



Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 4, 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: Philippians 2:5-11 (Responsively)

Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, He humbled Himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the
earth,
**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God
the Father.**

Salutation: Isaiah 53:4-5; Romans 1:7

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him
stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was
crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and
with His wounds we are healed.

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

Invocation Prayer: from Hebrews 10:19-25

Great God, I pray for my brothers and sisters that we might have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, to enter by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh. Since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as we see the Day drawing near. Draw near to us, O God, that we might draw near to You. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship:** *Ascribe Unto the LORD Psalm 96D (See Insert)*

Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 49 (Responsively)

Q 49. How did Christ humble Himself in His death?

A. Christ humbled Himself in His death in that having been betrayed by Judas,
forsaken by His disciples, scorned and rejected by the world,

condemned by Pilate, and tormented by His persecutors,
and having also struggled with the terrors of death and the powers of darkness,

He felt and bore the weight of God's wrath and laid down His life as an offering for sin,
enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.
AMEN.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we come before You in the shadow of Calvary, acknowledging our profound need for Your mercy. We offer no excuses, but throw ourselves on Your mercy. With our actions, thoughts, and words we have grieved Your heart and broken Your law. When we look at the cross, we see the true weight and ugliness of sin. It cost the life of Your precious Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the debt we owed. At the cross, we might expect similar condemnation, but we find overwhelming love and costly forgiveness.

Let us silently confess our sins.

Jesus, thank You for bearing our shame, enduring our punishment, and absorbing the wrath we deserved. Because Your blood was shed once and for all, we can step out of the darkness of guilt and into the light of Your grace. We trust Your finished work on the cross. Forgive us, Lord, and cleanse our hearts. Restore the joy of our salvation and the sweetness of our daily fellowship. Let the reality of the cross break the power of sin in our

lives, and guide our steps to walk in a manner worthy of the gospel. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:5

He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. **AMEN.**

***Hymn # 261:** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

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

***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.**

Choir Anthem: *The Glory of the Blood*

In the solitary moment of His birth
On this barren dusty land
All of heaven kissed the face of the
earth
With a miracle of love
God became a man
But He was sent away to draw His
final breath
When He was only thirty-three
And in the shame of dying a
criminal's death
He cleansed an angry world
And in His suffering I see

Chorus

The glory of the blood
The beauty of the body
That was broken for our forgiveness
The glory of His perfect love
Is the heart of the story
The glory of the blood

Now I have tried to find salvation on
my own
In a search for something real
But there's a guilty heart
Inside this flesh and bone
I fall upon His grace
And I begin to feel

Chorus

And when I close my eyes
I can see Him hanging there
Oh the precious wounded Lamb of
God
And all the majesty in this world
Could not compare to the glory
The beauty of the body
That was broken for our forgiveness

Chorus

He was sent away to draw His final
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when He was only thirty-three.

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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 19:16b-27** (pg. 851 pew Bible)

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

Sermon: *Christ Crucified* by Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response #252:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

***Benediction: 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Timothy 4:17**

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

*Indicates standing if you are able.

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

Diaconate House Duty for October: Randy Moore

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

Children's Volunteers

Nursery
(Infant-2 yrs)

Toddlers
(2-3 yrs)

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

October 4: Karen Ronan

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