



WESTMINSTER

— Presbyterian Church —

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August 23, 2026
Service of Worship 10:00 a.m.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Welcome to Westminster! We're glad you're here. If you're visiting us this morning, we would love to meet you and greet you. After worship, please join us as we continue our fellowship at our coffee hour.



WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Sing Forth Exultantly!

Lani Smith



Call to Worship

Susan Schell

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Let us worship God.



Opening Hymn #23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Call to Confession

Susan Schell

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.

John 7:37-38

Out of the believer's heart
shall flow rivers of living water.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.



Prayer of Confession (unison)

Susan Schell

All: Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

In thought, word, and deed,

By what we have done,

And by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

With our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

Help us to amend what we are,

And direct what we shall be,

That we may delight in your will

And walk in your ways,

To the glory of your holy name.

(Time of silence)

Hymn #422**Create in Me a Clean Heart****Assurance of Forgiveness**

Susan Schell

One: 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.

All: Amen.**Response Hymn #582****Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me****Passing the Peace**

Susan Schell

Words of Welcome

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Handbell Solo

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God", arr. Jason Krug

Jessica Chamberlain

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**Prayer for Illumination**

Susan Schell

One: God of All Power,
Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts with a spirit of wisdom and revelation.
Help us to hear your voice, to see your ways, and to receive with joy your truth.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Scripture Lesson**

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Sermon

"Members of One Another"

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**Prayer Hymn #754****Help Us Accept Each Other****Gathering Celebrations and Concerns****Prayers of the People**

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.



Invitation to the Offering

Susan Schell

Offertory Music

Trusting Thee

Edward Broughton

Hymn #710

We Lift Our Voices

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME



Closing Hymn #697

Take My Life

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Postlude

Peace I Leave With You

J. Varley Roberts, arr. by Lani Smith



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