

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
Sunday, August 23, 2026



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

PRELUDE

Partita on Azmon, M.B. Smith¹

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Colossians 3:12-17**

One: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

All: Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

One: Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

***HYMN 301**

Let Us Build a House, Two Oaks²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Wonder and new beginnings, we profess a faith that we do not always live. We hope for a future without accepting change. We express love, but we attach limits and conditions. We recognize our faults and sin and ask for you to correct our motivations and behaviors. Move us toward a full acceptance of your gifts: faith, hope, and love. Give us hands to serve you together in love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: ...the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN 701

Lord, Prepare Me, Sanctuary³

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-8

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;
Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the message, children may go with the teacher to room 11 for Spiritual Adventures.

SERMON

Frame of Mind

*HYMN 481

I Believe in God the Father, Genevan 42⁴

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jordan and Katie Hughes and children: Quinn Marie, Maren Christine, Roman Denis

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Laying on of Hands

Welcome

Welcome Song Hymn 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!, Halle, Halle⁵

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

CALL FOR THE OFFERING - *Please also pass the friendship form through the row.*

Bring coins! All change collected will go to a mission project as chosen by the children.

OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let It Be, arr. C. Courtney⁶

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 607** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*, Old Hundreth⁷
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*, Darwall's 148th⁸

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major, D. Buxtehude⁹

The postlude is offered as a grateful thanks to God. We invite you to remain seated as we listen together.

Leaders Today

Interim Preacher: Rev. Sara Tonje

Liturgist: Karen Hansen

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

Ushers/Greeters: Joyce Buseman, John Nass, Karen Osborne, Kate Fletcher (Deacon)



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WPC Announcements

The Property Committee has drafted a letter reporting on their exploration of changes to the windows to help prevent bird strikes. Please take a moment to read the letter which can be found next to the bulletins and in the Narthex.

Celebrating Pastor Sara

Join us on Sunday, August 30th as we celebrate Sara's interim ministry with Westminster. This will be Sara's last service, and we will have cake, a few words of gratitude, and most of all, a chance to say farewell to someone who has given so much in such a short time. To show our appreciation, we are collecting contributions as a parting gift. If you would like to participate, **please turn in all donations by this Tuesday, August 25** with a memo "Sara." You can also donate online at westminstermadison.org - look for the "give" button at the top. Contact Roger with any questions at 608-359-9311 or Fletch0923@gmail.com.

Westminster Women's Retreat: "Embodied Prayer: Movement & Meditation"

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 9:00 am-4:00 pm - Holy Wisdom Monastery with Pastor Jessica Salt. Sign-up in the Narthex or email Juanita Halls jjh71152@gmail.com. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Checks payable to Westminster with "Retreat" in the memo. Deadline for signing up will be September 14.

Name Tags Please

Pastor Julie's first Sunday will be September 6. To help her, please wear your nametags. If you need one, contact the office at: info@westminstermadison.org or 608-238-3121. Thank you!

Mission Opportunity Coming September 13, 2026

Mission Committee is happy to announce the next mission opportunity to help the Beacon Homeless Shelter. We will be preparing sandwiches on Sunday, September 13th, with delivery of our sandwiches, cookies, and fruit, planned for Monday, September 14th. We continue to look to involve Westminsterites, not only in the sandwich preparation but also in the procurement of all food, baking, and delivery to the Beacon Shelter. If you're willing to help order &/or pickup meat, cheese, butter, and frozen cookie dough from Gordon Food Service, or willing to bake cookies from the frozen cookie dough (we need at least 4 individuals to bake), please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. And we hope you and the whole family can make it on the 13th! Thanks!

Just Bakery will return with all their goodies on Sunday, September 27th. Please join us in supporting this worthwhile mission opportunity. Thanks!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson, Bob Goller & Gay Didriksen
Members & Friends: Lee DeSpain, Sandra Cole