



God in Three Persons

Rev. Sam Perkins

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WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

Whether you come here every week or stepping through these doors for the first time, we are glad you are here. It's a privilege to be on this journey of faith with you.

At Westminster Presbyterian Church, we are a community learning to follow Jesus together. Our purpose is simple and bold: **Celebrating Grace. Following Jesus. Healing God's World.** We seek to live that out through: inspiring worship, deep belonging, and tangible compassion.

A FEW THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT US:

You will be warmly welcomed and genuinely known.

Westminster is large enough to offer depth and opportunity, yet small enough that relationships matter. We believe faith grows best in community, where people are seen, remembered, and cared for.

Worship here is joyful, thoughtful, and musically rich.

Rooted in the Reformed tradition, our worship engages both heart and mind. We cherish the beauty of tradition while allowing it to breathe through vibrant music, meaningful liturgy, and a spirit of creativity.

Our faith shows up beyond our walls.

We believe following Jesus leads us toward compassion. From caring for neighbors in crisis to working toward deeper healing in our community, Westminster seeks to embody God's love in tangible ways.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

The wiggles, whispers, and wonder children bring to worship only add to the joy. Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary. Worship bags are available in the narthex, and our nursery is open during the service for children age three and under. However you and your children participate today, we're glad you're here.

JOIN US!

We believe the church is a gift everyone deserves to enjoy; a community of people committed to doing life together—enduring heartaches, celebrating joys, seeking out laughter, and pursuing a more just world as we follow the path of Jesus. We welcome new members on the third Sunday of every month. If you think Westminster may be the community for you, please reach out Meredith Spaugh, Director of Community Connections.

*If today is your first visit, or one of many,
we hope you'll come back and learn to follow Jesus with us.*

10 AM SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.

*When we look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—*

**what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

*Yet you made us only a little lower than God
and crowned us with glory and honor.*

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

* HYMN OF PRAISE #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

* CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**O God, even as we celebrate your unity, we know that sometimes
we forget the beauty of your three persons.**

**We hold to your transcendent life as Creator
and keep at a distance the challenges of Christ.**

**We bow before your glory and keep your humanness away
from the reality of our own lives.**

Forgive us, Jesus Christ.

Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit, and go on creating within us, Creator God.

**If we are tempted to think that we know all that there is to know, Holy Trinity,
closing ourselves off from ideas which others offer
and neglecting to search for even deeper truths:**

Forgive us, Jesus Christ.

Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit, and go on creating within us, Creator God.

This we pray in faith. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

* SUNG RESPONSE

Baptized in Water

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

Bolded font denotes unison speaking & singing.

10 AM SERVICE

SHARING GOD'S STORY WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 28:18-20
2 Corinthians 13:11-14

SERMON

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Presbyterian Church
U.S.A. Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

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10 AM SERVICE

OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love | Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, spirit, come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole. O come, spirit, come, let inward love, let love guide every deed.
By this we worship, we are freed.
Amen, amen.*

* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise for the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost**

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**Go out into God's world in peace; Have courage;
Hold on to what is good; Return no one evil for evil;
Strengthen the fainthearted; Support the weak;
Help the suffering; Honor all persons;
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

* SENDING HYMN #1

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

POSTLUDE

**You are invited to rise in body or spirit.
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TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING

Rev. Sam Perkins

LITURGISTS

Rev. Cindy Higgins & Evelyn McMullen

MUSIC

Eby Buscher | Conductor, Pianist

Suzanne Polak | Organist

Westminster Chancel Choir



Summertime Sounds

DEAR MARIBELLA
@ THE PIGKICKERS
JUNE 25

EVAN BLACKERBY
@ THE BANDWAGON
JULY 16

THE YOUNG FABLES
AUGUST 20

THURSDAYS | 6:30 PM | WESTPRESCHURCH.ORG

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