



Westminster Presbyterian Church
March 8, 2026

Choir Processional

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer (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!*

Prelude: *Use this time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.
Elder Dan Nielsen assisting the worship service.*

***Call to Worship: Psalm 96:7-9 (Responsively)**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before Him, all the earth!

Salutation: John 15:9; 1 Timothy 1:2

As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Invocation Prayer: from Philip J. Moyer

Heavenly Father, We are gathered here in Your presence to worship Your holy name. You know our frame. You know our hearts. You know that we are but dust and that we have nothing to offer You, but to humble ourselves before Your awesome throne. Father, by Your Holy Spirit, through the blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, would You put a right spirit within us this morning as we bring our sacrifices of praise to You? You have said in Your word that whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. And we call upon Your name this morning—believing—having confidence that You will be faithful to Your word. Have mercy on us, we pray. And may You receive all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship # 101:** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession, Chapter 2, Article 2 (*Responsively*)

God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself; He alone is in and to Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which He has made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His own glory in, by, to, and upon them.

He is the only fountain of all being, of Whom, through Whom, and to Whom are all things, and He has complete sovereign dominion over them, to do through them, for them, or upon them whatever pleases Him.

In His sight all things are open and manifest; His knowledge is infinite, unerring, and independent of the creature, so that nothing is contingent or uncertain to Him. He is most holy in all His counsels, in all His works, and in all His commands.

To Him is due, from angels, mankind and every other creature, whatever worship, service, or obedience God is pleased to require of them. AMEN.

Confession Prayer: Psalm 40:11-13 (NKJV)

Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me. For innumerable evils have surrounded me; my iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of my head; therefore my heart fails me. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me!

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. **AMEN.**

***Hymn # 688:** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

Offering/ Prayer: Deuteronomy 16:17

Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.

Offertory

***Doxology: Hymn # 731 Psalm 150:6**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Special Music: *People Need the Lord*

Soloist: Karen Lester

v 1 Ev'ryday they pass me by
I can see it in their eyes
Empty people filled with care
Headed who knows where
On they go through private pain
Living fear to fear
Laughter hides the silent cries
Only Jesus hears

Chorus

People need the Lord
People need the Lord
At the end of broken dreams
He's the open door
People need the Lord

People need the Lord
When will we realize
People need the Lord

v 2 We are called to take His light
To a world where wrong seems right
What could be too great a cost
For sharing life with one who's lost
Through His love our hearts can feel
All the grief they bear
They must hear the words of life
Only we can share

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Children aged 4-2nd grade may go to Children's Church at this time.

Prayer for Congregation

***Scripture Reading: John 13:36-38** (pg. 847) (*Responsively*)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Knowing our Hearts* by Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response # 465:** *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* (Stanzas 1, 2)

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

***Closing Hymn # 307:** *Nothing but the Blood* (Stanzas 1, 4)

***Benediction: 1 Corinthians 2:12; from Psalm 23**

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

May the LORD shepherd you and make you lie down in green pastures; may He restore your soul and lead you in paths of righteousness; may He be with you and comfort you;

may He anoint your head with oil and bestow His goodness and mercy on you all the days of your life. Amen.

*Indicates standing if you are able.

Celebrating Communion Together

All professing believers may partake of the Lord's Supper with us. After an explanation and invitation, the ushers direct us to approach the table to receive the elements. *For those sensitive to gluten, gluten-free wafers will be available on paper cups on the bread trays.* All then return to their seats. There may be an Elder available near the Lord's Table to pray for families with children and any individuals who desire it. If you cannot come forward, an Elder will bring the elements to you. We partake together at the direction of the pastor. Elders are also available for prayer near the pulpit after the service.

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

Children's Workers

March 8: Nursery – Katie Martin Toddlers – Abby Hartman

March 15: Nursery– Bettye Redd Toddlers – Nataalka Eagle

Children's Church Leaders

March 8: Karrie Harmer

March 15: Audrey Meyer

Diaconate House Duty for March: Dan Dunham

Ushers for March: Gene Striker, Jim Finlay, Bobby Martin, Andy King



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