



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new  
creation—everything old has passed away;  
see, everything has become new!"*

II Corinthians 5:17

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Processional in Eb*

David N. Johnson

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Ancient and eternal God, our times are in your hands. Teach us how to interpret the signs of this present time, so that we might be ready for the one who is coming to reign in glory forever: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Connie Roberts

Call to Worship (responsive)

Come, Holy Spirit, fire of justice;

**kindle the flame of faith in us.**

Come, Lord Jesus, stream of mercy;

**pour out your grace upon us now.**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Praise 409 – *God Is Here!*

\* Call to Confession

We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised with him through faith in the power of God. Trusting in **God's** grace, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You call us your beloved people, but we do not follow your ways. You planted us as your own vine, but we fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Remove the burden of our sin so that we may run the race that you have set before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.** (time for silent confession)

\* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Once we were dead in sin; now we are alive in Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

\* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

**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, amen.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Pam Love

Prayer for Illumination

Your Word, O God, enlightens our path and shows us the way to go. Open the ears of our hearts and speak to us now that we may know your desire for our lives, and respond with joy. Amen.

First Reading – Luke 12:49-56

pew Bible pg. 848

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Wash Me Thoroughly*

David Halls

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and forgive me all my sin. (repeat)

For I acknowledge my faults, acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and forgive me all my sin. (repeat)

Second Reading – Jeremiah 23:23-29

pew Bible pg. 634

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *They Have a Dream*

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving 722 – *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

\* Affirmation of Faith: selections from A Brief Statement of Faith 1983 (unison)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we pray for the fulfillment of God's promise, saying: In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for the church . . . Make us bold to proclaim our faith in Christ, who endured the cross for our sake and now sits at the right hand of your throne. In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for the world . . . Show your mercy and justice to the nations. Defend the weak and powerless; lift up the lowly and the destitute. In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for this community . . . Restore the vineyard you have planted. Let it not be trampled down, but grow up to bear good fruit. In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Protect them with your powerful hand. Give life to those who call on your name. Let your face shine and save them. In faith, O God, **we seek your grace.**

Strengthen us to run the race that is before us, laying aside the heavy burdens of sin and death and following the pioneer and perfecter of our faith: Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.**

Invitation to Offering

Jesus has taught us not to store up treasures for ourselves, but to be rich toward God — for where our treasures are, there will our hearts be also. With gratitude for God's grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory — *Meditation*

Douglas E. Wagner

\* The Doxology — Hymn 606

**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 (unison)

**Generous God, we bring you our offerings with gratitude that we have such gifts to share. May all that we share be used for your glory, and for the work of justice and peace, compassion and joy, in this community and in your world. Amen.**

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn of Consecration 269 — *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

\* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

The kingdom of God, the power of Christ, and the glory of the Spirit be with you forever. **Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

\* Postlude — *Imperial March*

Edward Elgar



\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold.**

# PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

*(\* new added prayers)*

*Sara Amos, member of Pineview Presbyterian – recovering from major surgery*

*\*Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – health issues*

*Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's*

*Jan Bozeman – constant pain*

*Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues*

*Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia*

*Jessica Dubing, daughter of a friend of Ruthie Davis – paralyzed from motorcycle accident*

*\*Deidra Dickenson, Kathy Cain's sister – onset dementia*

*Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance*

*Hudson Elliott, grandson of friends of the Reidenbachs – home after 6 months in NICU*

*\*Doug Everitt, Ben Yelverton's stepfather – recovering from surgery*

*Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia*

*Lee Graham, Pam Love's son-in-law – health issues*

*\*Charles "Rocky" Hartfield, friend of Pam Love – health issues*

*Arlandra Harvey, former choir member – kidney transplant recovery*

*Peggy Henry, Karen Reidenbach's sister – continued strength through recovery from addiction*

*Charlotte Hill*

*Ann Johnson*

*Geraldine Jones*

*Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father – Alzheimer's*

*B.J. Lambert*

*\*Margaret Lochhead – prayers for healing*

*Peggy McCarthy, friend of Iris Easterling – facing serious health issues*

*Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia*

*Anita Murphy, friend of Mary Cromartie – lung cancer*

*Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength*

*\*Renee Parker, friend of Ruthie Davis – macular degeneration*

*Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Bill & Betty Mitchell's daughter – grave health issues*

*Shannon Love Roberson, daughter of Pam Love – health issues*

*Jasmine Smith, Janet Baldwin's daughter – recovery from breast surgery*

*Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn's cousin – multiple health issues*

*Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*\*Korie Turner, friend of Ruthie Davis – prayers for courage*

*\*Rose Marie Yore – recovering from spinal fusion surgery*



# Greeting and Announcements

**Welcome to Westminster!** We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m.

**PW Prayer Ministry** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. There are prayer cards on the back of the pew for prayer requests. Please put the address so a card can be sent and place with the offering. Come join this group as they pray and write cards. All are welcome.

**Choir rehearsal** will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Men of the Church** will meet Thursday at 7 a.m. at Loblolly Bakery.

**New Beginnings** will meet Monday, Aug. 18 at noon. Please let Tommy or Martha know if you are coming.

**Deacons and Elders** will have a joint meeting on Sunday, Aug. 24, following worship.

Beginning August 24, Christopher will offer a **Sunday school class** for those college age to thirty-something. Based on *A Geography of God* written by Michael Lindvall, the class will consider the life of a Christian as a journey with three parts: "Leaving for Home," "The Way," and "Life on the Road."

## PRAYERS FOR A SAFE JOURNEY

Brody Creel is on a mission trip in France with YWAM (Youth With A Mission). His time there will consist of a full-time job in construction and yard work, growing in his faith, and spreading the love of Christ. Visit [www.ywambridges.com](http://www.ywambridges.com) to learn more about the organization.

To donate to WPC online, scan the QR code and follow the instructions.



Just as the human body needs eyes, hands, ears, lungs, etc., so does the Body of Christ. We have many small group opportunities for growth, fellowship and service here at Westminster. We encourage members to use their gifts to participate in the mission of this congregation and to invite others to join us in serving Jesus Christ.

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**The Seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

A Symbolic Statement of the Church

The Cross – Christianity

The Transept – Bible and Pulpit

The Dove – The Holy Spirit

The Intersection – Baptismal Font or

Communion Cup

Flames – Implied triangle, the Trinity

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**Class of 2026**

Iris Easterling  
Jeff Haydel  
Rhoda Pickett

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2027**

Tom Estes  
Connie Roberts  
Karen Reidenbach

**Class of 2028**

Gwen Combs  
Pam Love  
Charlie Parkman

**Class of 2026**

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**Class of 2027**

J T Johnson

**Class of 2028**

Althea Jerome

**Class of 2026**

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Christopher Cox  
Carrie Creel  
Michael Yore

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Judy Haydel  
Ryan Reid  
Sarah Beth Suttle

**Class of 2028**

Gwen Combs  
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Katie Ginn, Youth and Children Director

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship  
Martha Davis, Church Administrator  
Wes Brooks, Communications  
Ray Robinson, Sexton

Michael Ginn, Chancel Choir; **Children's Music Director**