



# Welcome to Worship



February 9, 2025

The mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church:  
*Creatively sharing Christ's love; we welcome, we serve, we grow.*

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

\*HYMN

**Let Us Build A House**

Kathleen Knauss  
Maggie Sather, Worship Assistant  
Linda Miller, Deacon  
Hymnal #301, v 1,3,5

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*HYMN

**Morning Has Broken**

Worship Assistant  
Hymnal #664

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Worship Assistant

**We have turned and been turned away from God's intentions and hopes for humanity...  
God weeps with and for me, with and for you, with and for us. As we desecrate the earth, God weeps.  
As we equate light as good and dark as bad, God weeps. As we pursue profit and perpetuate poverty, God weeps. As we legislate bodies and deny human agency, God weeps. As we mock emotions and renounce empathy, God weeps. As we choose individualism and abandon the common good, God weeps.** (--from  
*Everything Good about God is True by Bruce Reyes-Chow*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (SUNG)

SPECIAL MUSIC

**Spirit of the Living God**

Hymnal #288  
Harmonia

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

**Luke 7:1-17**

Worship Assistant  
Worship Assistant  
Stephen Patterson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacons

COMMUNAL PRAYER

Worship Assistant

**May this be the day we come together. This hope is our portal. Even if we never get back to normal, someday we can venture beyond it to leave the known and take the first steps. So let us not return to what was normal, but reach toward what is next. Come, look up with kindness yet, for even solace can be sourced from sorrow. We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday, but to take on tomorrow.** (-- excerpt from "A New Day's Lyric" by Amanda Gorman)

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Worship Assistant  
Hymnal #582

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Worship Assistant

Generous God, you have planted generosity in our hearts. Receive our gifts as part of your redemptive work to save the world from inequities, pain, and despair. May our resources be renewed and magnified so that all needs are met and your name be praised. Amen.

\*HYMN

**Blest Are They**

Hymnal #172

\*BENEDICTION

Stephen Patterson

POSTLUDE

Kathleen Knauss

\*Stand as you are able

Recite words in bold together

You are invited to the **2025 Annual Meeting, February 23, 2025, at 11:00 am!** Westminster will receive the necrology report, hear a finance update, and approve the pastor's terms of call. Items of business the congregation may consider at the Annual Meeting include: property sale/acquisition, congregational formation/dissolution, and pastoral changes. If you have a motion that you would like considered, please send it to the Clerk of Session ([clerk@saalemwestpres.org](mailto:clerk@saalemwestpres.org)) by February 12 @ noon. Livestream for viewing will be available; voting in-person only.

#### Core Office Ministries:

- **Hours:** 10a-2pm Monday-Thursday; **Email:** [office@saalemwestpres.org](mailto:office@saalemwestpres.org); **Phone/voicemail:** 503-364-3327
- **Weekly newsletter:** Submissions due Wednesdays @ 12pm; published Fridays. (The office will be able to publish announcements that are submitted in full. During this time, please refrain from forwarding articles needing formatting, PDFs that need extraction, and the like.)
- **Building calendar:** Contact the office for reservations; take a look here: [Westminster Presbyterian Church | Calendar](#)

#### FAQs

##### How do I worship online?

Go directly to the Westminster YouTube page under "Live" [Westminster Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

##### How do I receive weekly updates?

Join the email list through the Sign Up button on the webpage [Westminster Presbyterian Church: Mailing List Signup](#) or send your contact information to the office, [office@saalemwestpres.org](mailto:office@saalemwestpres.org).

##### I have a prayer request?

Westminster's Deacons are prayer warriors extraordinaire: [westpresdeacons@googlegroups.com](mailto:westpresdeacons@googlegroups.com)

##### How do I contact a specific ministry?

Westminster has 6 core ministry areas: Worship & Music; Community Life; Building Operations; Next Generation; Administrative Ministry; & Outward Mission. Leadership for each can be found at [saalemwestpres.org](http://saalemwestpres.org) - About Us: Community Bulletin Board. [Committee Bulletin Board | Westpreschurch](#)

##### How do I contact the elders or deacons?

Sandy McLean is the clerk of Session, [clerk@saalemwestpres.org](mailto:clerk@saalemwestpres.org), and Dianne Greenlee is the head Deacon, [westpresdeacons@googlegroups.com](mailto:westpresdeacons@googlegroups.com).



Scan the QR code to give online. All gifts are received with gratitude!

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, please sign up in the narthex.

*Teal colored attendance pads are at the center aisle of your row. Please fill the form out and pass the pad down the row, returning it to the center when done. Leave completed sheets on your seat as you leave.*