



Westminster Presbyterian Church

August 23, 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 Eric Eagle assisting in worship.*

***Call to Worship (Responsively)**

O LORD, open Thou our lips. **And our mouth shall show forth Thy 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.**

Salutation: Psalm 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 1:3

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

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

Invocation Prayer: from Augustine of Hippo

Eternal God, You are the light of the minds that know You, the joy of the hearts that love You, and the strength of the wills that serve You; grant us so to know You that we may truly love You, and so to love You that we may fully serve You, Whom to serve is perfect freedom. Breathe on us, O Holy Spirit, that our thoughts may all be holy. Act in us, O Holy Spirit, that our work and worship, too, may be holy. Draw our hearts, O Holy Spirit, that we may love what is holy and good. Strengthen us, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard us, then, O Holy Spirit, that we always may be holy. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship # 125:** *Let All Things Now Living*

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 37, 39 *(Responsively)*

What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

That during His whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. This He did in order that, by His suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, He might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God’s grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Is it significant that He was “crucified” instead of dying some other way?

Yes. By this I am convinced that He shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was cursed by God. AMEN.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we are sinners. Your Word and our hearts confirm that to us. We have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. We have not loved You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As Judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn us. Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To Him now we flee; forgive us for His sake, and by Your Spirit help us to live in the light of His sacrifice, lives worthy of Your name. Judge us not according to our work but according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him we hope and in Him we come before You this day. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: from Titus 2:13-14; 2 Corinthians 9:15

Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good. Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift! **AMEN.**

***Hymn # 699:** *Like a River Glorious*

Offering Prayer

Lord Jesus, Our Savior and Redeemer, we come to You with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings You give us each day. We acknowledge that cheerful giving is not an obligation but a joyful act of worship. We praise You, in Your name. Amen.

***Doxology: Hymn # 731** *Psalms 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: *In Remembrance of Me*

V 1. This is My body given for you
This is the cup that holds the blood
Of a new covenant
This is forgiveness simple and true
This is the way that I have made for you
Before you eat before you drink
Take a long look inside
And tell Me what you see
He said do this in remembrance of Me
Do this in remembrance of Me

V 2. This is the bread of life broken for you
This is the cup that holds the wine
Of a new covenant
This is the love of Christ poured out anew
This is the Son of God Who died for you
Before you eat before you drink

Take a long look inside
And tell Me what you see
Then do this in remembrance of Me
Do this in remembrance of Me

Chorus

I will remember the cross
That You bore for me
I will remember the crown
That You wore for me
I will remember the reason
You suffered and died

Ending

I am the way
This is the way that I have made for you

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

Prayer for Congregation

***Scripture Reading:** **John 18:1-11** (pg. 850)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: ***Jesus: Betrayed/ Triumphant*** by Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response:** *In Christ Alone*

by Keith and Kristyn Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here, in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin, on Him, was laid
Here, in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world, by darkness, slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of Hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand

Songwriters: Andrew Shawn Craig / Donald A. Koch In
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Communion – *Please retain the elements and we will partake together.*

***Closing Hymn:** *Grace, Love and Fellowship*

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father,
and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us. (repeat)
Forever, and ever, forevermore, Amen.

***Benediction: Deuteronomy 5:24; 2 Corinthians 13:14**

Behold, the LORD our God has shown us His glory and greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ 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 **Prayer Meeting & Fellowship** led by Eric Eagle in the Fellowship Hall.

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