



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparation for Worship

Save us, free us, and sanctify us;
be thou, O King of the elements,
seated at our helm,
and lead us in peace to our journey's quest,
with winds that are mild and kind
smiling and fragrant,
no current, nor whirlpool,
no eddy to work harm upon us.

— Ocean Blessing
from Prayers of the Western Highlanders

Gathering and Preparing for God's Word

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Prelude "God's Time Is the Best Time" from Cantata BWV 106 Bach

* Call to Worship

Leader: Over the wind and the waves,
People: Christ comes to us.
Leader: The storms of life do not have the last word.
People: Even the wind and waves obey our Lord.
Leader: As ebbs and flows the tide,
People: we are called to offer all honor and glory
to the Triune God of grace.
All: Let us worship God!

* Hymn 8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA

* Prayer of Confession

God of all life, it seems so easy to get into the boat
and set sail on our journey.
Yet when the winds of change begin to blow,
we want to turn around
and head back to the past's safe harbor.
When sin's waves crash over the side,
we try to wrap ourselves in the cloak of pride
thinking we will not get wet.
When Jesus calls to us to get out and follow in faith,
we look around, hoping he is not speaking to us.
Swamped by our fears, and sinking in doubt,
we long for someone to help us - so save us, Holy One!
Stretch out your hand,
so we might be lifted from our despair to hope,
from our worries to trust,
from our foolishness to faithful living.
Then, we will dare to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
even if it means getting out of the sheltered lives
we have built for ourselves. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Gloria Patri, Hymn 581 GLORIA PATRI

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, Amen.

Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

Hearing God's Word

First Scripture Lesson, Psalm 89:5-14 p. 475

Second Scripture Lesson, Acts 27:33-44 p. 912

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Three Hour Tour"

Responding to God's Word

* Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and
for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered
death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and
is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again
in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and
the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of
the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Music During Communion NETTLETON

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

Prayer after Communion

Offering

Offertory Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven arr. Ferguson

* Doxology, Hymn 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God,
all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly
host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 840 "When Peace like a River" VILLE DU HAVRE

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude Fanfare Leighton

*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship this Morning

Mary Kathleen Duncan, preaching

Lauren Slingerland, liturgist

Eleanor Peters, scripture reader

Summer Choir

Rosemary Hughes, piano

Patrick Barnhardt, Phillip Cox, Creighton Likes, IV, guitars

Elizabeth Palmer, head usher

Claire Gilliland, Mandy Pruitt, Anne Howson,

Mike Peters, Amy Hawkins, greeters

WORSHIP NOTES

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants
through 4K. Our nurturing staff of
experienced caregivers and parent
volunteers offers a welcoming
environment for children. The
Nursery is located on the mezzanine
level. The entrance is at Westminster
Drive, at the columbarium or near the
Westminster Weekday School offices.
The Family Lounge, located down
the stairs from the front office and
straight down the hallway on the right,
is available for any child caregiver
and includes worship livestream,
comfortable seating, and a changing
table.

WORSHIP BAGS

Each Sunday we offer worship
bags in the Atrium for children. The
worship bags are designed to include
reusable items that engage children
in open ended play during worship.
While children attend worship with
their families, they can participate in
worship and play to make meaning
in faith. Please return the zipper bag
and its contents each Sunday.

WELCOME TO WPC!

Please fill out a name tag and find
more information about WPC at the
Welcome Table in the Atrium. First
time visitors are also invited to take
home a WPC mug.

With Thanksgiving We Celebrate
MARRIAGE

On Saturday, July 26, 2025, Helen
Wilson and Stephen Moore were united
in marriage at Westminster.



Texts for vocal solos and
choral music may be found
online by scanning this QR
code.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND

A special offering for the
Congregational Care Fund is
received on Communion Sundays.
This fund is used to assist members
of the congregation in a time
of financial need. Please make
checks payable to Westminster
Presbyterian Church and mark for
Congregational Care.

ACTS: CHARACTERS AND
CONGREGATIONS

The book of Acts was written by
the author of Luke, and the themes
in both books echo one another.
From the story of Pentecost to
Paul's missionary travels, Acts
narrates the characters, conflicts,
and congregations of the earliest
Christian community. Following the
success of our Luke series, we will, this
summer, preach through the book
of Acts, meeting new characters
and exploring Paul's journeys,
overhearing conflicts around
inclusion and ritual, and mapping the
lessons that the first church can teach
the modern church. This week's
theme is navigating life's storms.

GIVING TO WPC

Did you know that you can fulfill
your pledge or give an unpledged
gift to Westminster online? Your gift
helps our church keep faith with
community partners and maintain
excellence in our programming. To
learn more about online giving, or to
make a gift, follow the prompts from
the QR code below.



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

UNITED MINISTRIES

United Ministries is in need of canned food to restock their food pantry. They are requesting: canned fruit, peas, green beans, pasta, beef stew, canned chicken, rice, tuna, jelly, Ramen Noodles, Saltines, and oatmeal. If you would like to donate, please drop off cans in the United Ministries Donations Cabinet located in the Friendship Court.

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club will meet Tuesday, August 5, at 6:30p in the Library. Ingrid Erwin will review *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi. All are welcome to attend.

The Education Committee is hosting a Faith Formation Training Event on August 10 from 11a-1p in the Fellowship Hall. This event is for all members working with Children or Youth during the upcoming program year including WPCYG Advisors and Chaperones, Pleasant Valley tutors, WPC Kids (Sunday School, It's Elementary, Nursery, Children's Church). Lunch and childcare will be provided. Our special guest this year is Leigh Anne Ring, Educator and Minister from Richmond, VA.

WESTMINSTER DAY OF SERVICE

CONNECTIONS

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On August 31, we will be hosting a Rise Against Hunger event following 10a worship at 11:15. We will work together to pack over 25,000 meals. This will bring WPC's lifetime meal packing to over 100,000 meals! Sign up by emailing Nick Carson (ncarson@wpc-online.org).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 3-10, 2025

Sunday, August 3

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	Membership Committee Meeting
9:40	Weekly Session Meeting
10:00	Worship Service
11:00	Fellowship with donuts
	Sixth Grade Day
	(11a-1p Youth Suite)

Monday, August 4

7:00p	Game Group
8:00	Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, August 5

12:00p	Al-Anon Meeting
	Administrative Committee Meeting
6:30	Book Club

Thursday, August 7

8:00p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, August 10

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00a	Summer Choir Rehearsal
	Witness & Service Committee Meeting
9:30	Blessing of the Backpacks
9:40	Weekly Session Meeting
10:00	Worship Service
11:00	Fellowship with donuts
	Faith Formation Training Evening

*Ben Dorr is on sabbatical
May 19 - August 10.*

Open minds open hearts.

Hospitality
Generosity
Justice
Imagination
Joy

Connect
Serve
Grow

Serve
Grow

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

INSTRUCTIONS
FOR COMMUNION TODAY

If you are seated in the main section of pews, you will proceed up the center aisle to receive communion. Please wait for an usher to prompt your row. Please take communion from one of the serving stations at the front of the chancel and return to your pew via the side aisle.

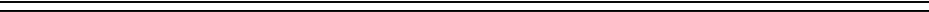
When you come to a serving station, take a piece of bread from the plate, dip the bread in the cup, and eat. All cups contain grape juice.

If you are seated in the transept pews at either side of the sanctuary, you will take communion from the servers at the back of the transept. The section of pews closest to the chancel will go first. Please wait to be prompted by the usher. When prompted, please proceed down the center aisle of the transept, take communion at the back of the transept, returning to your pew via the side transept aisle closest to your pew.

Please remain quiet during communion so that those who wish to pray may do so.

If you would like to receive communion but are unable to come forward, or if you would simply prefer to remain seated, there are two rovers to provide you with communion, one on each side aisle. When the rovers approach your pew, simply raise your hand to indicate that you would like to receive communion in your seat.

The bread we are offering at today’s communion is labeled by the manufacturer as gluten, nut, egg, and dairy free, and includes the following ingredients: water, sour dough (rice flour, water), rice starch, cornstarch, sugars (rice syrup, caramelized sugar), modified cellulose, psyllium seed husk (vegetable fibre), sunflower oil, pea protein, yeast, millet flour, citrus fibre, rice flour, quinoa flour, salt, guar gum, corn flour. May Contain: Mustard, Sesame.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR KICK-OFF SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7.

9a Breakfast
10a Sunday School
11:15a Worship

Join us as we kick off the program year, for our annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 7, sponsored by the Men of Westminster! Come enjoy delicious pancakes and learn about the many ways to get involved in the ministry of WPC at our Ministry Fair. Breakfast begins at 9a, followed by Sunday School at 10a and Worship at 11:15a. Sign up on the church website at <https://wpc-online.org/events-registration/church-wide-breakfast>. Cost is \$10/ person, with \$40 max per family. Children 2 and younger are free. If you would like to volunteer to help with this breakfast, please contact the church office.

On September 14,
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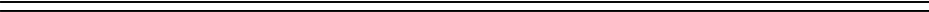
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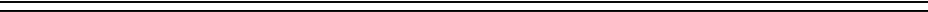
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