



Westminster Presbyterian Church

July 26, 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 (Responsively)

O LORD, open our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth Your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O LORD, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the LORD.

The LORD's name be praised.

Come, let us sing unto the LORD:

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:

and shew ourselves glad in Him with Psalms.

For the LORD is a great God:

and a great King above all gods.

O come, let us worship and fall down:

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For He is the LORD our God:

and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Salutation: Isaiah 49:15-16; 1 Peter 1:2

Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands;

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Invocation Prayer

Lord, into Your most holy presence we now come. Calm our anxious spirits. Remove the distractions that would keep us from You here today. Break down the walls of separation that we have built to keep You from our hardened hearts. Lead us in joy and celebration of the only reality worth knowing, that You love Your trusting children. Free us for joyful obedience to Your claim and call on our lives this day and every day. Amen.

Hymn of Worship: *Thou Art Worthy

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord
To receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and pow'r
For Thou hast created, hast all things created; Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created; for Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Confession of Faith: Colossians 3:12-17 (*Responsively*)

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved,
put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another;
even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
And let the peace of God rule in your hearts,

to which also you were called in one body;
and be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God the Father through Him. **AMEN.**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - adapted from Martin Luther

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with the greatness of Your command to make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with Your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make You our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself with the cords of Your unfailing mercy. Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus' name we pray, **AMEN**.

***Hymn # 674:** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Offering/ Prayer: 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

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.**

Special Music: *It Is Well with My Soul*

Ladies Acapella Quartet, “ReRun”
Jamie Baughman, Marilyn Grau, Becky
Bresnahan & Judy Tobin

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

Prayer for Congregation

***Scripture Reading: John 17:6-12** (pg. 849 in Pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: God's Strategy to Reach the World by Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response # 675:** *Only Trust Him (Stanzas 1, 2)*

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

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

***Benediction: Deuteronomy 30:19-20; Numbers 6:24-26**

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you, life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

*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 **Prayer Meeting & Fellowship** led by Dan Nielsen in the Fellowship Hall.

Diaconate House Duty for July: Larry Wooten/ *for August:* Scott Duffin

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

Ushers for August: Randy Waters, Matt Scholten, Allen Miller, Dan Dunham



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