Westminster Presbyterian Church
November 8, 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 Dan Nielsen assisting in worship.

***Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-3**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, He is God!

It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Salutation: John 14:27; 1 Timothy 1:2

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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

Invocation Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we have come to worship and bow down, and kneel before You the Lord our Maker, for You are our God, and we are the people of Your pasture, the sheep of Your hand.

We come to You in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world; He is our advocate with the Father; He is the only mediator between God and man; He always lives to make intercession for us. Through Him we come boldly to Your throne of grace, in His name we earnestly seek You. O Lord, our souls thirst for You, our flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Bow Your heavens and come down. Inhabit the praises of Your people; remember Your promise, O Spirit of Christ to be present in the midst of Your worshipping people when two or more have gathered together in Your name. Condescend to us; grant us the joy of Your fellowship; speak to us through Your Word; and be blessed by our praise and adoration; we ask these things through the mighty name of our great Savior, even Jesus. Amen.

***Hymn of Worship # 92:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Confession of Faith: *The Peace of God* by Archibald Alexander

Peace is the legacy which Christ gave to His disciples: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you." And after His resurrection, the first time He met with His disciples when assembled together, He said, "Peace be unto you." He gives peace not as the world gives. He is the PRINCE OF PEACE, and His gospel is the "gospel of peace." It is called "the peace of God," because He is its author. It is a sweet and gentle stream which flows from the fountain of life beneath His throne. Happy is he who has received this heavenly gift; it will, in the midst of external storms and troubles, preserve his mind in a tranquil state. It is independent of external circumstances. It is most exquisitely enjoyed in times of affliction and persecution. "In the world you shall have tribulation; but these things have I spoken unto you, that in Me you might have peace." It is a fruit of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace." It includes reconciliation with God. "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." **AMEN.**

Prayer of Confession of Sin: Psalm 51:1-2; 10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. **AMEN.**

***Hymn:** *Knowing You*

1. All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own;
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

Chorus
Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You Lord.

2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more,

To be found in You and known as Yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness

Chorus

3. Oh to know the power of Your risen life,
And to know You in Your sufferings;
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die.

Chorus

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Offering/ Prayer: Hebrews 13:16

> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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: *Soloist: Kira King*

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

Prayer for Congregation

***Scripture Reading: John 20:19-23** *(pg. 852 pew Bible)*

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

Sermon: ***The Risen Lord and the Apostles*** by Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response # 334:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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

***Closing Hymn # 523:** *My Hope Is in the Lord (Stanzas 1, 2, 3)*

***Benediction: Romans 12:15-16, 18; 1 Corinthians 16:23**

> **"**(Righteousness) will be counted to us who believe in Him Who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, Who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.
>
> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

*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 **Missions-focused Prayer Meeting & Fellowship** led by Gene Striker in the Fellowship Hall.

Diaconate House Duty *for November:* Jim Finlay

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

Children's Volunteers

	Nursery *(Infant-2 yrs)*	**Toddlers** *(2-3 yrs)*	**Children's Church** *(4-7 yrs or as needed)*
November 8:	Bettye Redd	Abby Hartman	Audrey Meyer
November 15:	Tanha Voss	Lilya Eagle	Karrie Harmer



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