



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Andante Cantabile
from Symphony #4

C.M. Widor

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **We give thanks for the grace we receive in Christ.**

Leader: God gives us gifts for the good of all.

People: **We come grateful, lacking nothing, held by faithfulness.**

Leader: God calls us into fellowship with Jesus Christ.

People: **We gather as one body, united in his church.**

Leader: Come, worship God together—

People: **With one heart, one mind, and one voice.**

*Opening Hymn No. 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*Prayer of Confession

Dear God,
You give us grace and peace, yet we don't always live as people shaped by your grace.
You have given us gifts, but we often use them for ourselves rather than for love.
You call us to life with Jesus, but we let pride, impatience, and division creep in.
We have spoken when we should have listened,
and remained silent when love required courage.
We argue, take sides, and forget that we belong to you—and to each other.
Forgive us, Lord.
Help us live with unity, humility, and hope as we follow Christ.

(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.**

O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways,
 nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise.
 I only pray that when you call, "Come, follow, follow me!"
 you'll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

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 Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-10

New Testament, page 165

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Love Letters

Jo Forrest

WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem

Draw the Circle Wide

Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
 No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
 Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
 Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
 Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
 Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

*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. 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds
verses 1, 2, and 5

DENNIS

*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

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

Leading in worship: Jo Forrest, Greg Krock, Nancy Nunley, Jim Burns, Christine Hestwood, the Quartet, and Chancel Choir.

Sermon Series: What are we here for?

This series begins with that simple question. Guided by Paul's letters to early Christian communities, who were figuring it out in real time, we'll explore what it means to follow Christ, personally and as a community. This is an invitation to reflect on our place in God's work, and to remember who we are when we gather in Christ's name.

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Sunday, January 18, 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We offer our prayers for Carol Galbreath, who is recovering from surgery.

Westminster Seminars TODAY | 9:45 a.m. | Galbreath Chapel

JANUARY SERIES: C.S. Lewis: Christian Truth through Fantasy Stories for Children presented by Dr. Lou Mitchell. For more info and the Zoom link, go to westminster-church.org/event/westminster-seminars/.



Next Week's Topic: Christian Truth through Fantasy Stories for Adults

Assembling QuicKits

TODAY | After each worship service | Room 274

Come and make QuicKits with us! QuicKits are bags of essential items like deodorant, shampoo, a toothbrush, and more, put together in a reusable bag. We will fill them together and put them throughout the church to take and give to those in need. All ages welcome! For questions, contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org.



① ONE Service Sunday and Congregational Meeting

SERVICE SUNDAY

January 25 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

In this blended worship service and meeting, we will worship God and celebrate the work of this congregation by receiving the annual report, the 2026 budget, and vote on the Rev. Dr. Jo Forrest's terms of call. We will also ordain and install our new officers. Following worship, all will gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy lunch. Sunday school will also be in session. (The seminar will meet at 8:45 a.m. in Galbreath Chapel.) Read more at <https://www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/one-service-sunday>.

Tuesday Evening Book Group

Tuesday, January 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

The Tuesday Evening Book Group will review *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson. It is an innocent, strange, and hilarious story of a boy growing up in mid 20th century America.

WPC Book Group Meeting

Wednesday, January 28 | Noon-1:15 p.m. | Church Library

We will discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah. All are welcome! Any questions can be directed to Nana Wilson at callingnana@gmail.com.



Offering Envelopes

If you indicated on your pledge card that you would like to receive offering envelopes for 2026, they are now available for you to pick up in the narthex.

The Civil Rights Movement and Social Justice

Wednesday, January 28 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

It's easy to look back on slavery, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights Movement as a part of our country's past, but the effects of those eras still impact communities and people of color today. Hear from Faith Kemmler's recent experiences on a Civil Rights Travel Seminar about why telling these stories matters and how we can continue to be agents of justice and change today.



Forks and Fellowship

Forks and Fellowship is an opportunity for 8 to 10 people to share fellowship and community through a meal or activity. See the website for more details, and contact Meghan Widmar (meghanwidmar@gmail.com) or Marge McCabe (miconroy41@gmail.com) with questions. **Deadline to register is February 1.**



February Is Hunger Action Month

Hunger Action Month is a time for us to come together and financially support the various hunger programs at Westminster. Our fundraiser, **Together We Feed: \$15K for 15 Programs to Fight Hunger**, will help programs like Food 2 Go, StreetMOMs, and more.



Rise Against Hunger Saturday, February 28 | 7:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. | FH & WROC



Join us for a 90-minute session on the assembly line for one morning to package over 25,000 meals. Register here: <https://westminster-church.org/event/hunger-action-month-rise-against-hunger/> or by scanning the QR code.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

JANUARY 18-24, 2026

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00	Nursery (Birth–Preschool)*	Rm. 222
8:30a	Traditional Worship	North Courtyard
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
9:00a	Welcome Center	North Main Entry
9:30a	Bridge Contemporary Worship	WROC/Livestream
	Bridge Sunday School (4yrs–1st Grade)**	Rm. 176
	Bridge Sunday School (2nd–4th Grade)**	Rm. 284
	Wiggle Room – The Bridge***	WROC Fitness
	Assembling QuicKits	Rm. 274
9:45a	Westminster Seminars	Galbreath Chapel
10:30a	Assembling QuicKits	Rm. 274
11:00a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Sunday School (4yrs–4th Grade)**	Rm. 233
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
12:00	Assembling QuicKits	Rm. 274

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

All Day MLK Day - Church/Office/WECEP Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00a	Men's Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:45	Little Ones and Loved Ones	Rm. 222 Nursery
	Cherub Choir	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir	Rm. 268
5:15	Wednesday Food & Fellowship	Fellowship Hall

6:00	Kids' Connection (5yrs–2nd Grade)	Rm. 233
	Kids' Connection (3rd–4th Grade)	Rm. 176
	JAM - Youth Group (5th–6th Grade)	Rm. 257 JAM
	Veritas Youth Group (7th–12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
7:00	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Rm. 283
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar-Anon (Doors #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

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

*Nursery - Staffed care for infants through preschool.

**Sunday School - 9:45 a.m., dismissed from worship after children's message; 11:00 a.m., report directly to Room 233.

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



Scan here for complete church calendar



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