



Westminster Presbyterian Church

September 13, 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: Revelation 4:8; 5:13 (Responsively)**

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!

**To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor
and glory and might forever and ever!**

Salutation: John 15:9; 1 Timothy 1:2

As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love.

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

Invocation Prayer

Almighty God, we come before You, as Your people, with hearts full of praise for Your majesty and grace. You are the Creator of all things, the Lord of glory, and the Savior of our souls. We confess our unworthiness to enter Your presence, yet we come boldly because of the blood of Jesus, which has cleansed us from all sin.

We humbly ask that Your Holy Spirit guide us in our worship. Illuminate our minds to understand Your truth, and open our hearts to receive Your Word with joy. We pray that those who are dead in sin would be made alive by the power of Your Spirit, and that the faith you have given us be stirred. Be present among us, Lord, as we lift our voices in song, as we hear Your Word proclaimed. Transform us by the renewing of our minds and equip us to live for Your glory. We pray all these things in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship: Behold Our God (See Insert)**

Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed *Trinity Hymnal, p. 845*

Confession and Assurance of Pardon Prayer from Christina Fox

Father, I come before You grieved and broken by conviction of sin. I feel the weight of that conviction pressing down on me. I agree with the psalmist that it feels like my bones have been crushed. I feel far from You and desire to return to the joy of being in Your presence.

Against You have I sinned. Every sin is a rejection of You as God. It is treason against the King of the universe. Forgive me for my wayward heart. Forgive me for turning to false loves and for seeking life apart from You. Forgive me for not loving others the way that You have loved me. Forgive me for violating Your commands. Forgive me for pride and self-righteousness. Forgive me for not loving You with all my heart, mind, and soul.

Through the blood of Christ shed for me, I ask for forgiveness. I thank You that because of Christ, You look at me and see His blood covering my sin. You also see His righteousness; You see His holy life and credit it to me. And because of Jesus, I am united to His Spirit and He is at work in me. Holy Spirit, help me to turn from my sin.

Help me to love You with all of my heart. I pray with the psalmist, "Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10). Cleanse me and make me new. Conform me to Your will. Help me to image Christ.

Because of Your forgiveness and grace for me in Christ, I pray that I would do as David wrote, "...my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise" (Psalm 51:14-15). May Your grace for me compel me to sing Your praises and testify of Your grace to others. In Jesus' name, **AMEN**.

***Hymn # 649:** *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

Offering /Prayer: Psalm 54:6

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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.**

Special Music: *Because He Lives*

Soloist: Kira King

V 1. God sent His Son, they called
Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my
Savior lives.

Chorus

Because He lives I can face
tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just
because He lives.

V 2. How sweet to hold a new-born
baby,
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days
because He lives.

V 3. And then one day I'll cross the
river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to
victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll
know He lives.

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

Prayer for Congregation

***Scripture Reading: John 18:28-40** (pg. 850, pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Judging Jesus* by Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response #264:** *Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross (Stanzas 1, 4)*

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

***Closing Hymn #693:** *Blessed Assurance*

***Benediction: John 20:31; 1 Corinthians 16:23**

These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and
that by believing you may have life in His name.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

*Indicates standing if you are able.

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

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.

Diaconate House Duty for September: Colby McKnight

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

Children's Volunteers

Nursery
(Infant-2 yrs)

September 13: Bettye Redd

September 20: Kay Cee Ling

Toddlers
(2-3 yrs)

Wanda Miller

Kathy Scholten

Children's Church
(4-7 yrs or as needed)

Kathy Waters

Karrie Harmer



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