



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)

Chorale and Trio on *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

John Propitius

Welcome and Announcements

Living Our Faith

Faith Kemmler

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

Come as you are, bringing all that you carry.

People: **We come to meet the God who knows us and loves us.**

Leader: Here, our hearts are opened and our assumptions are challenged.

People: **We come ready to worship, ready to listen, and ready to be transformed.**

*Opening Hymn No. 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

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*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have shown us mercy beyond measure, and we have come to worship you. Though we come from different places and with different stories, your Spirit gathers us as one. Forgive us when we withhold the love and grace you freely give, drawing boundaries where you have welcomed all. Open our hearts to lives of generous compassion, that the gifts you have entrusted to us may reveal your kingdom to all we meet.

(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 15:21-28

New Testament, page 17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Changing Hearts and Minds

Laura Bentley

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

It Is Well with My Soul
Tom Drake, soloist

Bliss / arr. Rice

*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. 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

*Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Jason Freyer, Faith Kemmler, Jim Burns, and Tom Drake



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 Pastor 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 in Memorial Parlor

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 16, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

The congregation extends condolences to *Jane Etherington* on the death of her husband, *Burton (Burt) Etherington III*.

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.

Sunday School Resumes August 23!

At the Bridge, students will be dismissed after the Children's Message: PreK-K in Room 233, 1st-2nd Grade in Room 235, 3rd-4th Grade in Room 284.

At 11:00 a.m., students are to report directly to class: 4years-4th Grade in Room 233.

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!



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.

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!

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

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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PLUS ONE: Growing Together One by One

What will your Plus One be – there are many options!

Bible study ... outreach/volunteering ... book clubs ... Wired Word ... LIFT ... choirs ... seminars ... One Hit Wonders ... Taizé ... Wednesdays@Westminster ... dinner ...

Celebration Sunday Church Picnic—the opportunities are endless. *Be intentional about your Plus One!*

GROWING TOGETHER **ONE BY ONE**

PLUS ONE

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WECEP is Urgently Hiring!

Westminster Nursery School is urgently looking for an **Assistant Teacher** in our M-W-F 3s classroom!

If you love being around kids and are looking for a fun part-time position with a school schedule, please contact Lori Feldmann at feldmann@westminster-church.org for more info!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

AUGUST 16-22, 2026

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

12:00p	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
7:00p	Session Meeting	Rm. 231

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

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 19

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

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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