



Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 2, 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: Psalm 96:1-3; 6-7** (Responsively)

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Salutation: Jeremiah 31:3; 2 Corinthians 1:2

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you.

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

Invocation Prayer: from *Leading in Worship*

O Lord our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You alone are worthy of our worship, for You are the One, true, and living God. There is no God besides You. You are the Lord, and there is no other. You have life in Yourself. All things are from You and through You and to You. You do whatever You please. You have mercy on who You will have mercy. You are the potter and we are but clay. You do all Your will and there is no one who can ward off Your hand or say to You, "What have You done?" Your purpose will be established, and You accomplish all Your good pleasure.

You are love. Your mercies are great. You are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness for thousands, You forgive iniquity, transgression and sin; and You so loved the world that You gave Your only begotten Son that whoever believes should not perish. Then it is not that we loved You but that You first loved us. While we were Your enemies, helplessly and hopelessly lost in sin, You gave Your Son to be the satisfaction for our sins.

Remember, O Christ, Your promise to meet with Your people when they have gathered in Your name. Draw near to us as we draw near to You. Show us Your glory. O that You would rend the heavens and come down. Let us taste and see that You are good. We praise Your unfailing love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship # 16:** *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord (Stanzas 1, 2, 4)*

Confession of Faith: *A Brief and Untechnical Statement of the Reformed Faith* - BB Warfield

I believe that Jesus Christ my redeemer, Who died for my offenses was raised again for my justification, and ascended into the heavens, where He sits at the right hand of the Father Almighty, continually making intercession for His people, and governing the whole world as head over all things for His Church; so that I need fear no evil and may surely know that nothing can snatch me out of His hands and nothing can separate me from His love.

I believe that the redemption wrought by the Lord Jesus Christ is effectually applied to all His people by the Holy Spirit, Who works faith in me and thereby unites me to Christ, renews me in the whole man after the image of God, and enables me more and more to die unto sin and to live unto righteousness; until, this gracious work having been completed in me, I shall be received into glory; in which great hope abiding, I must ever strive to perfect holiness in the fear of God. **AMEN.**

Confession of Sins: from Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Holy God, You are the Light of the world, yet we refuse to let You into the darkest places of our lives. You are the Good Shepherd, but we fail to follow where You lead. We are sheep that have gone astray. You are the Bread of Life, but we seek satisfaction elsewhere.

You are the Way, but we often make our own paths. You are the Truth, but we find ways to deceive ourselves and others. You are Life. Forgive us and help us to embrace the mercy, forgiveness, and grace that You offer us so that we can have true life with You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 1:7-8

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight. **AMEN.**

***Hymn # 154:** *Thou Art the Way*

Offering/ Prayer: 1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

***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: *King Alfred's War Song*

Soloist: Joshua Ling

1. When the enemy comes in a-roaring like a flood
Coveting the kingdom and hungering for blood
The Lord will raise a standard up and lead His people on
The Lord of Hosts will go before defeating every foe;
defeating every foe
For the Lord is our defense, Jesu defend us;
for the Lord is our defense, Jesu defend.

2. Some men trust in chariots, some trust in the horse
But we will depend upon the Name of Christ our Lord
The Lord has made my hands to war and my fingers to fight
The Lord lays low our enemies but raises us upright;
He raises us upright
For the Lord is our defense, Jesu defend us;
for the Lord is our defense, Jesu defend.

3. A thousand fall on my left hand, ten thousand to the right,
And yet He will defend us from the arrow in the night

Protect us from the terrors of the teeth of the devourer
Imbue us with your Spirit, Lord, encompass us with power;
encompass us with power.
For the Lord is our defense, Jesu defend us;
for the Lord is our defense, Jesu defend

(Based upon Isaiah 59:19; Psalm 91; 144:1; and 20:7)

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

Prayer for Congregation

***Scripture Reading: John 17:13-19** (pg. 849 Pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Different to Make a Difference* by Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response # 669:** *Commit Now All Your Grievs*

***Benediction: 1 John 4:16, 21; 2 Thessalonians 3:16, 18**

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him... Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

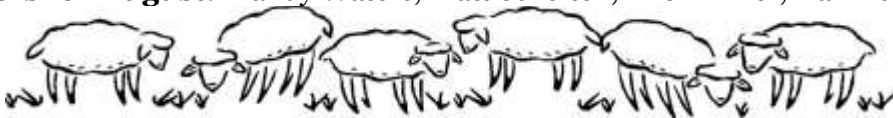
Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*Indicates standing if you are able.

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

Diaconate House Duty for August: Scott Duffin

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



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