every day in the life of the church, and new leaders are needed to help continue this good work. The Nominating Committee will meet soon to begin recommending candidates for Elder, Deacon, and the Endowment Committee. Our congregation is blessed with many potential leaders. Please keep your suggestions confidential so the committee can do its work with care and compassion.

To suggest yourself or another member, please email Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org by Monday, September 1.

NOTE: The columns outside of the main sanctuary entrance are being painted. Please use the breezeway entrances.

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) Fall Session: Bite Size Bible

Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m., August 27 through October 29 | Memorial Parlor

L.I.F.T. is a "come-as-you-are" gathering of caring, engaging and fun women who share their thoughts, questions, experiences, and perspectives on topics that help us to grow in our faith and fellowship. We will open our Fall season in that same spirit. Just plan to come-as-you-are and sit and chat for a while as we listen to and discuss select Bite Size Bible podcasts and discern how that podcast is speaking to and challenging us, our church or even our world!

SAVE the DATE: Celebration Sunday

Sunday, September 13 | Worship in the morning at 8:30/9:30/11:00 a.m.

Join us for a time of worship in the morning at 8:30/9:30/11:00 a.m. Come back at 4:30 p.m. for a time of fellowship with dinner, music, and games! **Bring a friend!**

We will have a special food drive for Meals on Wheels @ The Crossroads' blizzard bags.

We are collecting soup, peanut butter or cheese crackers, pudding cups, fruit snacks or raisins, hot cocoa or tea bags, and fruit cups. Donations can be brought to the church before or to the event.

**CELEBRATION
SUNDAY**

A Celebration of Faith
and Fellowship

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

AUGUST 9-15, 2026

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00a	Nursery (Birth-Preschool)*	Rm. 222
8:30	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
9:00	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:30	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)**	Rm. 176
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge***	WROC Fitness
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
1:00p	Westminster Walkabout	Meadowcroft Rockshelter

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

12:00p	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

1:30p	Movers and Shakers	Fellowship Hall
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
9:00	Priority2Work	Rm. 176
7:00p	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Al-Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Please see an usher if you need help finding the following:

*Nursery - Staffed care for infants through preschool.

**Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message.

***Wiggle Room - Available to families with children who would prefer a separate space to step away while listening to the worship service.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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