



Westminster Presbyterian Church
May 24, 2026

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 Eric Eagle assisting the worship service.*

***Call to Worship:** from **Psalm 136:1-3** (*Responsively*)

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever.
**His mercy is our refuge; His grace is our strength. Come, let us
worship the God Whose love never fails!**

Salutation: **Matthew 22:37-39; 1 Corinthians 1:3**

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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

Invocation: from *Leading in Worship, Terry Johnson*

O Lord, You are the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God. You are the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; Whom no man has seen or can see. To You be the honor and eternal dominion. We bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Who has blessed us with every blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. We praise the glory of Your grace that chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before Him. We thank You that in love You predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ. We rejoice that we have been sealed in Christ with the Holy Spirit of promise Who is given as a pledge of our inheritance. We worship and adore You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may know the hope of Your calling, the riches of the glory of our inheritance and the surpassing greatness of Your power toward us in Christ Jesus. Draw near to us that we

might draw near to You. Receive our worship and praise to the glory of Your grace. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship # 1:** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Confession of Faith: 1 Corinthians 13 *(Responsively)*

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love,
I am nothing.

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love,
I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast;
it is not arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror dimly,
but then face to face.

Now I know in part;
then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
but the greatest of these is love. AMEN.

Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget Your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we 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 Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 43:25

I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins. **AMEN.**

***Hymn # 170:** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Offertory Prayer

Lord, all that we have is a gift from You. We give back these offerings as an act of worship. Use these first fruits of our labor to do Your work, support Your ministries, and spread Your love in our community and beyond. Amen.

Offertory

***Gloria Patri: Hymn # 735** *Psalm 29:2*

**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.**

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

Prayer for Congregation

***Scripture Reading: John 15:12-17** (pg. 848)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Love: Tasting Our Perfect Home by Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response # 529:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Stanzas 1-3)*

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

***Closing Hymn # 465:** *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

***Benediction: John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 13:14**

In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

The grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*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. *Gluten-free wafers are available on paper circles 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 **Season of Refreshment Prayer Meeting & Fellowship** led by Pastor Mark Scholten in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Workers

Nursery <i>(Infant-2 yrs)</i>	Toddlers <i>(2-3 yrs)</i>
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May 24: Bettye Redd	Abby Hartman
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May 31: Kris Finlay	Kathy Scholten
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Children's Church Leaders

(4-7 yrs or as needed)

May 24: Jessica Karius

May 31: Jessica Karius

Diaconate House Duty for May: Randy Moore

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



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