



*Westminster Presbyterian Church*  
*May 17, 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.*

**\*Call to Worship: based on Ephesians 1:3-18 (Responsively)**

All glorious God, we give You thanks; in Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
**You have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.**

You chose us, before the world was made, to be Your holy people, without fault in Your sight.  
**You adopted us as Your children in Christ.**

You have set us free by His blood;  
**You have forgiven our sins.**

You have made known to us Your secret purpose, to bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.  
**You have given us Your Holy Spirit, the seal and pledge of our inheritance.**

All praise and glory be Yours, O God.  
**for the richness of Your grace,**

for the splendor of Your gifts,  
**for the wonder of Your love.**

**Salutation: John 14:27; Romans 1:7**

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you... Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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

**Invocation: from *Leading in Worship***

Lord God Almighty, heaven is Your throne and earth is Your footstool. Heaven and highest heaven cannot contain You. You fill the heavens and earth. In You we live, and move, and have our being. You are the Almighty One. With You, all things are possible. Nothing is too difficult for You. You know all things. Your eyes are in every place, watching the evil and the good. All things are open and laid bare before You. You are a God who is good, and does good. You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that they should turn and live. You give space to repent.

Condescend to us; grant us the joy of Your fellowship; speak to us through Your Word; and be blessed by our praise and adoration; even as we pray as our Savior taught us to pray saying:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Worship:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (See insert)*

**Confession of Faith: from Romans 8:1; 28; 38-39 (Unison)**

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.**

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, You made us in Your image, with a mind to know You, a heart to love You, and a will to serve You. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into Your likeness. In Your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:26**

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **AMEN.**

**\*Hymn # 95:** *Though Troubles Assail Us*

## Offering/ Prayer:

O God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are one, that life is undivided. Use these gifts for Your church's ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy. Amen.

## 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.**

## Choir Anthem: *How Can I Keep From Singing*

**V 1.** There is an endless song  
Echoes in my soul  
I hear the music ring  
And though the storms may come  
I am holding on  
To the rock I cling

### Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your  
praise  
How can I ever say enough  
How amazing is Your love  
How can I keep from shouting Your  
name  
I know I am loved by the King  
And it makes my heart (want to  
sing)

**V 2.** I will lift my eyes  
In the darkest night  
For I know my Savior lives  
And I will walk with You  
Knowing You'll see me through  
And sing the songs You give

### Bridge

I can sing in the troubled times  
Sing when I win  
I can sing when I lose my step  
And fall down again  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up  
Sing 'cause You're there  
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord  
When I call to You in prayer  
I can sing with my last breath  
Sing for I know  
That I'll sing with the angels  
And the saints around the throne

### Ending

I am loved by the King  
And it makes my heart  
I am loved by the King  
And it makes my heart want to sing

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*Children aged 4-7 may remain in Worship, or depart to Children's Church at this time.*

## Prayer for Congregation

**\*Scripture Reading: John 15:6-11 (pg. 848)**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon: *Pursuing Fullness of Joy!*** by Pastor Mark Scholten

**\*Hymn of Response #191:** *I Am So Glad That Our Father in Heaven*

**\*Benediction: John 12:46**

I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

\*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**

May 17: Nursery – Doni Carver Toddlers – Natacka Eagle

May 24: Nursery– Bettye Redd Toddlers – Abby Hartman

### **Children's Church Leaders**

May 17: Audrey Meyer

May 24: Jessica Karius

**Diaconate House Duty for May:** Randy Moore

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



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