

WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday
after Pentecost
Sunday, August 9, 2026



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**please stand as you're able*

PRELUDE

Allegro, Sonata in G Major, W.A. Mozart¹

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Luke 11:9-11**

One: God created the vast universe and called it good.

All: God made humans in God's image to live with one another in love.

One: God gave us the breath of life and freedom to choose our way.

All: Through long generations God has been faithful.

One: Let us lift up our hearts and voices to sing to the glory of God's name.

***HYMN 409**

God Is Here!, Abbot's Leigh²

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new beginnings, we profess a faith that we do not always live. We hope for a future without accepting change. 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.

***CELEBRATION SONG HYMN 411**

God Is Here Today, Dios Está Aquí³

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Excerpts: 1 Kings 18

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

HYMN 547 (seated) vs. 1

Go, My Children, with My Blessing, Ar Hyd Y Nos⁴

Go, my children, with my blessing never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.

Go my children with my blessing, your are my own.

SCRIPTURE

Excerpts: 1 Kings 19

SERMON

Elijah Framed as Jezebel's Most Wanted

HYMN 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee, Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott⁵

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

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

OFFERTORY

Andante, Sonata in G Major, W.A. Mozart⁶

***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, LORD'S PRAYER**

***HYMN 747**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth, Enviado⁸

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Presto, Sonata in G Major, W.A. Mozart⁹

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

Leaders Today



Interim Pastor: Rev. Sara Tonje

Liturgist: Andrea Witt

Minister of Music: Joe Chrisman

AV/Tech: John Tarr/Josh Mou

Ushers/Greeters: Thatcher Root, Ed Cothroll, Kate Fletcher, Eileen Ahearn (Deacon)

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WPC Announcements

School Supply Collection

We are collecting much needed school supplies for Thoreau and Cherokee students. We are looking for pencils, markers, erasers, folders, spiral notebooks, pens and more! Students are also in need of backpacks. We are happy to shop for you if you prefer to donate via check (just note school supplies in the memo). There is a collection bin in the Narthex. We deliver the supplies in time for the end-of-August back to school night, where students can pick up supplies from school so that they are ready to start the school year.

Jane Austen Tea Party at Westminster

The Jane Austen Tea Party is returning! Save the date for Friday, August 21 at 11:00. RSVP by August 18 on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or directly to the church office at 608-238-3121 or info@westminsternmadison.org.

Tell your friends & family! If you are able to distribute flyers, bring sweets, or a lend a tea pot, please contact Beth Douma at bethdouma@gmail.com or (303)204-8782 by August 10. Tea pots can be dropped at the church between August 9 -16. Please make sure to label your items.

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 plan to 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 note "Sara" on any contributions including online which can be found on our website 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.

This retreat is an invitation to experience prayer from the inside out, awakening our souls to God through our bodies. There will be opportunities to share in the larger group, small groups, and individually through journaling, and to experiment with yoga and/or chair yoga and other ways to practice praying with our bodies. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel, water bottle, sturdy shoes (if you plan to walk on the trails), and layer clothing appropriate for the weather of the day.

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.

Oh Joy!

Congratulations to Dave & Kathy Granquist who just became great-grandparents to two beautiful identical twin girls named Maeve Renee and Hazel Reese. They entered the world slightly premature on Friday, July 31, but are doing well. Great Grandma and Grandpa are thrilled about the new arrivals.

Name Tags

Pastor Julie's first day preaching will be September 6. We are asking that everyone please wear their nametags to make it easier for her to learn names and faces. If you need a nametag, please contact the office at: info@westminstermadison.org or 608-238-3121.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Care List: Rick Dettloff, Nancy Prine, Barbara Vogelsang, Bob Klassy

Members & Friends: Lee DeSpain, Sandra Cole