

Welcome to Worship



January 7, 2024

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

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PRELUDE Ariana Recher
WELCOME Pastor Kelly Wadsworth
ANNOUNCEMENTS Terri Crall, Worship Assistant

*SONG One Thing Remains

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG Baptized in Water Hymnal #482

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of rhythms, we confess: Our faith would not be what it is without rituals.

Unlike you, we depend on bread and water.

We have to return to this space again and again to hear old familiar stories.

For if we stopped, we know it would not take long before we lost our way.

Forgive us for our fragility, and thank you for giving us

Ordinary rituals and rhythms to hold onto.

With grateful and humble hearts we pray.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Worship Assistant

Special Music We Gather at Your Table, Lord Chancel Choir

BAPTISM OF SIMON PETERSON

Pastor Kelly Wadsworth with Ruling Elder Teri Mohney

WITH CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that as Simon is made a new creation through these baptismal waters, may he preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and set at liberty those who are oppressed. To Christ be the honor and glory. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:1-20 Worship Assistant
SERMON Pastor Kelly Wadsworth

*SONG Goodness of God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION/BAPTISM OF THE LORD

COMMUNAL PRAYER

We believe that faith is a journey marked by rituals and rhythms.

We come to worship and confess our sins.

We pass the peace and offer grace.

We baptize children and break the bread.

We hear the Word, and we tell the story of a loving God.

And through these sacred rituals we are reminded

That we are not alone.

God is near, and we have work to do.

May this belief shape the rhythm of our lives.

Amen.

OFFERING Worship Assistant Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me *Doxology Hymnal #582 *PRAYER OF DEDICATION Worship Assistant *Song **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** Hymnal #475 *BENEDICTION Pastor Kelly Wadsworth *BLESSING In the Midst of New Dimensions Hymnal #315 (vs. 3) Ariana Recher **POSTLUDE** *Stand as you are able

Prayers adapted from prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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