



10 Promises for a Whole Life: Faithfulness Leads to Depth

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WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

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

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 ages 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 to Meredith Spaugh, Director of Community Connections.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Our Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop system for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants equipped with a T-coil (telecoil). Simply switch your device to the "T" or telecoil setting to connect directly to the sound system.

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

9 AM SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

*Give Him Praise
My God
I've Got a Fire*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's love is faithful and enduring.

God keeps covenant with us in every season.

Trust grows where love is steadfast.

And communities flourish where faithfulness lives.

These ancient words are more than rules.

They are promises for a whole life.

They show us the freedom God desires for the world.

With open hearts, we come to learn God's way.

*SONG OF PRAISE

For All My Life

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

With hearts of sorrow,

we come before you, O God,

to confess what you already know:

we have failed to keep your laws.

Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will,

rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives.

We have twisted your decrees and institutions

to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own.

(Silence for personal confession)

Forgive us, O God,

and cleanse us from hidden faults,

that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts,

may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

9 AM SERVICE

*RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

SHARING GOD'S STORY WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

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

SERMON

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from The Heidelberg Catechism

What do we believe about love?
**We believe love is a covenant gift—
faithful, honest, and life-giving.**
How are we called to live in our relationships?
With integrity, tenderness, and mutual respect.
What does this commandment protect?
**The trust that allows love to flourish
and the dignity of every person.
Grateful for the God who keeps covenant with us,
we seek to live faithfully with one another.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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.

9 AM SERVICE

SHARING OF GIFTS & OFFERTORY

The Plans

*When I am anxious
When I am afraid
I take it to God
I call on His Name
If the mover of mountains
Is listening to me
Why should I worry
Why should I fear anything*

*For I know the plans He has for me
Yes I know the plans He has for me
For my good
To give me a hope and a future*

*When I am waiting
For His promise to come
Sometimes He's silent
But I'm never alone
He walks in the valley
And He quiets the storm
He stands in the fire
So why should I fear anymore*

*All my life
All I've seen
Your endless love
Surrounding me
With every breath
I will be found by You
If I set sail
Or spread my wings
And find myself
On the farthest sea
You're waiting there
I will be found by You
I will be found by You*

*DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken

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

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Benediction (As You Go)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHING

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Lucy Jefferies

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Clint Whitlow, Director of Music

Westminster Youth Band

CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: PROMISES FOR A WHOLE LIFE

The Ten Commandments are often treated simply as rules to follow, but what if we understood them as promises for life as it was meant to be lived? They begin not with demands, but with grace. Before God tells the Israelites how to live, God reminds them who they are: already loved and already chosen.

As we begin a new year of worship, faith formation, and fellowship, this sermon series will explore the commandments as invitations into a more spacious and faithful way of living—rooted in the good news that we belong to God and one another.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Prayer is one of the ways we care for one another and carry life together. If there is something on your heart—whether a joy, concern, loss, transition, or need—we invite you to share it with us. Prayer Request Cards are available in the pews and may be submitted during worship. You may also submit a prayer request through our website.

STAY CONNECTED THROUGH REALM

Realm is Westminster's online community and one of the easiest ways to stay connected throughout the week. Use Realm to register for events, connect with groups, update your contact information, communicate with others, and keep up with what's happening in the life of Westminster.

*The flowers in worship today are given to the glory of God,
in loving memory of Melissa Carter, by her family.*

LIVING WITH OPEN HANDS

It's stewardship season: the time of year when we intentionally reflect on our finances and the role they play in our life of faith. Stewardship helps Westminster plan faithfully for the year ahead, but it is about more than a budget. It is an invitation to practice generosity and to consider how our financial lives can reflect the generous God in whose image we are made. Consider what generosity means for you in the year ahead. On November 1, there will be an opportunity to present your pledge card in worship. You can also make a pledge online at westpreschurch.org/give.



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY WORSHIP & LUNCHEON

On November 1, we'll gather for a Service of Remembrance in the Columbarium at 9:15 a.m., followed by one worship service at 10 a.m. for Commitment Sunday. All are invited to bring their pledges forward during worship.

Please register for the luncheon so we can plan for the meal. If you'd like, bring a dessert to share—perhaps a favorite recipe from someone who has shaped your life—along with the recipe and a photo of that person as we gather around the table. Bringing a dessert is not required to attend. Please bring photos unframed so they can be displayed during the luncheon.



We're also looking for volunteers to prepare side dishes from Westminster's 1982 cookbook, featuring recipes contributed by members who have since passed away. It's a meaningful way to honor their memory and share a piece of Westminster's history. We'll provide recipes and serving containers.

If you're interested in cooking, please contact emily.black@westpreschurch.org.

PENNIES FOR HUNGER | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Help us make a difference in the lives of those facing food insecurity! We invite you to bring a contribution for Pennies for Hunger on Sunday, November 15, during both the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services. Every gift, large or small, helps provide food for those in need in our community and beyond.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

4–6 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Kick off the Advent season with an evening of fellowship and holiday traditions! Enjoy cookies and cocoa, take part in the Hanging of the Greens, and purchase gifts that support our mission partners. All ages are welcome as we prepare our hearts and church for the Christmas season!



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