



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 30, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Angela Ryo

Music Director & Organist: Verdeen Strain

Contemporary Worship Music Leader: Chris Gloff

Lay Leader: Laura Shields

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**Please stand in body or spirit. • BOLD text is sung or spoken in unison.*

GATHERING SONG

You Are My King by Christy Nockels
WPC Worship Band

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The message of the cross is foolishness to the worldly-wise,
but to us it is the power of God.

For while some look for miracles and other pursue wisdom,
we proclaim Christ crucified.

We proclaim Christ crucified—an offense to some, foolishness to others,
but to those who are called, Christ the power and the wisdom of God.

In Christ, God's power and wisdom are offered to us.

They are ours to share and proclaim.

*HYMN 401

Here In This Place (Verses 1, 2, & 4)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

The one who knit us together in our mothers' wombs searches us and knows our hearts. There is no hiding our sin from our Creator, but also no need to hide. Trusting in the one who receives us as we are, let us offer our whole selves to God.

**Prayer of Confession*

Glorious God of power and majesty, you bow down to hear our every sigh; deliver us from arrogance and vanity. Prevent us from trying to raise ourselves by lowering others. Whittle away our false pride, that we may grow in humility. Build up in us the firm security that comes from trust in you and respect for our neighbor. Lead us, we pray, in the way of Jesus until we attain the end of a pure joy and eternal victory, through Christ, our servant and sovereign. Amen.

**Silent Prayer*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In God's love we are here to proclaim the promise that we have value and are forgiven.
Today we accept God's leading as we discover a new direction for our lives. Amen.

**Response*

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN 729

Lord I Want to be a Christian

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD THROUGH MUSIC

Reckless Love by Cory Asbury

Solo by Julian Solis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate our lives to you this day and seal that promise by way of this offering. We give out of the abundance of our hearts, that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many. Thank you for giving us grateful hearts and a spirit of generosity for the flourishing of your kingdom. Amen.

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Solo by Joe Keefner

(Children and youth are invited to exit during this time for a short lesson and games in South Hall.)

**Doxology #606*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Enlightening God, the unfolding of your Word gives light and provides wisdom to all who seek your truth. Open our minds and hearts by the presence of your Holy Spirit, that the mystery of your heavenly realm is made evident here on earth. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 2:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Where Wisdom Hides

Rev. Mike Pennanen

***HYMN 353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Verses 1, 2 & 4)

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING SONG

Enough by Chris Tomlin

WPC Worship Band



A Note from Our Parish Associate, Rev. Mike Pennanen:

"Late last year, Pastor Angela requested and Session approved that I take on the position of Parish Associate at WPC. Let me say first off that this isn't the same thing as Associate Pastor! My primary role is to be on call for any urgent pastoral need that may come up while the pastor is away for vacation or study leave or is otherwise unavailable. As a retired pastor, I'm grateful for this opportunity because I can be retired and still help out as needed at a church I know and love. As always, if a pastoral need arises you can contact the church office. If I'm "on call," Executive Assistant Gina Nida will know how to reach me.

In addition, Pastor Angela may now and then invite me to help with worship or take a turn with preaching, or assist with church programming. Let's note, finally, that WPC seeks to be of service to the wider community. There are times we're asked to offer spiritual care to a local resident (e.g. a hospital patient) in their time of critical need.

Thank you, church, for entrusting me with this privilege! I pray that I may do my part well!"

WPC PRAYER REQUESTS

New Concerns

Cassie, Karen Holden's sister
Pamela Clark, Karen Holden's neighbor
Sam Dal Santo (friend of Barbie Cook)
Judy Den Hartog (friend of Barbie Cook)
Hank Eizenga (friend of Barbie Cook)
Bob Hobbs (friend of Barbie Cook)

Weekly Concerns

PNC Committee
Anka (niece of Heidi Morgan)
Linda Bishop (friend of Chuck Weier)
Julie Bland (friend of Amy Carter)
Herb Cook (brother-in-law of Barbie Cook)
Richard Boyd (Ronda Reynolds brother)
Mario Bravo (friend of Barbie Cook)
Dave Dal Santo (Husband of Dawn, WPC Financial Secretary)
Kara Diamond (friend of Barbie Cook)
The family of Kathy Dunn (friend of Pam Yttri)
Larry Edwards (neighbor and friend of Chuck Weier)
The family of Geraldine Elman in the passing of her daughter Robin Schalgel.
Dave Ferguson (brother-in-law of Gene & Paula Estill)
The family of Amy Franklin for the loss of her father, Tom Young
Kimberly Gardner-Bronisz
Diane Golden (neighbor of Chuck

Weier)
The family of Diane Hernandez
Pat Jaracz
John & Carole Keener (family of Ron Robbins)
The McCauley Family in passing of Rebeeca's brother Edward.
The family of Ryan Mecredy (nephew of Cheryl Anderson)
The family of Margaret Morris
Susie Nastos (cousin of Cindy Siergey)
Dawn Nielsen (niece of Sandy Walsh)
Ruth Norton (passing of her sister)
Dennis Orr
Holly Ptacek
Elaine Schnider and her friend Debbie (friends of Robin Webber)
Paul Strand (friend of Barbie Cook)
Keith & Barbara Robbins (family of Ron Robbins)
Donna Sharp
Wendy Wilke Sola (daughter of Martha)
The family of Harry Witbeat (friends of Barbie Cook)
Chuck Weier's cousin Bruce Elliott

Continuing Care & Prayers

Anderson/McHie Family (passing of John)
Buddy Borbely
Brown/Boyle Family (passing of Tom)
Lydia Brunton (sister-in-law of Mary Lomey)

Nancy Cieflak- (sister of Mary Kopasz)
Cunningham Family (passing of Bill)
Edwards Family (passing of son Joshua)
The Fiegle Family
Jennifer Dye Foreit (friend/Michelle Pedrick)
Jack Estill (father of Gene Estill)
Donna Gross (friend of Pam Yttri)
Ed Harrison
Don Hill
Kim Karlen
Mary Kopasz
The Kozlowski family
Mike Feege
Morgan Borbely Orrick
Joe McDaniel
Betty Morris
Pedrick family
Dennis Orr
Eugene Pidzarko
Jan Quintelier (cousin of Barb McKinney)
Ron Allen
Richard Simkins
Susan Geri Snider (Zora Ludwig/sister)
Trent Family (passing of John & Sally)
Kurt Visak (brother/Wendy Edwards)
Natalie & Jeff Ziemendorf (daughter & son-in-law/Sonja Ross)
Williams Family (passing of Ann's mother)