

Sunday, September 20, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Beach Spring
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Westminster Ringers

B.P. White/arr. Matheny
Holden/arr. McKechnie

Welcome and Announcements

*Share the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come with open hearts, ready to listen for God's call.

People: **We come with our gifts, our questions, our worries, and our hopes.**

Leader: Sometimes God's call comes at an unexpected moment, asking us to risk something for the sake of love.

People: **Lord, give us courage to trust that we are here for such a time as this.**

*Opening Hymn No. 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(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.**

1. To know you in all of your glory, to love you with all that I am.
With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you more.
2. To know you in all of your power, to trust you with all that I am.
With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you more.
3. To know you in all of your mercy, to serve you with all that I am.
With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you more.

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	Esther 3:8-11; 4:13-17	Old Testament, page 446
Leader:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
People:	Thanks be to God.	

Sermon	The Call of Esther	Laura Bentley
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WE OFFER OUR GRATITUDE

Offertory Anthem	Jubilate Deo	Benjamin Britten
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O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God.
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves.
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting.

And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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.

***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. 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

***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**

Postlude on *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*

Johann Gottfried Walther

Leading in worship: Laura Bentley, Jason Freyer, Jim Burns, Chris Hestwood, Jim Marshall, the Quartet, Chancel Choir, and Westminster Ringers

Fall Sermon Series: Vocation

What am I supposed to do? Who am I meant to be?

In our Vocation series, we will listen to stories in Scripture of God calling ordinary people and wonder together how God might be calling us still. Vocation is more than choosing a career path. It is responding faithfully when God invites us to love, serve, grow, and participate in God's work in the world. Where might God's call lead us next?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Concern and Thanksgiving

We celebrate with joy the birth of Blair Aspen Bollman. Congratulations to parents Cassie Pfeuffer and Marcus Bollman, siblings Brooks, Sage, Noa, and to grandparents Jennifer and Jim Bollman.

The congregation extends condolences to Doug Mitchell on the death of his sister, Elizabeth Ann (Mitchell) Sweeney; to the family of Susan Elliott on her death; and to the family of C. Reese Berdanier on his death.

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

SEPTEMBER SERIES: A New Theologian: David Bentley Hart: *God and Human Consciousness*

Next Week's Topic (September 27): *Hart's Interpretation of the Miracle of the Transfiguration*



One Hit Wonder: General Assembly Panel & Discussion

Wednesday, September 23 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Come hear from John Van Cleve, Nolan Daniele, and Faith Kemmler about their experiences serving as commissioner and advisory delegates at the PC(USA) General Assembly this summer in Milwaukee. Learn about what General Assembly is, why it matters, and what is happening in the larger church.



Tuesday Evening Book Group

Tuesday, September 29 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

We will be discussing *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. New attendees are welcome. Any questions, contact Tom Drake at tom.mdrake@yahoo.com.

WPC Book Group Meeting Wednesday, September 30 | Noon-1:15 p.m. | Church Library

We will discuss two books this time—*Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck and *The Greatest Sentence Ever Written* by Walter Isaacson. All are welcome! Any questions can be directed to Nana Wilson at callingnana@gmail.com.

Grief Care Wednesdays, September 30-October 28 | 6:45 p.m. | Memorial Parlor

Grief Care is a faith-based grief support group, facilitated by Deacons of Westminster. Grief Care is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. If you would like to register or have any questions, to please contact Val Marraccini at marraccini@westminster-church.org.

3rd and 7th Grade Bible Distribution

Anyone who has not received a Bible is welcome to register for one regardless of grade! Please register by September 30. If you miss this deadline and still want a Bible, please let us know! Contact Val Marraccini at marraccini@westminster-church.org.



Save the Date: Inquirers' Gathering

Saturday, October 3 | 9:00-12:00 p.m. | Yahweh Café (Rm. 273)

Come learn more about what it means to be a member of Westminster and how you can officially join our church family. We'll talk about membership, the Presbyterian Church, and all that Westminster has to offer. There will also be plenty of time to ask questions. Contact Emily Shubilla at shubilla@westminster-church.org if you have questions, and scan the QR code to register:



WROC Introduces Meditation and Renewal Class! Rest, Renew & Restore: Relaxing Sound Baths

Mondays, October 12 - November 16 | 6:30-7:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall | \$72 / Pay Per Class: \$20

Join our own Deborah Lee for a six-week spiritually and physically restorative session. Class begins with a calming guided meditation, gently transitioning into an immersive, healing soundscape crafted from crystal singing bowls, soothing chimes, rhythmic drums, and other harmonic instruments.

Deborah Lee is a classically trained cellist and holds accredited sound healing certifications.

Visit wroc.westminster-church.org for registration and complete class list.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 20-26, 2026

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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 (PreK-K)**	Rm. 233
	(1st-2nd Grade)**	Rm. 235
	(3rd-4th Grade)**	Rm. 284
	Wiggle Room - The Bridge***	WROC Fitness
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Livestream
	Wiggle Room***	Rm. 239
	Sunday School (4yrs-4th Grade)**	Rm. 233
7:00p	Confirmation Class	Rm. 283

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:00p	AA (Door #20)	Fellowship Hall
6:00	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Rm. 107
6:30	Scout Pack 366 Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Session Meeting	Rm. 231

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00a	Mens Bible Study	Rm. 231
4:00p	Bible Study with Pastor J	Rm. 231
4:45	Cherub Choir (K-2nd Grade)	Rm. 176
	Junior Choir (3rd-6th Grade)	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. 237
	Veritas Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	Youth Dept.
6:15	One Hit Wonder	Fellowship Hall
7:00	Westminster Ringers	Rm. 268

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00a	Women2Women	Rm. 238
4:00p	Farmers Market	South Parking Lot
7:00	LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)	Memorial Parlor
	Chancel Choir	Rm. 268
7:30	NA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	Nar-Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 131

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:30a	Fishers of Men	Rm. 231
6:30p	The Bridge-Ladies Night	Off Site
7:00p	AA (Door #14)	Rm. 107
	AI-Anon (Door #14)	Rm. 231

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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; 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.

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