



# Welcome to Worship



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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 Rosalyn McKeown-Ice, Worship Assistant  
MINUTE FOR MISSION Lucy Foster, Deacon  
\*SONG **Open the Eyes of My Heart** Worship Team

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE Worship Assistant  
\*HYMN **O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing** Hymnal #610(v1,2,3,5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Worship Assistant  
**Open unto me, light for my darkness; Open unto me, courage for my fear; Open unto me, hope for my despair; Open unto me, peace for my turmoil; Open unto me, joy for my sorrow; Open unto me, strength for my weakness; Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion; Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins; Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness; Open unto me, love for my hates; Open unto me, Thy Self for myself; Lord, Lord, open unto me!** -- Howard Thurman, from "Meditations of the Heart"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (SUNG) **Sanctuary** Worship Team

SPECIAL MUSIC **Meditation on an Irish Folk Melody** Westminster Chimes

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL Worship Assistant

SCRIPTURE **Luke 7:18-35** Worship Assistant

SERMON Pastor Kelly Wadsworth

\*SONG **Goodness of God** Worship Team

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Deacons

COMMUNAL REFLECTION Worship Assistant

**Kindness is not a journey for the meek and mild. For those of us who have been steeped in ways of being that are not kind, it takes tremendous energy to purge ourselves of patterns and behaviors that are not kind. Every day we have to choose to commit to live out kindness that day... Choosing kindness is an act of courage that challenges a worldview driven by hatred, dishonesty, and dehumanization. Choosing kindness is about living a life of integrity in which we daily work at resisting the seductiveness of wealth, success, and self-preservation... There is never a bad time to be kind. It's a matter of choosing to do so.** --from *In Defense of Kindness* by Bruce Reyes-Chow

OFFERING Worship Assistant

\*DOXOLOGY **Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me** Hymnal #582

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Worship Assistant

As we present our offerings today, we are reminded of your great love for us. Your love knows no bounds and is beyond measure. Help us to reflect your love in all that we do, including our giving. May these gifts be used to spread your love to others, bringing hope and healing to a world in need. Thank you for your love that never fails us. Amen.

\*HYMN **How Firm a Foundation** Hymnal #463(v1,2,3,5)

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Kelly Wadsworth

POSTLUDE Ariana Recher

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. 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).



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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.*