



Westminster Presbyterian Church
January 12, 2025

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (10:25)

*A warm welcome to those new to Westminster!
Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew in front of you and
drop it in the offering plate so we can get to know you. Thank you!*

Time of Silence: *To prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Elder Dan Nielsen assisting worship.*

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-5, 9 (Responsively)

The LORD reigns! Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim! Let the earth be moved! The LORD is great in Zion and He is high above all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name, He is holy. The King's strength loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His footstool – He is holy. Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.

Salutation: Isaiah 1:18-19; 2 Corinthians 1:2

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Invocation Prayer

***Hymn of Worship # 2:** *O Worship the King*

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (In Unison)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**And born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

Corporate Prayer of Confession: from Bobby Griffith Jr.

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Affirmation of Forgiveness: Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

The Lord's Prayer (*In 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.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 32 (*pg. 432*)

***Hymn # 448:** *We Have Heard the Joyful Sound*

Offering Prayer: 2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Offertory

***Doxology: Hymn # 731**

Special Music: Choir & Congregation Sing: *There is a Redeemer*

1. There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, oh my Father; For giving us Your Son.
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus my redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah; Oh for sinners slain.
Thank you, oh my Father; For giving us Your Son.
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

3. When I stand in Glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever, in that Holy Place.
Thank you, oh my Father; For giving us Your Son.
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

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Children ages 4 – 2nd grade may go to Children's Church at this time.

Prayer for Congregation

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7-21 (pg. 922)

Sermon: *The Upward Call of God in Christ Jesus* by Greg Bowen

***Hymn of Response # 338:** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* (Stanzas 1-3)

Communion – *Please retain the elements and we will partake together.*

***Closing Hymn # 338:** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* (Stanzas 4-5)

***Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

*Indicates standing, if you are able.

Please join us tonight at 6:00 pm for a church-wide **Missions Focused Prayer Meeting & Fellowship** led by Gene Striker in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Workers

January 12: Nursery – *Karrie Harmer* Toddlers – *Natalka Eagle*

January 19: Nursery – *Abby Hartman* Toddlers – *Karen Ronan*

Children's Church Leaders

January 12: *Kay Cee Ling*

January 19: *Karrie Harmer*

Diaconate House Duty for January: *Bobby Martin*

Ushers for January: *Gene Striker, Jim Finlay, Bobby Martin, & Mike Banta*

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:

Today, January 12:	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages
	9:55 am	Fellowship Time
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
	4:45 pm	Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	Prayer Meeting & Fellowship
Monday, January 13:	9:30 am	Jeanne's Sewing Group
Tuesday, January 14:	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, January 15:	12:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Luncheon



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