



Westminster Presbyterian Church

October 18, 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 worship.*

*Call to Worship: Psalm 124:8; Psalm 95:6-7 (Responsively)

Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

O 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: Romans 6:4; Romans 1:7

We were buried ... with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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

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 that 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: *Stand Up and Bless the Lord (See Insert)*

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (*In Unison*)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **AMEN.**

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

Let us silently confess our sins.

Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **AMEN.**

***Hymn # 308: *Jesus Paid It All* (Stanzas 1, 3, 4)**

Offering Prayer:

Lord of life and source of all freedom, we thank You for the work You have given us to do and the skills You have provided. Take these offerings for the support of the ministry, the care of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel. Teach us to be wise caretakers of all You have entrusted to our care. Amen.

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: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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

Prayer for Congregation

***Scripture Reading: John 19:38-42** *(pg. 852 pew Bible)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Secret Disciples No More!* by Pastor Mark Scholten

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

***Benediction: 1 Corinthians 15:57; from Psalm 67:1-2**

Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God will be gracious to you and bless you and make His face to shine upon you, that His way may be known upon earth, and His saving power among all nations.

*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 October: Randy Moore

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

Children's Volunteers

Nursery <i>(Infant-2 yrs)</i>	Toddlers <i>(2-3 yrs)</i>	Children's Church <i>(4-7 yrs or as needed)</i>
October 18: Tanha Voss	Kathy Scholten	Karrie Harmer
October 25: Kay Cee Ling	Wanda Miller	Jessica Karius

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER:

Today, October 18:	9:00 am	Sunday School for all ages
	9:30 am	WPC Blood Drive
	9:55 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	10:30 am	Morning Worship
	4:45 pm	Choir Practice
	6:00 pm	Prayer Meeting & Fellowship
Monday, October 19:	9:30 am	Jeanne's Sewing Group
	6:00 pm	English Conversation Class
	6:00pm	Session Meeting
Tuesday, October 20:	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ACPC Fall Banquet
	7:00 pm	Evening WBS at Finlay home
Wednesday, October 21:	10:00 am	Amphora Group (Contact N. Eagle)
	12:00 pm	Men's Bible Study Luncheon

Announcements

Please pray for these Westminster families this week: **Ted & Sharon Kuhn, Karen Lester, Joshua, Kay Cee, Hazel, Peter & Jane Ling**, and please pray for **Dan & Gini Herron**, Associate missionaries serving from the US.

The new **Budget Status Report for September 2026** is available in the narthex.

New Photo Directory – There is still time to get your picture taken for the updated pictorial directory! These photos are for WPC members and regular attenders. Steve Palmer will be taking photos 9 am to 10:15 am & 12-1 pm. Just stop by the room at the end of the hall of the church office wing. To make sure all information in the directory is correct, every household needs to fill out a green information form for the church office.

The **Shepard Community Blood Mobile** will be at WPC **today, October 18th, 9:30 – 1:30pm** for a Blood Drive. Come give blood to help save three local lives with just your donation. A free water bottle will be given to all who give blood.

The Augusta Care Pregnancy Center's 40th Annual Fall Banquet will held this week on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 6:30 pm** at the Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center, #2 10th Street, Augusta, GA. Dr. Ben Carson will be the keynote speaker this year. *If you have not received your ticket to the event, please see Kris Finlay.*

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