WESTMINSTER
Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2026
Service of Worship 10:00 AM
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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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!** We invite you to fill out the Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher in the back. There's also a QR code on the card if you'd rather use your phone!

- **After worship, please join us downstairs as we continue our fellowship at our coffee hour.** We gather in the hall located directly under the sanctuary. Stairs are located through the doors on either side of the front of the sanctuary, followed by another stairway that leads downstairs. Additional stairs and an elevator are available at the rear of the sanctuary. We recognize that our 19th century building can be confusing to navigate! **We are here to help**–please speak to an usher if you need assistance.

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

**** Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.***

During the Prelude, we invite you to sit and quiet your body and mind as we prepare to worship together.

Prelude	Folk Song	Stanley E. Saxton
Call to Worship (from Psalm 78:1-4)	Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. **All: We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD and God's might and the wonders that God has done.** Leader: Let us worship God!	Carolyn Smith

***Opening Hymn #769** For Everyone Born

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us now confess our sins, trusting in God's boundless mercy and grace. Carolyn Smith

All: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(Time of Silence)

Hymn #422 Create in Me a Clean Heart O God

Assurance of Forgiveness

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. Carolyn Smith

All: Amen.

***Response Hymn #582** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

***Passing the Peace** Carolyn Smith

Words of Welcome Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

Choral Anthem This Is the Day Alfred V. Fedak

This is the day the Lord has made. Alleluia!
This is the day the Lord has made. Alleluia!
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Alleluia!

I shall not die, but live. I shall not die but live.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord is good. Give thanks to the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever!
This is the day the Lord has made. Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made. Alleluia!
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination 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. Carolyn Smith

Scripture Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors--Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor--lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good."

And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!"

Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel."

The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Sermon Choose This Day Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer Hymn #726	Will You Come and Follow Me	
Gathering Concerns and Celebrations		Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff
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**	
Stewardship Message		
Offertory Music	Pavane	Gilbert M. Martin
***Hymn #607**	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Sending Hymn #69**	I, the Lord of Sea and Sky	
***Charge and Benediction**		Rev. Heather Kirk-Davidoff
Postlude	A Festival Alleluia	Keith MacRoberts

During the Postlude, we invite you to either sit and listen or stand and greet your neighbors.

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