



WELCOME

We are so glad to have you here with us! Westminster is a community of people gathering for worship, learning, fellowship, and service. We trust you will receive warmth, compassion, challenge, and encouragement.

Guest Information

If this is your first time worshiping with us, please stop by our Welcome Desk on the lower level outside the Fellowship Hall. We have a gift for you and would like to help you learn more about ways you and your family can connect here at Westminster.

Worship and Fellowship

The 9:30am worship service is led musically by the Worship Band. The 11am worship service is led musically by the Chancel Choir and organ. In between services, we gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation. Due to construction, we will not offer coffee on January 13 or 20.

Adults

We offer Church School in conjunction with worship at 9:30am and 11am. Please feel free to explore a list of church school classes and our other adult ministry opportunities by visiting our website at westpreschurch.org/adults or by visiting the Welcome Desk.

Children

Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship. Worship materials for ages 3-12 are available in the Narthex outside the Sanctuary.

- 0-24 months: During all services, a nursery is provided for infants through toddlers in Room 113 and is staffed by trained, professional child care workers and volunteer helpers.
- Ages 2 years old-5th Grade: Church school is offered in conjunction with worship at 9:30am and 11am in Rooms 105, 111, and 107. If you would like for your children to attend Church School, please fill out a Child Sign-In Card and send it with them at the Welcoming the Children time in worship. *
- Grades K-5: During our 11am service, elementary students are invited to Room 106 to participate in JAMS (Junior Arts and Music on Sundays) which engages kids in singing, drama, percussion, and more.

*Please note that on the first Sunday of the month we do not have Church School for children. We encourage all children to attend worship so they can participate in communion with their faith community. Alternatively, our nursery will still be available for babies—4 years old in Room 113, and JAMS will still be offered for Grades K-5 at 11am in Room 106.

Youth

Youth grades 6-12 meet in Room 100 at 11am on Sunday mornings. New youth are welcome.

Accessibility

The congregation has a variety of resources available, including large print hymnals and Bibles and hearing assistance devices. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance.



Worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church

9:30am, Sanctuary

Gathering

We invite you to gather for worship with hearts open to encountering the presence of God through song, prayer, and the word of God read and proclaimed.

*Worshippers are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Two years after professing his faith in Christ, in 1757 Robert Robinson wrote this hymn expressing joy in his new faith.

GATHERING SONGS

Indescribable

JESSE REEVES, LAURA STORY

Goodness Love and Mercy

BEAR RINEHART, BO RINEHART, CHRIS TOMLIN, ED CASH

Grace Alone

DUSTIN KENSRUE

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

OPENING WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

I beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God;

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

God has given each one of us a gift through the generosity of Christ. The gifts God gave were to equip God's people for the work of ministry until all of us come to unity and maturity, becoming like Christ in everything.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

DAVE WILLIAMSON, ROBERT ROBINSON

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise His Name. I'm fixed upon it, name of Thy redeeming love.

Hitherto, thy love has blessed me. Thou hast brought me to this place. And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above.

PRAYER AND RESPONSE

Take My Life

TOMLIN, HAVERGAL, MALAN, GIGLIO

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee

Take my moments and my days Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my love my Lord I pour At Your feet its treasure store

Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee

Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

SHARING GOD'S STORY WITH OUR CHILDREN

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Truly Today

LIZ VICE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-22

MESSAGE

Baptized by Fire: United and Transformed

Ernie Thompson

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Introduction of New Elders

*Affirmation of Faith by Elders and Congregation

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the

Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of

the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our Life Together
As a community of
faith, we lift our
joys, concerns, and
opportunities to
share in ministry.

*Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? We do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? We do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples, obeying his Word and showing his love? We will, with God's help.

Constitutional Questions to Incoming Elders

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Ordination

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

CLOSING SONG

I Will Run to You

DARLENE ZSCHECH

Your eye is on the sparrow and Your hand, it comforts me
From the ends of the earth to the depths of my heart
Let Your mercy and strength be seen

You call me to Your purpose as angels understand
For Your glory may you draw us all as Your love and grace demands
And I will run to You to Your words of truth
Not by might, not by power but by the Spirit of God

Yes, I will run the race 'til I see Your Face
Oh, let me live in the glory of Your Grace
(repeat last three sections, second time to ending)

Ending: Oh, let me live in the glory Oh let me live in the glory
Oh, let me live in the glory of Your grace

WORSHIP
LEADERS
Butch Sherrill
Caroline Sell
Sam Perkins
Lynn Turnage
Ernie Thompson

MUSICIANS
Chrishawn
Darby, *drums*
Kim Harrison,
vocals
William
Ledbetter, *bass*
Rick Mascia,
guitar
Clint Whitlow,
piano
Jane Whitlow,
vocals
Wayne Young,
congas

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

We Are One Body

JOHN W. WORK JR.

We are one body, one body in Christ,
And we do not stand alone.
We are one body, one body in Christ,
And He came that we might have life.



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11am, Sanctuary

Gathering

We invite you to enter into a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship through our opening prelude.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat Major, BWV 560

J.S. BACH

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

INTROIT

Create in Me

MICHAEL BURKHARDT

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

I beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God;

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other,
Making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.
Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit,
Binding yourselves together with peace.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. Forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us and claimed us in our baptism, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's

way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

REMEMBERING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

Please greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "and also with you."

*CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

PROCLAIMING

SHARING GOD'S STORY WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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SERMON

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RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Live in Light, Live in Love

DAVID LANTZ III

Light of the ages, Light of the world, bring us from darkness to the light,
and lead us in the path of right, that in Your brightness we might live.

Love everlasting, Love so divine, You came to earth from Heav'n above;
sent to redeem us by Your love, that in Your promise, we might live.

Live in Light, live in Love. Children of Light, live in Love as Christ has loved.
Live in Light, live in Love. Give Him the honor. Give Him glory. Live in Christ!

Light of salvation, shine down, we pray. Teach us to love as You have loved;
to live in Light from Heav'n above, that in Your image we might live.

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In the PCUSA, ruling elders are elected by congregations to help lead alongside pastoral and program staff. In the service of ordination and installation, these elected members confirm God's call to service.

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SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #826 (Refrain, v. 1, Refrain)

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on DARWALL'S 148TH

CHARLES CALLAHAN

WORSHIP
LEADERS
Butch Sherrill
Ernie Thompson
Lynn Turnage

MUSICIANS
Jonathan
Emmons,
organ
Chancel Choir

TODAY AT WESTMINSTER

We will celebrate the ordination/installation of the Session, Class of 2021: Tony Collins, Trevor Craig, Obbe Haverkamp, Annie Henegar, Kate Hudson, Janet Hurd, Catherine Morsell, Brian Reeve, Eric Sizemore, Samantha Stichter, and Brook Wingate.

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to family and friends upon the death of Sarah Dowds; to Eric Sizemore and his family upon the death his father; and to Nathan Anderson and his family upon the death of his mother.

We celebrate the birth of Kynlee Ann Young-Williams, granddaughter of Kirby and Brenda Young.

Patricia Balboni joined Westminster last Sunday. Please welcome her to our church family.

Refugee Ministry Interest Meeting

Come learn more about Westminster's Refugee Ministry today at 12:15pm in Room 203. If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like more information, write Refugee on your Worship Response Card or contact Ann Comfort (ann.comfort@westpreschurch.org).

Intercessory Prayer List

We have a group of dedicated people who pray each week for those on our intercessor prayer list. If you would like to receive this list, please contact butch.sherrill@westpreschurch.org. If you have a prayer concern and would like to be added to this list, please write your prayer concern on your Worship Response Card or visit westpreschurch.org/care.

Stephen Ministry

We have a team of members trained to offer confidential support for those grieving, experiencing a health concern, a divorce, or any type of loss or crisis. If you would like to speak to someone about support or have interest in becoming a Stephen Minister, please write Name and Stephen Ministry on your Worship Response Card or visit westpreschurch.org/care.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Help us be savvy with our resources and our environment. We invite you to place your bulletin in the baskets provided in the Narthex following worship each Sunday.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to construction in the Fellowship Hall, coffee & donuts will not be served on January 13 or 20.

Westminster Mission Team to Kenya January 16-27

A mission team will depart on Wednesday for a twelve-day trip to visit our mission partners in Kenya. Members of the team are: Jenny Bradley, Jo Anna and Steve Bright, Marilyn Fish, Bev Hill, Jill Painter, Carolyn Plumb, Butch Sherrill, Mark and Susan Van Dorn, Jim and Pamela Wilkie. Your prayers are coveted for the team and those who they will engage with in Kenya.

Haiti Mission Trip, March 16-23

Applications are now available for Westminster's annual medical mission trip to Haiti. For more information, please contact Associate Pastor Butch Sherrill (butch.sherrill@westpreschurch.org) or visit westpreschurch.org/news.

Weaver House Extension Shelter Volunteers Needed

This shelter provides a place to sleep and meals for approximately 15 men during the winter months. Westminster will work alongside several other congregations to staff the shelter with volunteers and provide evening meals on January 19, 26, February 24, March 9 and 23. To provide an evening meal, please contact Westminster member Dottie Henderson (336-765-4733). To serve as a male overnight host, please contact Westminster member Robert Bell (336-324-3528; rwbell2@gmail.com); or write WE Shelter on your Worship Response Card.

Fresh Mobile Market Volunteers Needed

Westminster volunteers are needed on Saturdays January 19 and February 16 and the third Saturday morning of each month for our Out of the Garden Project Fresh Mobile Market. To volunteer, visit westpreschurch.org/news or write FMM on your Worship Response Card.

Senior Wheels Medical Transportation Drivers Needed

The Senior Wheels Medical Transportation Program provides rides for ambulatory seniors age 55+ to and from non-emergency medical appointments. On the second Thursday and fourth Monday of every month, Westminster members volunteer in this rewarding capacity. Larry Dimmick, Westminster's Senior Wheels coordinator, needs more drivers. If you would like to volunteer or receive more information, write Senior Wheels on your Worship Response Card. You also may contact Larry (ldimmick1@yahoo.com; 336-253-6362) or Ann Comfort (ann.comfort@westpreschurch.org).

ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch and Canned Food Drive

February 3, our youth will host Souper Bowl of Caring, a national effort to fight hunger in local communities. Join us for lunch immediately following the 11am service in the Fellowship Hall. We will serve beef vegetable soup and enjoy a presentation. The meal is \$5 per person and all proceeds will go towards Out of the Garden, a local non-profit organization that provides bags of food each weekend in the Piedmont Triad. We will also collect canned goods outside the Fellowship Hall between January 20 and the event.

For more details and to RSVP for lunch, visit westpreschurc.org/events.

Pre-orders

Not able to stay for lunch on February 3? 16oz containers of soup will be available for pick up the day of the event. Pre-orders (\$5 per 16oz container) can be made on Sunday, January 20 and Sunday, January 27 in the Fellowship Hall or online at westpreschurc.org/events/souperbowl.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIFE AT WESTMINSTER

Classes begin at 5pm followed by a meal. A \$5 love offering will be collected for adults. Children and youth eat free. If you would like to be added to the standing meal reservation list, please call the Church Office at 336-299-3785. You also may sign up each week by writing SNL Meal January 20 on your Worship Response Card or online (westpreschurc.org/snl). All are welcome! The meal for January 20 is soup and subs.

Angst Follow Up Discussions | January 13, 20, and 27

We will have thoughtful follow-up discussions with short films, open dialogue, and scripture for those interested in further tackling this tough topic with a loving community.

Grief with Carl Parsons | January 13, 20, and 27

We invite you to join us for a thorough exploration of grief: what we are told about grief, what we experience in grief, and how the world responds to grief. Carl Parsons is a retired PCUSA minister known for his gift of preaching.

Game Night | January 20

Enjoy some good old fashioned (and new fashioned) board games and intergenerational play with your Westminster community. The Fellowship Hall will have an array of games, and you will self-select where to start. Then, our "MC" will help us mix it up so we can experience more than one laugh, quandary, puzzle, or achievement.

Movie Night | January 27

Join your Westminster community for a movie night! We will have three different movies to choose from - comedy, drama, adventure - to enjoy with old and new friends, share perspectives, look for Christ figures, and come away having enjoyed a good movie and conversation with your church friends. A children's movie and discussion will be provided, too. All are welcome!

Worship Reflections

Feel free to take notes, draw, or anything else that helps you enter into the spirit of worship. Sermon audio is available on our website at westpreschurch.org/sermons. A PDF of the sermon is also available,

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8:30am-5pm, Monday – Thursday • 8:30am-12pm, Friday

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